**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**

**405 Emma**

**Chenoa, Il 61726**

**January 4, 2024**

**Now Is The Time**

When the song of the angel is stilled

 When the star in the sky is gone,

 When the Kings and the Princes are home

 When the Shepherds are back with their flock,

 The work of Christmas begins…..

 To find the lost

 To heal the broken

 To feed the hungry

 To release the prisoner

 To build the nations

 To bring peace among brothers and sisters

 To make music in the hearts.

 *Author unknown*

**ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP**

**Date Attnd Offering Mission**

**12-03 62 2388.00 10.00**

**12-10 55 1773.00 10.00**

**12-17 71 5499.65**

**12-24 [morning] 51 1705.00 10.00**

**12-24 58 4183.00**

**12-25 23 1365.00**

**12-31 60 2144.00 10.00**

**Debt Retirement 2700.00**

**Ladies Restroom Renovation 150.00**

**Seminary Student 75.00**

**Ladies Bakeless Sale 50.00**

**Advent 645.00**

**Thanksgiving 50.00**

**Outdoor Car Port 100.00**

**NEEDING OUR CONTINUING PRAYER**

Jack Brandt *[at home on palliative care]*

**A**lma Brucker

Earl Ellinger

Stacie Hensley

Ethan Jeffreys*[now on chemo, friend of Diane Brandt’s]*

Patty Kelleher *[Kim Rhoda’s sister-in-law]*

Dr*.*Jim May *[cousin of Pat Wahls]*

Carla Nobis

Matthew Patternoster *[friend of Ben Rhoda]*

Penny Rhoades *[friend of Kurt and Kim Rhoda]*

Gerald Schuler

Leda Thacker *[at Fairview Haven]*

Nancy Todd *[friend of Kurt & Kim Rhoda]*

Lee Wahls

Pat Wahls

*[friend of Mike Shrewsbury listed below]*

Tim

**Please notify** Joy if anyone could be removed from the Prayer List.

**Our thanks** to Melodee Beckman for her beautiful music on Christmas Eve.

**Our thanks** to those who helped with the Advent meal on December 20th at Lexington—Brian and Krista Verdun, Nancy Nylander, Anna Schmidgall, Diane Brandt, Marci Beitz, Joy Poppe, Carolyn Shane, Sharon Barrett, Judy Bertsche, Lois Pulaski and Jimmy and Kim Beitz. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

We will resume holding the **Ladies Bible study** on 1/10/24 from 2-3 p.m. We will be studying Joy:  a Study of Philippians by Deb Burma.  This study challenges us to live out our faith as the Philippians & St. Paul did. There is a lot of perversion of God’s Word-we need to be in the Word to know what God’s truth versus the lies of the world is (i.e. Satan) is telling us.  We need to be reminded of God’s stability in this unstable world.  These daily lessons are short: about 15 minutes daily.  Even if you only have 15 minute a week, still work on this Bible study as you will continue to be in God’s Word.  Study books will be available at the back of church.  If all have been taken & you are interested in doing the Bible study with the group or by yourself, please let Tom Norris know so more books can be ordered.

**Book Club** --We will start the New Year out by reading*In the Neighborhood of Normal* by Cindy Maddox. Mish Atkinson an 82 year old is determined she’s going to make something of the time she has left on earth.   When a text message on her new smart phone leads to an encounter with a women she believes is Jesus.  We will meet on Thursday January 18th at church.  Let's hope the weather is better then last years snow storm!