CROSS CONNECTIONS

St. Pauls Lytheran Church

February 2025

Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God

Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Loved Ones by the Foreman Family on February 2nd. February 9th, 16th, & 23rd will be in Weekly Announcements.

If you would like to make a recognition through the altar flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium for a form in the lower box. Sign-up for the days(s) you would like and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin. Payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, please speak to a staff person.

Please join us to celebrate Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, the Social Ministry Committee will be screening two films, and you're invited! On Sunday, Feb. 2, there will be a Lunch & Learn event in Trinity Hall after the 11:00 worship. Join us for a light lunch and stay to watch the first episode of "Amend: The Fight for America." This one-hour film explores the complex history and ongoing importance of the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Will Smith hosts this review of American history and the origin of "birthright citizenship." It's an informative, engaging film that gives important context to current political discussions.

We'll wrap up the month on March 7, with a Friday evening movie viewing (scheduled in March due to other events at our church). Come join us at 7:00 for popcorn and other treats while we screen "An Unlikely Friendship" a documentary about the improbable collaboration of two Durham leaders in the summer of 1971. As Durham schools were required to desegregate, Atwater, an outspoken civil rights activist, and Ellis, a local Ku Klux Klan leader, were appointed to lead the planning summit. They emerged from months of tense debates as allies and friends. If time and energy permit, there may be a discussion session after the film. Child care will be available, so come join us!

On Sunday, February 2nd, in the Sunday school hour between services (9:45-10:30) Pastor Scott will be training volunteers who would like to learn the roles of assisting minister and communion assistant for Sunday worship. All are welcome to join and learn how to participate in these important roles.

Adult Sunday School: We hope you can come join us during the Sunday School hour (9:45am to 10:30am) in Trinity Hall for these thought and action producing sessions. If you have any questions or would like to lead one of social ministry based sessions this spring please reach out to Megan Cunningham at mcunni16@gmail.com.

February 2nd: Climate change as a public health crisis led by Megan Cunningham/member of Caring for Creation. February 9th, 2025 - The Future of Farming led by Megan Cunningham/member of Caring for Creation. February 16th, 2025 - Active hope and agents of change led by Megan Cunningham/member of Caring for Creation.

Growing Through Grief - Tuesdays 4PM - 6PM

February 4 Aaron Klink will be our speaker. February 11 "Self-Compassion during Times of Grief," with Katherine Henderson February 18 "Anxiety and Fear," with Dan Romm Save the date for the St. Paul's Valentine's Day Dance! Saturday, Feb. 8th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Trinity Hall. Music will be provided by the Durham Jazz Orchestra. They will play a variety of swing and jazz music. Admission is Free (free will offerings accepted) Bring a dessert to share - Beverages will be provided! All are welcome to come and dance or just enjoy the music of the Durham Jazz Orchestra. Always a good time for all!

Hiking Group:

Vicar Ashley will be starting a hiking/walking group to get together every other Saturday for easy hikes of 2-3 miles. Here is the schedule of upcoming hikes:

Saturday, February 8 – Occoneechee Speedway, 320 Elizabeth Brady Rd, Hillsborough

Saturday, February 22 - West Point on the Eno Park, 5101 N Roxboro St, Durham

For each hike, we will plan to meet at church to carpool or caravan to each location. We will depart church at 9:30 AM. If you would rather meet us at a hiking location, please let Vicar Ashley know.

What Do You Think Our Saint Paul Looked Like?

"We sit in a church each Sunday named after a saint named Paul, but do we know him? His appearance? Was he really bald like many of us? Why does he carry a sword in so many of the portraits we've seen? Is that really him? You are invited to the Young in Spirit group gathering on February 12, @11:30 in Whitesell Hall when our very own Bee Ellertson will present artists' visions of Saint Paul that may just answer some of these questions! Bee is an internationally known expert on Books As Symbols in Renaissance, BASIRA

https://basiraproject.org/, which is a free and open-access resource available to anyone with an internet connection and web browser.

Working with other scholars, Bee has developed this database of art over the past ten years and has presented her work throughout the US and Europe.

We here at St. Paul's are honored that she is one of our own and privileged to have her present to us. Bring a sandwich, soup and a special dessert will be provided, and let's learn more about our Saint Paul". Marilyn Bell-Hawley

CREATION CARE

We will no longer be collecting batteries at St. Paul's. We no longer have a source for the recycling of single use batteries.

