



SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 11, 2021

Dear Members of St Paul Lutheran,

Greetings to you from your Church Council. I am pleased to inform you that our application for a \$20,000 ELCA Strategic Ministry Grant has been officially approved! Our Church Council has been working closely with Rev. Justin Grimm at the St. Paul Area Synod to submit an inspiring proposal to the ELCA to describe our efforts to continue to "Share Christ's Love with Joy" in the Wyoming area. Thank you to everyone who has helped with giving life to the vision for ministry at St Paul Lutheran!

The ELCA has awarded this money to us for the purpose of redeveloping and transforming our congregation in support of our ministry and witness for Christ. This grant would not be possible without the giving of benevolence by our many united congregations in the local St. Paul Area Synod and the greater ELCA. This money shall be used for general fund expenses in the day to day operation of the church, but more than that, it gives us an opportunity to grow a church that can feed the spiritual needs of our members and community for years to come.

As you know, we have boldly taken the steps to call a full-time pastor to join our mission, and we have laid out plans of doing much more. We are currently working on an agreement with Lakes Area Discovery Center to lease our preschool space, which would be a terrific step in providing spiritual education to families in our local community, as well as providing some additional income to the church. As we continue to add more ministries back to our church, our council is keeping a close eye on our budget and doing everything we can to provide for these ministries, spiritually and financially.

Our council is currently working on a budget for the 2022 calendar year. Having the ELCA Strategic Ministry Grant will help us to cover some costs that we otherwise could not afford. With the vision of having a preschool, and with your continued and growing support, I am optimistic that we can grow our church to the point of being self-sustaining once again. As you consider your pledge of money, time and talent this year, please remember the ministries that your gifts will be supporting. Together as a congregation, we will do everything we can to help support these ministries. Thank you for your support this past year and continued support in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Tyler Kroschel
Council President