ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

The BIG day is just around the corner! On December 14th we will celebrate God's faithfulness to St. Paul's with a combined worship service at 10 am at our historic downtown church. (Please note there will NO Saturday service that weekend.)

Hopefully you received your printed invitation in the mail this past week. It has all of the information for the weekend, including a special alumni event on Saturday, December 13th. If you did not receive an invitation, please reach out to the church office.

We ask that you please use the QR code in the invitation to let us know you are planning to attend any or all of the weekend festivities. The sign-up link is also available on our website stpaulslutheran.net or feel free to call the church office at 815-932-0312 to RSVP.

It is going to be a glorious day, praising the Lord for all of His gifts and His grace and mercy to St. Paul's for the last 165 years!! Something to consider....St. Paul's began in 1859, 16 months before the Civil War!! God has seen our congregation through so many ups and downs, all so that His precious Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ would be, and continues to be, shared with those around us—our families, our communities and the world!

There will be a reception and light lunch following the worship service, allowing time for fellowship and catching up with alumni (both students and staff) and former members who will be joining us. At that time, you will be able to view highlights from our historical timeline, Confirmation pictures from throughout the years, and old pictorial directories and yearbooks. In addition, the former school on Dearborn, which has been newly renamed St. Paul's Mission and Ministry Center will be open for tours. This is now home to an official Phil's Friends Center of Hope.

You won't want to miss this amazing time together!! So, mark your calendar, plan to attend, and please let us know your intentions to join us on December 13th and 14th!!

165th Anniversary Chairman,
Nancy Eden