However, batteries can be recycled at the Battery Drop-Off at the Waste and Recycling Center in Orange County. We will research other possibilities. Anything With a Plug Recycling (Raleigh) recycles plastics in addition to metals and electronics, Included are:

- -Plastic/metal patio and office furniture
- -Plastic kids toys
- -All plastics (except bags) including lids and medical pill bottles.
- The truck will be in Haverty's parking lot, Renaissance Pkwy, Durham on Saturday, February 15, 11-1 for drop offs.

Wednesday, February 19th, Pasta Supper to Help the Preschool

Enjoy a meal and help the St. Paul's Preschool raise funds for the playground at a Pasta Supper on Wednesday, February 19th, at 6:00 pm. The meal will include pasta, meatballs. several sauces, sides and a variety of desserts. All donations will help the Preschool.

Durham County Community Living Programs would like to extend their deepest gratitude for our generous contribution to their 50th Anniversary Capital Campaign. Our donation of \$1500.00 will directly support their Day Program and it's activities. This program supports and enriches the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities in the Durham community. Once again, thank you for your support and belief in our mission. Warm regards, Elizabeth Rehbock, Finance Director (Paraphrased by Heather Cain)

CROP Hunger Walk:

We are less than 2 months away from this year's CROP Hunger Walk, where we will gather together with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. This year the Durham CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday March 23rd, 2025 starting at the Duke University Chapel. St. Paul's has always been a strong supporter of the CROP Hunger Walk, and our goal this year is to raise \$3,500. If you would like to sign-up to walk, donate to our team, or both please either go to our team page https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-pauls-lutheran-church-of-durham or talk to our team captains Megan Cunningham or Tracey Dissel at our table in the atrium between services, where information is also available.

St. Paul's Readers Meet on Thursday, February 20 at 3 pm.

Please join us in the conference room on Thursday, February 20, at 3 pm as our book club delves into our latest selection of *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, 2021. Ellen Lavery will lead our discussion. This novel is an emotional, rousing, and incredible tale based upon a true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. As Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience of transporting these giraffes from the Atlantic Ocean to the San Diego Zoo. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, his narrative explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it is too late.

If you are interested in reading ahead, our books for the following two months are *Don't Let Go* by Harlan Coben, 2017 (March 20) and *Time Heals No Wounds: A Baltic Sea Crime Novel* by Hendrik Falkenberg, 2013 (April 10).

I hope that you will consider checking out our group. We are friendly, laidback readers who enjoy sharing our love of books. We welcome both men and women—come even if you have not read the book, as there is always something interesting to talk about. For questions or more information, please contact Katherine Trexler at katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com.

Youth Group Sunday School:

Every Sunday during the Sunday School hour (9:45am to 10:30am) the youth group (6th graders - 12th graders) will be meeting in the youth room (downstairs through Genesis Hall across from the preschool) where we are "Exploring other Religions of the World."

Children's Sunday school is meeting each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 AM, downstairs in the Genesis room (near the downstairs kitchen). All children are welcome and encouraged to join us for a time of Bible stories, crafts, cooking, and fun! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carole Ostrowski or Betty Hinshaw.

St. Paul's Youth Group

Next Sunday Fun Day Event:

Sunday February 16th, 2025 - Lunch and a Scavenger Hunt at church.

This event will require all participants to be at youth Sunday School to see who their partner for the afternoon scavenger hunt will be to help discuss a game plan. Then during the 11am service the first clue will be part of the message of the service so listening carefully will be key.

We will have sub sandwiches and chips for lunch before each team will be let loose in the church to solve the riddles of clues to get to the next clue and to eventually try to win the final prize and bragging rights.

Fundraising Dinner at Church:

Tuesday March 4th, 2025 is Shrove Tuesday and that is the night of the pancake dinner. Youth and/or parents will need to arrive at church at 5pm to start cooking and setting up for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner just like we did last year. The youth will also help clean-up. This is going to be an advertised fundraiser and will go towards all youth activities so it is requested that all active youth please help. This was a huge success and the congregation looks forward to seeing and getting to know the youth. **If your youth does not already have one of the colorful youth group shirts, please reach out to Megan (at any time) to get a shirt for you.** *This is going to be an annual event so please be on the lookout around this time each year.*

Spring Lock-in:

Friday March 7th, 2025 at pm - Saturday March 8th, 2025 at 9:30am

We will be having a spring lock-in, we will meet at church at 6pm before going to Frankie's Raleigh. We will get dinner at Frankie's in Raleigh before playing a round or two of putt putt (or laser tag depending on the weather). Before being locked into the church for the night. Dinner, snacks, and breakfast will be provided.

