

Announcement read at the end of worship on Sunday, April 14, 2024

Dear members of St. Paul,

- Your elders want to thank you for all the calls, emails, and texts regarding questions and concerns about how St. Paul will move forward to care for the spiritual needs of our members. Your insights are extremely important to all of us!

Today, we wanted to share with you that during our most recent elder's meeting, all nine of us had an in-depth discussion regarding adding an additional Divine Service to our weekly Sunday service.

Our discussions were rooted in three primary points: **the fiscal responsibility of the church, ensuring the stability and health of our spiritual leader, and seeking to unify our entire church congregation.** By focusing on these key points, we aimed to make a decision that is in the best interest of our church as a whole, and to strengthen our membership in a meaningful and sustainable way. At this time, we decided to continue having one Divine worship service weekly, on Sundays.

Over the next few months, the elders have pledged to gain additional feedback from our members, analyze attendance trends, review enrollment of our educational programming for our youth, and other needed areas.

Galatians 5:16: But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our shared mission!

Grace and Peace,
Your Elders