

TO: St. Paul's

FM: Emily Murphy

SUBJECT: Letter to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School and Honorary Gift Contribution

I just don't know how or where to begin? I not only ask myself WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) but I find myself these days asking WWTD (What Would Tim Do)? I know that he would want me to say THANK YOU for all your love, prayers and support you gave to us throughout his illness. We were so overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern you gave to us. He would often comment how blessed we were. We have a huge plastic container filled with Get Well and Thinking of You cards that I will keep forever.

I would like to again thank Pastor Dannenfeldt (P.D.), Pastor George, and Pastor John for their prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls, but most importantly for giving us Communion. After receiving communion, that precious gift surely did quiet our anxieties.

Tim was truly honored to serve as President of the Executive Council doing God's work for St. Paul's. He had deep respect and was most thankful to the Council (Crystal Jones, Gary Pearson, Glenn Stewart, Steve Berger, Sherry Nusbaum, Ruth Colross, and Pastor George) for picking up his duties during his illness. I too thank them. I know that if he had been here prior to their term ending, he would have recognized each one of them individually during a church service giving those thanks and praise for their service. He would have also congratulated the newly elected officers and wished them well. I too want to wish them well.

In addition to St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's School was always very important to Tim. He thought it was so important for children to receive a Christian education. He personally realized that having gone to St. Paul's School himself. We had three nieces who attended St. Paul's school and currently our Godson will be going into 2nd grade.

I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Ruth Colross and the Teachers for doing their job teaching the children about Jesus. Throughout Tim's illness, he received hand-made cards from the children. Boy, they truly understand about Jesus – they get it! They assured Mr. Tim that he didn't have to worry about dying because he was going to heaven to LIVE again with Jesus. They said "Jesus would be waiting for him with open arms". They wrote to me saying "Mr. Tim will be waiting for me when Jesus calls me home". I told you they get it! Many of the cards brought tears to our eyes and we got great comfort from reading them.

I want to say THANK YOU to Coral Shreve and her Child Care Staff. Tim received a huge basket of munchies from the staff and children. He was like a child himself going through the basket picking out his favorite snacks to eat.

I want to THANK everyone who made a contribution to St. Paul's in memory of Tim. I am truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and I know that he would be too.

Lastly, THANK YOU to all who participated in Tim's funeral service. His service was absolutely beautiful and the church was filled to the brim. He would have been honored for sure. I would like to say a special THANK YOU to our niece, Matija Hoppe, who spent time with her uncle, along with other family members, listening carefully as he tried to inform us of his funeral wishes with song selections, etc. Although the time spent with him was very emotional, she pulled everything together to ensure the Church service was perfect.

I will close by saying THANK YOU for all the love, prayers, and support you are giving me since Tim's passing. I am still shaking my head asking myself "what happened". I have to keep reminding myself that God is in control and His will – will be done. I know that one day I will be with my husband when God calls me home and the two of us will be together FOREVER.

God's blessing to all!

Emily Murphy

Listed below are names I wish to present an honorary contribution to. Please post accordingly.

In Honor of:

Pastor Dannenfeldt
Pastor George
Pastor John
Steve Berger
Rod Biggs
Julie Black
Jim Brandenburg
Child Care Staff
Ruth Colross
Mark Cronin
Joe D'Amico
Al D'Annunzio
Denise Gibson
Maureen Griepentrog
Matija Hoppe
Rachael Hoppe
Crystal Jones
Ryan Kronenwetter
Ken Larson
Bob Liberatore
Adam Murphy
Sherry Nusbaum
Gary Pearson
Joe and Donna Pucciarella
Coral Shreve
St. Paul's Church
St. Paul's Students
St. Paul's Teachers
Glenn Stewart
The Hoppe Family
The Kern Family
The Kronenwetter Family
The Murphy Family
The Wagner Families