



# *Ideas For Memorial Giving*

*Thank you for considering St. Paul Lutheran Church as the recipient of a special memorial in honor of your loved one. It is through memorial giving such as yours that we are able to supplement our current ministry with excellent resources for various needs.*

*The listings are extra-budgetary items and, therefore, are dependent upon special giving. The Memorial Committee, under the guidance of the Church Council and staff of St. Paul Lutheran, has identified these items listed within. We hope you will find something that will interest you as you choose your special memorial.*

*In 2012 we celebrated 100 years of sharing our faith on this very corner of Neenah. God has certainly blessed us.*

*Thank you for your generosity and support of the Lord's church as we begin our next century of ministry.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Paul Holte*

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# *Memorial Giving Fund Policy*

*Thank you for providing important support to St. Paul Lutheran Church through special memorial giving.*

- It shall be understood that memorials are given to the glory of God in memory of a loved one and to memorialize the deceased.*
- Memorials received shall not be used for any part of the general operating budget of the congregation.*
- The Church Council shall appoint the members of the Memorial Committee, which shall be comprised of at least two members of the congregation and one representative from the church staff.*
- The Memorial Committee shall establish (and periodically update) a list of items to enhance the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church.*
- Memorials not given to a specific item or fund shall go into the General Memorial Account.*
- Special needs items have been researched to determine precisely what is needed. Thus, a donation of a similar item would not be helpful to the church. Other memorials not on the list will be received only with the Committee's approval.*
- Memorial giving can cover the entire cost of the listed item or can be given towards that item. For bookkeeping purposes, it is helpful to receive the entire cost; however, no gift is too small to celebrate God's glory. We pray you can find something on the list that is meaningful to you in remembering your loved one.*
- All Memorials shall become the property of St. Paul Lutheran Church (families of the deceased shall no longer control the funds or use of the property).*
- The accounting of the Memorial Funds shall be the responsibility of the Congregational Treasurer.*
- Records of memorial giving shall be kept by the Committee in a Memorial Book.*
- Trust and endowment funds are handled separately from the Memorial Committee.*

# MEMORIAL GIVING LIST

- *Building*
  - *Stained Glass Window refurbishment*
    - *Repair of 2<sup>nd</sup> original window from bell tower*
  - *Fellowship Hall refurbishment*
- *Church worship*
  - *New Paraments: Hangings for the Altar, Pulpit and Lectern that reflect the distinct message of the Church's seasons*
  - *Banners and paintings (2 per season - Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost)*
  - *Refinishing of brass worship items (vases, candelabras)*
- *St. Paul Prayer Quilt Ministry (provides quilts to those in need of comfort)*
- *Education*
  - *Includes Adult education, Confirmation programs, Library - updated books and videos, Vacation Bible School support, Youth - scholarships for Mission trips/Bible camps*
- *Choir music (sanctuary and children's)*
- *Prayer Garden (yearly maintenance, additional items, Little Free Library maintenance)*
- *General Memorial Account (for future project or needs that are not currently identified)*

*The Memorial Committee will be available to meet with you and answer any questions you have about these items, including a cost estimate. You may reach them through the church office.*

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