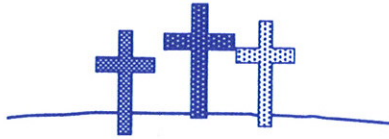


# THE COMMUNITY OF ST. DYSMAS



*And the thief said,  
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."  
And Jesus replied, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."  
Luke 23: 42-43*

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To the people of St. Paul's:

**On behalf of the men and women of the Community of St. Dymas, I wish to thank you for your gift of \$500.00.** My experience is that inmates in prisons across the country are certainly marginalized and mostly forgotten. And the inmates we see through the Community of St. Dymas are very thankful and grateful for being remembered. It reminds them their lives and healthy choices do matter in the long run.

The Community of St. Dymas not only builds up those inside prison fences, but those of us from the outside that go in are changed as well. Certainly it helps the inmates by building faith and, most of all, hope. But we learn as much from those on the inside as they might ever learn from us. We are reminded that we all experience the same life issues of pain, loss, hope, blessing, and love. We learn that God is alive in the world in ways we might never have thought. We remember we are all children of God. And we thank you for helping this ministry continue building us all up!

May God bless you all in your sacred journey. May God lead you where you need to travel. And may the blessings of God surround you as you continue making a difference in a hurting world.

God's Blessings,

**BILL LUNDGREN**

The Reverend G. William (Bill) Lundgren  
Pastor

**"God bless your  
Congregation for this  
much needed donation."**

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