

## *President's Note for February 2019*

**"The fewer the words, the better the prayer." Martin Luther**

February is a short month. We just had our annual congregational meeting. One source tells me we ran long this year. So, I'll attempt to approach this month's column as if it were a prayer and take Martin Luther's words to heart. In regards to this year's meeting we've added and are looking to add additional signage so friends and neighbors know we're here, who we are, when we worship and that we are alive and well. Punky Dias is now our Financial Secretary and Lori Long is now our Recording Secretary. Our rotation of pastors will continue and we will be inviting Pastor Ray Olsen to come preach again, likely on a fifth Sunday. We will also be working on a date to have another joint service with Grace Presbyterian.

Looking ahead we'll be having our Lenten Soup Suppers again as always starting the week after Ash Wednesday. We have not chosen a video as of yet to go along with our devotions. We are open to suggestions. As the time approaches we'll have a signup sheet for soup and such in the Fireside Room. In keeping with tradition we also plan on having a light Easter breakfast prior to worship Easter morning.

Our friends from Grace Presbyterian have done some painting, check out the Reformation Room. They've also replaced a few windows in the children's classrooms. Thank you! Good to see our campus being spruced up a bit. We hope to do some painting and upgrading of our own this year. We've been a bit slow but do plan to upgrade the electrical service to the Fireside Room and will be working with Grace to see what we can do to make the restrooms in the breezeway more user friendly. Also, don't forget to join us for a joint Bible study on the second and fourth Sundays at nine am. Pastor Daniel Yoon led the most recent class and brought great insight to the day's lesson.

The women of St. Paul's have been busy both here on our campus and in concert with our friends at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Check out the bulletin by the fireplace in our social room and on the calendar at the back of the sanctuary. I hear there is an upcoming "Spudtacular" at Church of the Cross. My dad was from Idaho...I like taters. Just so everyone is aware Pastor Dee Emmert is now the interim pastor at Church of the Cross, but will continue to lead us in worship on third Sundays. I'm not sure of her stance on spuds.

Thanks as always to all who serve here at St. Paul's. Too often we don't fully realize all you do, until you're not there to do it. Keep those in need and those in poor health in your prayers as we continue to strive to serve our Lord and community here in Tahoe Park and beyond.

**"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays." Soren Kierkegaard**

Blessings,

Chuck Prewett