



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MOUNT PROSPECT FOR ITS HISTORY OF SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, in 1912, five years before the Village of Mount Prospect was incorporated, seventeen families organized the Saint Paul Lutheran Church congregation; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Lutheran Church has grown to more than 1,400 active family members today, led by Senior Pastor Chris Whitby; and

WHEREAS, the motto of Saint Paul Lutheran Church is “Growing as Family,” representing the church’s belief that a real church is not a building; rather, it is a community where real people can go to find real answers for the real world; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bo Graham received the Open Arms Award at the Mount Prospect Shining Stars Gala on February 2, 2019. The gala honors those who benefit the community through great works that often go unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bo began the free Breakfast with Baby program four years ago with one mother in attendance and now serves up to one hundred people twice per month. The program invites families with children up to two years of age and women who are at least seven months pregnant to come and enjoy a hot meal with their families and shop for free items, such as diapers, toys, and clothes, in the church’s Baby Store; and

WHEREAS, from 2016-2018, the Breakfast with Baby program donated 51,600 diapers to needy families; and

WHEREAS, beyond weekly worship celebrations, Saint Paul Lutheran Church offers ministries for children, junior high students, high school students, young adults, adults, and senior citizens to help all ages grow as individuals and deepen their relationship with God and their community; and

WHEREAS, local mission projects, such as The Church Has Left the Building, bring church members into the community to volunteer their time to help out as needed. Food Collection, P.A.D.S., and Sisters in Stitches offer ongoing additional assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Lutheran Church community also volunteers farther afield through mission trips to the Mexican border and through Workcamp, which takes the senior-high ministry to serve in locales in need around the country; and

WHEREAS, the other ministries in which the Saint Paul Lutheran Church community engages are too numerous to mention, yet each one contributes to the noble mission of the church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and thank Saint Paul Lutheran Church of Mount Prospect for its history of service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to members of the Saint Paul Lutheran Church as a token of the county’s appreciation.