



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Messenger

“PROCLAIM CHRIST, MAKE DISCIPLES, SERVE THE LORD”

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

This last Sunday I was surprised as I traveled towards church to see some of the traffic lights out. I was concerned about the power being out at church and other places. As I approached Cottonwood I saw the light was working and I was very happy, only to quickly find out that we too were without power at Church. Hum, what should I do? Sunday morning, with the preschool children and families coming to sing. Followed by an October Fest with food and games for kids.

What do you do? How do you know what the right choice is in a situation like this? What is a right choice, a good idea, a safe decision, stubbornness, or making the best of a difficult situation? Life gives us situations all the time, what is the correct choice. Prayer is where you start, and caution as you move forward helps.

After a couple text messages and an offer for a generator we moved forward with the service. Wow, what a blessing as we together worked out the details of a Sunday without power. Battery Christmas lights in the bathroom, lanterns here and there for light. Some of the children did not like the dark halls and half-lit classrooms. Many extension cords out to the yard to run the sound and to power all the crock pot for the lunch. Roger played the piano and read the sheet music with a headlamp.

Sunday was a blessing. The children were amazing and everyone was good natured about making things work, even if it was not simple and convenient. And we were blessed, all of us. God does not waste pain, difficult situations often cause us to look up to him and ask how or why? Sunday the children sang, the Gospel was shared and I was grateful to be asked by parents who had questions about church and the sermon. Maybe the struggle that is ahead is an opportunity in disguise.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David Hardin