



St. Paul's Epistle

March 5, 2023

Note From The Pastor



We now enter the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday behind us. Many of us are opening up our shoe boxes where all matters of tax related items are meticulously kept. They are a record of what we bought and how it could possibly be a deduction when we drop the box off at our CPA's office.

Some items will be a stretch for even the shrewdest of tax professionals and others may be items we completely forgot about that could be a tax break for us.

With Lent we should be taking a closer look at what is in our shoe box that relates to our sins. Many of the infractions and "misses" as Luther would say are repeat offences. These would be the habitual sins that are part of our personality and not the good part. We may work to change but can't seem to kick a couple of bad habits.

Smaller sins, and again a sin is a sin no matter how we or society rates it, may fill up the box with thoughts, words, and deeds that just didn't show love for others.

The hope for all of us would be that our shoe boxes have less and less items collected every year.

Tax laws change and adjustments can be made but God's law is the same when Jesus made the famous statement breaking the laws into two.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind and love your neighbor as yourself."

Good luck with your tax box but Jesus will take care of the other. Pjh

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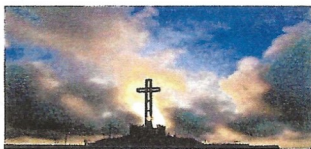
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Upcoming events:

Lenten Bible study is back on Wednesdays during Lent at 10am in the second floor room.

Day time only Lenten Services at 11:15am in the Chapel.



Easter Brunch is back.

More information to come.

Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting of January 19, 2023

Council Members Present: Christian Flathman, Andy Foose, Toni Hadden, Chuck McCallar, Lisa Neville, Drew Schwalbe, Pat Sparks, Mickie Waldhauer, and Bill Wiggins. Also present: Donald Martin and Pastor Hartmann.

Andy Foose opened the meeting at 6:00. Toni Hadden gave the Devotion.

Andy Foose reported that Executive Committee had suggested for the year 2023 that he serve as Vice President, Bill Wiggins serve as President, and Lisa Neville serve as Secretary. With no nominations from Council, Council members elected the suggested slate for 2023. Donald Martin will remain as Treasurer.

Bill Wiggins assumed presiding over meeting as President.

October meeting Minutes were approved via email and submitted for Epistle publication.

Pastor's Report: Report attached. Highlights include visitations in homes, hospitals and nursing homes, normal counseling. Conducted funerals for Clarke Jones, Ralph Ranson, Terry Courson, Betty Bacon, Stan Woo and Lynette Flathmann. Christmas Play went very well. Bible Study will resume during Lent with daytime Lenten Services at 11:15 am. Help will be needed for St. Patrick's Day parking. Progressive Dinner will resume. Spring Play will be "Batman: The Musical".

Director of Music: Donald reported Choir is gearing up for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Hopes to have Easter Brunch return this year.

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Treasurer: Donald reported: To date bank balance of \$57,016.23 in checking at Bank of America, \$15,655.84 at Truist Bank, and Endowment accounts at present are \$1,269,969.69. Total received from Christmas Angels amounted to \$60,500. Christmas Angel opportunity began about 10 years ago for the purpose of providing seed money for the new year after closing out the books for the year.

Preschool's accounts closed December with a balance of \$20,563.99 in checking and savings \$80,200.70 (prior to playground refurbishment). To date 68 students are enrolled with anticipation of 70 by end of the month.

Preschool: Donald reported that staff is stable with usual movement. The Christmas program went well. Christian Flathman volunteered to provide marketing for the school.

Property: Toni Hadden reported that Richard Wolf is still trying to reach City regarding the curb repair. Donald reported that the initial roofing/steeple repairs are complete. However, it was discovered via drone camera footage provided by Ricky Truluck that we now have some cracked slates on steeple roof and rotten fascia boards. Fascia boards will be repaired but Donald suggested leaving slates "as is" as they are still in place just cracked. Repairs are complete for the HVAC, roof, 2nd floor parish building, and stained glass.

Old Business: Toni Hadden reported her findings on the costs to update the AED equipment. Donald approved Toni ordering the equipment.

