



# 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,

Blessings and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ in the new year! Time passes so quickly sometimes. I read a quote the other day about time. *“There is no free time, me time, down time, wasted time, there is just time, use it well.”* That thought made me stop and think a moment. Every day is special. Every busy or slow moment is mine to spend as if it were money. I don't want to waste it, I want to invest it.

During Vacation Bible School I have on occasion reminded people that our week long program is not just for the kids, but for the parents as well. Greeting and talking with them as they come and go is an important part of the event. Also pausing to listen to a child and being aware of the look on their face. They are communicating if they are enjoying themselves or are struggling with all the new people and busyness of the events. I bring this up because I may be more aware during a VBS program or an event at Church, but all parts of life are precious time.

In this new year use the gift of time God has blessed you with to share joy. In your every day life, use the precious time we have. A moment in the grocery store or in the middle of the task you are doing, you could be a blessing to someone else. A kind word, a gesture or helpful hand. Pray and ask the Lord, *what do you have for me to do with the time you have given me?*

You don't have to find more to do. Use what time the Lord has blessed you with to be filled with the Holy Spirit by asking God to give you direction in prayer. ***PS 90:12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*** Using time to the glory of God takes practice, and the Lord will teach you as you go!

Blessings in Christ Jesus,

Pastor David Hardin

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