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St. Paul Lutheran Church
Mary and Martha Minutes
January 12, 2025

There were 12 women in attendance, Pastor and the St. Paul president.

The meeting was called to order. The attendance was taken and the offering envelope passed around. Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from *My Hand in His*.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of October 13, 2024 were presented. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given. There were no distributions made.

Committee Reports:

Altar Committee: It was discussed and decided that for Lent, a crown of thorns plant will be placed on the altar. The vestments will be purple. A real Easter lily will be purchased to go with the artificial ones.

Feeding His Lambs: Christmas and baptismal cards sent out. Pastor found booklets that can be used for the Cradle Roll, which starts at 18 months of age. The new child in the congregation will be started on the Cradle Roll.

Sunshine Committee: Three cards were sent this quarter; two get-well and one sympathy.

Meal Coordinator: Two ladies volunteered to co-chair this committee for the upcoming quarter.

Old Business:

Kitchen Shower: The kitchen shower has been completed and we have all we need for the year.

Altar Banners: The St. Paul president reported that most of what he has seen online isn't quite what he is looking for as far as the messages go. Loveland has someone who can give us her patterns. Pastor said he will send some pictures of Loveland's banners to the president. All pictures should be sent to the president along with email contact information

Holiday Event Schedule: Everyone agreed that spreading out the Christmas events over three Sundays worked very well. For this year, it looks like the dates would be November 30th to decorate, December 7th for the potluck and December 14th to put shut-in bags together.

On-line Streaming: It was reported that we are close to having the streaming updated. Hopefully it will get finished up soon.

New Business:

Kinship Sponsor: It was reported that we received more in donations than what was needed. The payment will be made soon, as it is due by the end of January. There was discussion regarding what should be done with the surplus monies received. It was moved and seconded that we keep the surplus in our bank account to be used for next year. Motion passed unanimously. A blurb will be put in the bulletin thanking the congregation for their generous donations.

ILC Banquet Donation: There was some discussion as to whether we should increase the amount of our donation. It was moved and seconded that we keep our donation the same as in previous years. Motion pass unanimously.

Care Boxes for Students: It was discussed that we should send care boxes during finals to five students who are away at school. The boxes will be sent the beginning of March. A young man from the congregation will be moving to Washington, D.C. in June. We can discuss at the next meeting if we would like to send him something when he moves.

Election of Officers for 2025

A slate of officers was presented. It was moved and seconded that the 2025 slate of officers be approved. Motion passed unanimously. It was also moved and seconded to elect the slate of officers to their respective positions. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming events: Ash Wednesday is March 5th, Palm Sunday if April 13th and Easter is April 20th.

Pastor Report: Pastor's report was given. Pastor will check to see if St. Paul will be hosting any events this year.

2025 Mary & Martha Meetings: January 12th, April 6th (due to Holiday Week & Easter), July 13th and October 12th.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting: The next Mary and Martha meeting will be **Sunday, April 6th, 2025.**

Respectfully submitted:
Mary & Martha Secretary