Matching Funds Challenge,

St. Paul's Church and School have been given a unique challenge. An anonymous individual has approached us with a matching funds challenge to help us with our church and school ministry and our budget realities. A generous donor has pledged \$100,000 of donations. This individual will match \$50,000 to the General Fund and \$50,000 to the Building Fund. That would enable us to raise \$200,000 for St. Paul's.

The challenge begins August 24th. Donations can be placed in "Challenge" envelopes and put in the offering plate or you may give online at our website (http://www.stpaulslutheran.net). Click on the "**Online Giving**" button and follow the instructions.

We have three goals for this challenge:

- By the end of September to have raised \$50,000
- By Christmas to have raised an additional \$25,000
- By Easter to have raised the final \$25,000

You can check the progress of the Challenge on a chart in the atrium of the church or in the front entrance of the school. There will be additional envelopes found by these charts.

As the Lord has blessed you, please prayerfully consider your gift(s). **This gift should** be above your normal giving.

We thank God for our generous donor and the opportunity to meet our ministry needs. Thank you for prayerfully considering this challenge and for allowing God to guide your giving.

God's Blessings, The Stewardship Board