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

There were 11 women in attendance and the Pastor.

The attendance was taken and the offering envelope passed around. Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from 1st Samuel about Hannah and the need for prayer. The meeting was called to order.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of July 13, 2025 were presented. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Altar Committee: It was decided to keep the same Fall altar decorations that are currently on the altar. It was also decided to keep the same decorations we've had for past Thanksgivings. A real, white poinsettia will be purchased for Christmas.

Feeding His Lambs: A birthday card was sent. Brochures were also sent to a couple after the birth of their second baby. She also sent their daughter a card for her second birthday, and a two-month-old card for the baby. She is using a prescribed program that Pastor found in storage. Pastor will see if there are more materials available online, but they may be out of print. There was some discussion about purchasing cloth baptismal napkins that can be given to the parents afterwards. Carly said she will look into this.

Sunshine Committee: Five cards were sent this quarter.

Meal Coordinator: Two ladies volunteered to co-chair this committee for the upcoming quarter, which will include Reformation and Christmas services.

Old Business:

Reformation Service: St. Paul will be hosting this year on November 2nd and we will be providing lasagna and garlic bread. The other two congregations can bring the salads and desserts. Their ladies group presidents should be emailed to see what they want to bring. Tables need to be set up the week before and make sure we have enough paper plates and cups. Pastor should have a rough count of attendees from the other congregations by October 19th. Six or seven lasagnas will probably be needed. A sign-up sheet will be posted for the lasagnas. The service will be held at 11:00 a.m. with communion.

Kitchen Shower: A couple of items are still needed.

Altar Banners: A member of the congregation purchased two Advent 3' X 6' banners from the company, Ad Crucem. A motion was made and seconded to accept the donation. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Kinship Sponsor: A blurb will be put in the bulletin and posted on the notice board about donations being needed for Kinship for the next year.

December Schedule: Everyone agreed that the schedule dates are ok. A blurb will be put in the bulletin before December 14th for donations for money and gift bag items. Donations could include non-perishable food items, slipper socks, mints, candy, hand lotion, chapstick, hand sanitizer, hot chocolate, tea and cider packets, coloring books and markers, etc. Cards can be made from the Sunday School children. There will be a list posted on the bulletin board. Mary and Martha will purchase large gift bags.

Vacation Bible School: Pastor stated that the Saturday before Christmas there are tentative plans to hold a one-day Vacation Bible School at St. Paul. The Sunday School coordinator is organizing this.

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

Next Meeting: The next Mary and Martha meeting will be **Sunday, January 11, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted:

Mary & Martha Secretary