



January 1, 2012

Dear St. Paul Members and Active Guest,

Greetings and blessings as we begin our 87<sup>th</sup> year of Word and Sacrament ministry as St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church-The Lighthouse on West Adams! God has great plans for us as we “embrace the past and press toward the future”. (Jeremiah 29:11)

The Great Commission of our Lord, Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts chapters 1-3 have motivated our mission statement as a congregation. We have said:

*We desire to build the kingdom of God through an active outreach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to seekers, un-churched and under-churched families, friends and neighbors. Matthew 28:18-20*

In my role as your Senior Pastor, I am writing you today to bring to your attention the vision God has given me for the future of organizations, committees and groups in the mission and ministry life at St. Paul.

It is time for us to review, reshape and restructure all committees of the congregation. Two years ago we launched our Consecrated Stewards Mission and Ministry focus. This was done in order to unite our church members and active guest towards:

- a. Biblical Literacy
- b. Spiritual Growth
- c. Giving freely of financial and other blessings
- d. Service of time and talents

Being a consecrated steward of the blessings of God motivates us to review each church organization and develop new groups or/committees that will help guide us in achieving our mission and ministry goals and objectives. Effective assimilation of existing and new members into active participation in the life of the congregation is my secondary objective.

It is my vision, with the support of the Deacon Board, to begin meeting with groups, organizations and committees on Sunday afternoons in the month of February 2012.

February 12<sup>th</sup>

Deacon Board, Head Usher, Choir Directors and Officers, Altar Guild members, Trustees, Bible Study Leaders, Sick and Shut-in committee,

**Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Youth Group Leaders, Health and Wellness Committee**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Lutheran Women Mission League (LWML) members, Library Committee members, Men's Club members, Hospitality Committee members**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary Chair, Homecoming Chair, Church Picnic Chair, National Day of Prayer Chair**

**Envisioned New Committees: Volunteer Coordinator, Signage Coordinator, College Student Liaison, Outreach and Evangelism Coordinator, Men's Ministry and Event Coordinator, Bible Study/Cell Group Facilitator, Archives and Historian**

**St. Paul Saints, as we begin to reshape our church family and ministry towards being more effective stewards of the gifts God has given us, I am asking for your faithful prayers, cooperation, commitment and support. The Great Commission of our Lord motivates us to reshape for the future.**

**May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be our guide as we make intentional efforts to fully glorify Him with all of our blessings.**

**Rejoicing in Jesus' Coming,**

**Rev. Dr. S T Williams, Jr.  
Senior Pastor**

**Here are the questions each existing group, committee or organization will need to answer in order to continue in the life of St. Paul mission and ministry. This will also be the foundation for any new groups, committees or organizations:**

- 1. How does the group, committee or organization support the mission statement of the congregation?**
- 2. Who will call for the election of officers which must take place by March 30, 2012? The officers have to be active members. Active in worship, Bible study and the Sacrament of the Altar. They must meet the approval of the Senior Pastor.**
- 3. Who will write the goals and objectives and provide them to the Deacon Board by June 1, 2012?**
- 4. Who will communicate the predetermined meeting schedule and minutes of meetings to the Deacon Board monthly?**