



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 month we are celebrating the arrival of the Hardin Family here at St. Paul's 10 years ago! So many changes here at Church and with my family growing up. St. Paul's has a many different people in the pews. I counted over 25 baptisms and more than 60 funerals in ten years. We Just had a very successful VBS week with 32 kids, plus our 28 preschool kids and 17 volunteers.

The question I want to ask is what makes us a church? The building is where we gather, but what is it that makes a Church? The answer I come up with is the words to an old song, "They Will Know we are Christians By our Love." What makes a Church? The church is the people loving the Lord and the love they have for one another. When that is not the center of what we do, what we practice the church will stop being a church.

The world may change around us, but what remains is the Church knowing and growing in faith and that Jesus has come to this world to give us a hope, by forgiving sin, and by his Grace. The Church is the people sharing the Love that Christ has given to those who call Him Lord and Savior! I feel very blessed by our little church here in Woodland California.

We have everything needed to be a church loving people and sharing Jesus.

Blessings in Christ Jesus,

Pastor David Hardin

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