If your youth is not already part of the group chat please let us know so that we can make sure they are included, as some details are sent directly to all youth via this group chat. And of course please do not hesitate to ever reach out to either Joan or Megan if you have any questions.

Thank you, St. Paul's Youth Group Leaders Joan Albright and Megan Cunningham

Help build our children's library!

There are still a few books left!

In an effort to provide opportunities to connect young people to God in ways that are accessible and relevant to them, Vicar Ashley has put together an Amazon wish list. This wish list is full of new children's books that you can purchase and donate to the library to help update our children's section if you are so inclined. Thank you for considering contributing to our children's ministry and library in this way.

Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RFMU34AJIJWU?ref_=wl_share

Pastor's Bible Study: 1-2 Thessalonians

We are continuing in 2 Thessalonians. We meet Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the conference room and via Zoom. Notes and Zoom link are emailed early in the week. All are welcome to join!

Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays on Zoom from 10-11.

Topic: Coffee Hour, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRlgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09 Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

Learn about Bees and Beekeeping!

On Thursday nights from January 16 to March 20, St. Paul's will host "Bee School." This course is offered every year by the Durham County Beekeepers Association, and it's a great chance to learn more about honey bees. Some people take it as preparation to become beekeepers while others are just "bee curious." The course always fills up, so don't delay if you're interested. Details and registration can be found at <u>durhambeekeepers.org</u>. And talk to Tina Bessias, Theresa Oertel, or Bill Gresham anytime about the hives at St. Paul's!

Join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's!

Interested participating in worship? Want to learn more about music? Or perhaps you simply want to keep up your musical knowledge and abilities. You should join a musical ensemble at St. Paul's! It's a great way to achieve all of these things, and be part of a community.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, handbells from 6:30-7:15 and choir from 7:15-8:30. Ensembles normally perform at the 11:00 service but occasionally at the 8:30 service. Some ability to read sheet music is required for handbells. Ability to read music is also a plus for choir, but not required. If interested, contact Susan Beschorner, director of music at music@stpaulsdurham.org

Jewelry Making

Joyce Veazey is offering an opportunity to learn jewelry making! Just bring yourself, If you are interested, contact Joyce to set up a time meet with her. Please refer to the church directory for contact info.

Dropped Stitch: Meetings on the last Friday of each month at 1 pm in the church atrium where the sofas reside.

Why We Keep Coming Back to Volunteer at Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD)

Since we enjoy our experience volunteering at this inner-city ministry feeding the hungry, we want to share what happens during our two hour shift. We arrive wearing closed-toed shoes, aprons and baseball hats, to avoid donning a hairnet, After signing in, we are quickly put to work for the first hour with some simple food prep, such as washing fruit, cutting veggies, slicing bread, etc. The staff is welcoming, friendly, and helpful. Then we form an assembly line to serve up the food. In quick fashion, one person plates the main dish, the next plates the sides, the third does the desserts, and the final person hands it to the recipient. We usually serve between one hundred twenty to two hundred ten people during this hour. There are different reactions shown by those receiving the meal – anywhere between a big smile and thank you to no eye contact. Most do show gratitude and appreciation for the food as well as our being there. We try to connect with them by greeting them and wishing them well.

So, what do we get out of it? We find it meaningful and invigorating to be in this setting, where we serve and engage with folk that we do not generally encounter but who deserve and need food and care and attention just as we all do. It is low stress and simple to master. A big bonus is that we get to know our fellow church members better.

There is almost always a need for volunteers. Why don't you give it a try? Our congregation staffs on the 4th Saturdays of the month from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Here is the link to the signup: UMD Sign Up Genius. We want to thank Amanda Anderson who has arranged this ministry opportunity and serves as our liaison with UMD.

Submitted by Robert Fogel and Katherine Trexler

Our Afghan family support team would like to express our joy and gratitude for all of the generosity from our congregation. Our Afghan families now need of sizes 3, 4, & 5 diapers and wipes. We are also looking for a few more women drivers to help with getting families to their medical appointments. The families we support live just a few blocks from St. Paul's. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sally Hart, sallyshart1@gmail.com (or by phone, see church directory).

PASTA for PARKTOWN! Help Stock St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!

Donate boxes of dry pasta to the bin beneath the bulletin board in the Atrium. These boxes are given to hungry families at the Parktown area by the Food Hub. The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative and it is accomplished through your generosity.