New Business: Donald reported that the Savannah LGBTQ has made two requests of our parking lot. The first request is to use the church parking lot on the first Friday of every month for overflow parking for music festivals that are part of the Starland Yard music each month. After discussion Council agreed that they may use our lot for overflow parking but will be notified when our lot is not available on occasions as Good Friday, Play night, or if gym is rented on a particular Friday night that falls on the first Friday. A Certificate of Insurance will also be required as a condition for this approval. An official contract will be drawn up by Rebecca McClain and approved from church attorney, Rick Gnann. The second request is to use the parking lot for entire day one Saturday in June or July for a festival with bands and food trucks, etc. After discussion Council voted to deny this request as if a funeral occurs on the date the Savannah LGBTQ chooses to have the festival, the funeral will take precedence. A Letter of Denial will be issued stating that due to control of a life, health, or safety event we cannot grant this request.

Bill stated that he would like to start a fellowship meeting on the third Wednesday of each month with a meal. This will hopefully encourage committees to form/meet on this day, have families come to church for a meal, and provide a meal for Choir. Also, hopefully, this will provide an opportunity to request attendees to volunteer for committees or events as well as grow the "volunteer" force within the church. The first "Third Wednesday Dinner" will be February 15th.

Drew Schwalbe reported that his students at Benedictine participated in our Sarmatian's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry.

There being no further Business meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Lisa B. Neville, Secretary

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out.</p>	<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!</p> <p>Billy Mintz 3/10 Virginia Henderson 3/22 Pat Laughlin 3/22 Betty Porter 3/25</p>		<p>1</p> <p>10:00A Bible Study 11:15A Chapel Service 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir 6:00 P Circle 19</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00A Work Crew 9:00A Craft Group</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Lent 2</p> <p>8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00A Bible Study 11:15A Chapel Service 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00A Work Crew 9:00A Craft Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 A Etc/ Wayfarers</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>26 Lent 5</p> <p>8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00A Bible Study 11:15A Chapel Service 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00A Work Crew 9:00A Craft Group</p>	<p>31</p>	

March Altar Guild

8:30 Lisa Gnann/Chris Heidt

11:00 Candy Green/Alison Gaudry

Communion Assistants

8:30

Gloria Brown

Charlie Schafer

11:00

Pat Sparks

Mickie Waldhauer

Lectors

8:30

Mar. 5

Ricky Truluck

Mar. 12

Lisa Gnann

Mar. 19

Bill Wiggins

Mar. 26

Emma Martin

11:00

Gene Henry

Mary Gail Wolf

Chuck McCallar

Marlis Froistad

Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild - help set communion up before both services. If you are interested, please contact Becky Truluck at 912-655-6196.

Lectors/Communion Assistants (8:30 or 11:00) – anyone interested please contact Janet Gnann @ 912-656-5771

Ushers (8:30 or 11:00) – anyone interested please contact Ricky Neville @ (912)355-1601

Acolytes & Crucifers (8:30 or 11:00) – interested youth should contact Debra Barnard at 912-228-0200

Prayer Requests

Our Prayers are requested for: Brett Allen, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Jean Camp, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, April Cory, Virginia Huber, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Rita Monson, Leonora Reid, Kay Robb, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Terry Sheldahl, Isabelle Shearouse, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.



St. Paul's Lenten & Holy Week Services

Ash Wednesday

February 22nd

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel
& 6:30 PM In the Sanctuary

Wednesday's In Lent

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel

Palm Sunday Cantata

Morning Services

April 2nd at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
In the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 6th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel
& 6:30 PM In the Sanctuary

Good Friday

April 7th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel
& 7:00 PM In the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 9th at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE	
01/29/2023	8:30 A	35
	11:00 A	51
02/05/2023	8:30 A	31
	11:00 A	59
02/12/2023	8:30 A	45
	11:00 A	44
02/19/2023	8:30 A	38
	11:00 A	42

STEWARDSHIP		OFFERING
01/29/2023	Current	\$ 3,578.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	25.00
02/05/2023	Current	\$ 3,408.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	475.00
02/12/2023	Current	\$ 3,640.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
02/19/2023	Current	\$ 8,070.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00

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