

St. Paul's Church,
Box 1065
Elk Rapids, Michigan

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Dear Friends of St. Paul's:

The 19th century hymn puts it, "...count your many blessings one by one..." is a real truth here at St. Paul's. What came disguised as a disaster on April 7th, has turned out to be a blessing in every sense of the word. On that day the plaster fell from the ceiling of parts of the nave and sanctuary of the church during a severe wind and thunder storm. The blessing is that for the first time in 48 years St. Paul's has been redecorated from top to bottom.

The ceiling is of building and insulation board stripped and stained to match the newly revarnished beams. The walls are of "wood-rose" with a blue trim in the sanctuary that blends with and sets off the Good Shepherd window over the altar. On the outside the gigantic chimney was repointed and recapped. To be completed this summer is the painting of the outside splash boards and the installation of a heating duct from the furnace that will enable the chapel to be heated without aid from the space heater now in use. According to Bishop McNeil, St. Paul's is now the most beautiful church in the North. Of course we've known that for quite some time.

Now all of this unexpected work has left us flat broke. The whole job by the time of completion will have cost us about \$1150. This amount would have been a great deal more had not much of the work been done by us in the parish.

Won't you to whom historic St. Paul's has at one time been your church home come to her rescue in her time of need? Please make your cheques payable to St. Paul's Church of Elk Rapids and mail them soon.

Sincerely yours,

(The Rev.) Richard James Lintner
Vicar