Please consider contributing to our morning devotions.

Devotions: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1 Send devotions to assistant@stpaulsdurham.org

Sign-up Genius Links

Please consider volunteering to assist in worship. Click the link to sign-up.

Sunday Worship: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1#/

Available Opportunities: lector, worship assistant, altar guild, communion assistant, and usher. If you'd like to volunteer without using the website call or email Heather and she will add you to the list. (919-489-3214/assistant@stpaulsdurham.org)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER





Help us raise funds to replace the playground seesaw and add a new gazebo!



Pasta Dinner – 6pm Wednesday, February 19th



Scan the QR code

Pastor's Corner

February is a month of transition. It is a month that can be busy as we use our time to prepare for the upcoming season of Lent. We will also be making available the annual report and electing voting members to attend Synod Assembly on May 29-31.

Voting member represent not only St. Paul's but all the Lutherans in the NC Synod. Voting members are not delegates doing the bidding of our congregation, but they will be charged with electing a bishop and Synod Vice President. There will be motions and discussions on various topics and so it is an important responsibility.

We can have 2 voting members, plus rostered leaders, plus one member that is of color or whose primary language is other than English. We may also send one member between the ages of 18 and 30. If you would have an interest in serving, please contact Pastor Scott or Katie Benjamin our council President as soon as possible.

We will be driving daily to the assembly. The assembly will be held in Greensboro at the Korey Convention Center. We will leave St. Paul's about 8am and return nightly in the late evening. Registration is paid by the congregation.

February is also the month of our fellowship event with the Durham Jazz Orchestra. Two of our members play in the group, Curtis Chi and Larry Grovenstein. This is always a fun event and we will host the Orchestra for a night of big band music on February 8 from 7pm to 9pm. Come join the fun.

Our staffing seems to have settled in with Heather Cain and Clark Brunner splitting the duties formerly completed by Susan Esposito. Heather can be reached at assistant@stpaulsdurham.org and Clark at property@stpaulsdurham.org.

We have been notified by Southern Seminary that we will have a vicar for the 2025- 2026 academic year. So watch for an announcement about our new vicar.

This month is also a fund raising month for the preschool. The see-saw that is mounted on a large spring broke and must be replaced at a cost of over \$7000. We also need scholarship money to encourage lower income families to enroll in our school.

Watch for opportunities to work with Vacation Bible School. Contact Candace King if you would like to answer God's call to serve.

-Pastor Scott

The Ticker with the Vicar By Ashley Bowman

After making it through a joyous Advent and Christmas season, January has been a wonderful month for my internship.

I got to share some of my call story with the Young in Spirit group over lunch. I also was thrilled to be able to join the book club to discuss a book I had read a few years back, about the response of compassionate and rebellious Catholics to AIDS in the 80s. Because I was born in 1984, I appreciated getting to hear from many of you who remembered AIDS differently than me. This month I've gotten to see the transition from the 2024 church council to the 2025 council, and I've gotten to experience what it's like when Durham gets an inch of snow. I've been overwhelmed once again by the generosity of this congregation in supporting my library project, as (to date) you have provided 80 books from my Amazon list. I've gotten to learn how to do sound for Sunday worship and I've started participating in the Duke Lutherans Sunday worship and gathering.

One of the highlights has been our first hiking trip. We had 16 people and 1 dog gathered on January 25 at Sandy Creek Park, right by church. We covered around 3 miles and witnessed many kinds of birds, including a great blue heron that just sat majestically as we passed by. I'm looking forward to our next adventures and continuing to get to know some of you in the conversations we have while walking.

Lately I have been paying attention to birds more than I used to. I watched a movie called "The Big Year", starring Steve Martin, Jack Black, and Owen Wilson. In the movie, 3 men are competing for the record of how many different species of birds they can observe and identify in North America over the course of one year. This concept piqued my interest and I decided that this year I'll document all the different bird species that I see. (So far I'm at 42.) I got a pair of good binoculars, a couple bird identification books, and a journal to log what I see.

I've noticed and learned so many new things since starting to actively pay attention to birds. Now that I'm paying more attention to the birds, I also find I am more conscientious about caring for the environment. In addition, while watching how birds behave, I think a lot about how humans might be better off if we were more like them.

