



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Paul's Saints,

Summer is over... kind of, it cooled off a little. I just wrote the newsletter update of events for Fall and I am looking to a new year. As the new season begins, I want to ask you to think about something. What is your part in the body of Christ? What does God have you doing in the kingdom of God. That last time I preached on the body of Christ someone said that they were the bellybutton. They knew they were part of the body, but they were not sure what their purpose was.

What is your purpose, and what has the Lord given you to do? Do you serve, or pray for others? Are you an encourager or a listener when people need to talk? Are you blessed with the ability to give, or do you have the ability to serve others in the church or in the community? I ask this because often the reason many people never get involved is that nobody asks, or they never thought about it.

So here I am asking you to consider something and to think and pray about it. What work does the Lord have for you to do?

Jeremiah 29:11. Tells us: *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

What is God's plan for you, what purpose do you serve in the body of Christ, and if you ask the Lord in Prayer what do you think would happen?

Proverbs 16:9 tells us: *The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.*

What steps are ahead of you? What road does the Lord have for you to go down? I pray that you have a great adventure, and through prayer you may see some great opportunity to serve right in front of you.

Blessings to you,
Pastor David Hardin