The biggest thing I've noticed, though, has been the impact of bird watching on my mental health. Nowadays, when I'm out walking, rather than getting stuck in my head on topics that give me anxiety, I am instead present in the moment, watching and listening to birds. Sometimes while I'm on a hike or walking around my neighborhood, I'll stop and sit and wait. The longer I sit quietly, the more they come out. Being able to press "Pause" for a moment and focus on just what's around me has been really beneficial for my mental health. It makes me think about what else is happening around us if we would just pause, sit, and wait. Psalm 46:10 famously says "Be still, and know that I am God."

Sometimes, whether there are birds around or not, I find that it's in those moments of pause and quiet that God is speaking to me most clearly.



Left: The 1st group hike with St. Paul's members at Sandy Creek Park, Jan. 25th.

Right: Learning to help out with sound during worship.



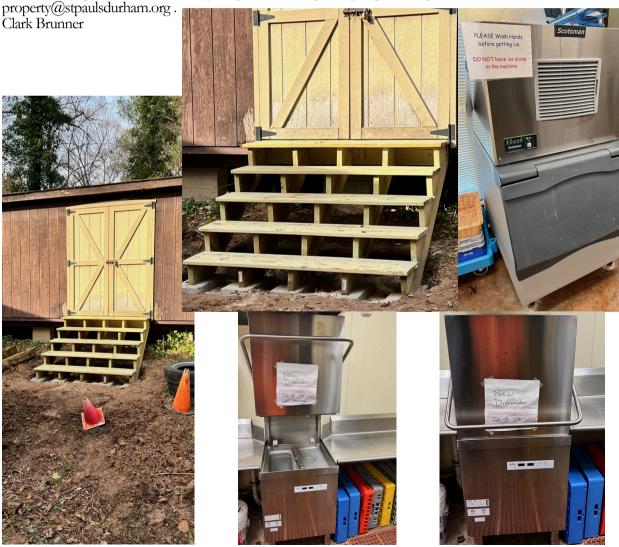
Facility Updates:

Hello everyone, 2024 was a busy year and we have had several updates to the facility since I started in September. We had a new dishwasher installed in October, and a new Ice Maker in November. Roof repairs happened between August and October, and some paint was refreshed in the main corridor by Morris Casper in October.

I worked with George Seiz to build new stairs to the shed late November. George and his outdoor crew have completed numerous projects outside and are currently working on some tree trimming as weather allows. I would like to thank George for his salting and shoveling efforts during the early January snow storm as he did a great job keeping the sidewalk clear and safe for our community.

We are still working with our HVAC contractor to fix a few issues with the heating system, and working with our plumbing contractor to potentially get our water faucets in the main lobby replaced as they are at the end of their lifespan and no longer cooling water for us.

Thank you all for your support as I take on these projects, and for the help of George and the Outside crew, and the Tuesday Morning Work Crew that handle a lot of the tasks I can't get to with my limited schedule. If you have any questions, or notice anything that needs updating/repair/etc. please feel free to email me at



Youth Corner:

2025 has started off as a fun strike for the youth group. We got to enjoy a Sunday Fun Day on Sunday, January 26th, 2025 where a group of 7 youths along with Joan Albright and Megan Cunningham went to Moe's for lunch before we headed over to Bowlero for a few hours of bowling. During lunch, we had some fun and lively conversation as we started to talk about what we would like to accomplish in the youth group for 2025. We are looking into ways to revamp the youth room or possibly move rooms to allow us to get new furniture and paint a mural on the wall.

Once we got to the lanes, got our shoes situated, grabbed our balls, and got the bowling order set up for each lane the games began and so did the competition. Lane 1 bowlers were Christian, Adsilla, Sarah, and Joan. Lane 2 bowlers were Rebekah, CJ, Megan H, Ben, and Megan C. As we needed to get in the swing of things (both literally and physically) we decided to play our first game with the bumpers on. We quickly learned those worked in everyone's favor, cause in game 2 the lane 2 bowlers learned that we were a lot better with the bumpers than without them.

Please enjoy these pictures from our time, and just ask any youth how much fun we had. Our next Sunday Fun Day will be on Sunday, February 16th, 2025 where we are going to be having an intense scavenger hunt that will involve each pair to work together to get to each clue, with no team ever having the same clue at any time. Get ready to hear about some true trash-talking as the competition starts to get underway.

Also, it is with great excitement that the youth group is continuing to grow as we keep welcoming new teens into our group, but we always welcome and encourage any teenagers that are in 6th grade through 12th grade to join in on our fun. Because we can never have enough youth members and we love getting to grow in our relationships with each other and Christ.

The youth group will also again be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 4th, 2025 at 6 pm as a fundraiser where all donations go directly to the youth group. It is thanks to our St. Paul's family that we can go and do things, as well as grow as the group we are. And as always enjoy some of these photos, and more on the bulletin board in the Whitesell Hall hallway. By Megan Cunningham



S.P.A.M.(St. Paul's Adult Ministry)- Formerly known as the Working Adult Group:

The working adult group will be changing our name to S.P.A.M. (St. Paul's Adult Ministry) going forward and we have already had a very fun start to 2025. We went out on Friday, January 17th, 2025 to ParTee Shack in Raleigh for a night of unique Putt Putt golf. The pictures you see here do not do justice to the amount of fun, entertainment, and overall lack of golfing skills we had that night. The evening consisted of our group playing through 2 different courses both of which were not easy at all.

On the course, we had a different challenge at each hole getting harder and harder as the course went on. At one point in the game, the group decided that once we got to 10 tries we just gave up and sadly that was almost every hole for at least 1 member of the group all night. One hole we had to go uphill just to get into the hole, all while the color of the lights changed. We also had to take turns throwing balls at a wall that had different colored bull-eyes that we had to knock out to learn how close to the actual hole we could begin to putt. At our very first hole, Amanda got to enjoy watching her ball go up and down the hills while attempting to make it in the hole. Rebecca and Janel got to enjoy hole 3 for quite some time as the lights changing colors did not make things any easier. At one of the holes Nicoline had to make her first putt with her eyes closed, that same hole Megan had to plan the whole hole with her club upside down on a slippery surface by the hole. We also slowly discovered that each hole got harder and harder the further along we got on the overall course. The competition started out fierce, but as the evening went on we all just hoped that we could get through at least one hole in less than 3 shots, but at some holes that was not even an option after understanding what the hole challenge was.

In February the group will be going out for an evening of ax throwing and let's just say what could go wrong, wink, wink, nudge, nudge. But pretty sure fun will be had by all. Be on the lookout for more group pictures from the ax throwing and all the other activities we are planning to do throughout 2025.



PRAYER REQUEST EDITS

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PRAYER LIST

Prayers of the Church (Members)

Bee Ellertson, Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazy, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Pat Casper, Anna Snyder, Pat Cashwell, Susan Esposito, Charlie Bock, and Rev. Wendy Waugh.

Prayers of the Church (Friends)

Dolly Brunner (stepmother of Clark Brunner), Kay Matthews and Robert Meissner (Tony Perotte's Mother and Uncle), Diane Johnson (Penni Perotte's friend), Tim and Sue Williams (Friends of the Foremans), Sara Russell (Sister of Anna Snyder), Sayge Lindsay (Grandson of Alta Lindsay), MJ Chevalier (Sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (Mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (Friend of Robin Winfree), Jacki, Stevens, and daughter (Friends of Joan Pepper), Armenia and Artsakh (Friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (Parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (Mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (Brother of Bob DeVries), Gini Rinkus (Friend of the Dominicks), Elaine Williamson (Sister-in-Law of Hudgins), Paul (Son-in-Law of Jan Hunley, Richard Dominick (Brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck and Ruth Parker (Aunt of Pat Casper), Holly Cashwell (Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (Friend of Waughs), George and Pat Rose (Friends of Debbie Fulbright), John and Connie Heinz, Gregory and Colleen Davidson, Jack Taylor (Cousin of Dean and Marcia Redman), Debra Jetton (Sister of Bill Wilson), Penny Wagner (Niece of Marcia Wilson), Cole Cashwell (Grandson of Pat Cashwell), Dirk Davis (By Debbie Fulbright), Scott Duncan (Stepfather of Bill Elkin), Dave and Missy Pepper (Brother and Family of Joan Pepper), Chuck Johnson and Family (Husband and Family of Leslie Johnson), Vernice Knudsen (Mother of Ken Knudsen), Olga Niktin (By Patrick Chappel), Joan Mayfield (Aunt of Pat Casper), Vera Wiggins and Tony Jeeter (By Amy Elkin), Wini Robison (Aunt of Megan Cunningham), Sarah Jolly (sister of Marlene Coulter), Jeff Redman (Son of Dean and Marcia Redman), Emily Baumann (niece of Dean and Marcia Redman), Rebecca Taylor and family (friends of Megan Cunningham) and Pastor Fred and Gail Eichner (friends of the Foremans).

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