

STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

02/26/2023	8:30 A	41
	11:00 A	59
03/05/2023	8:30 A	60
	11:00 A	53
03/12/2023	8:30 A	41
	11:00 A	43
03/19/2023	8:30 A	38
	11:00 A	42
03/26/2023	8:30 A	24
	11:00 A	42

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

02/26/2023	Current	\$ 3,700.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	225.00
03/05/2023	Current	\$ 5,840.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
03/12/2023	Current	\$ 2,946.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
03/19/2023	Current	\$ 8,070.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
03/26/2023	Current	\$ 2,608.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	125.00

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St. Paul's Epistle

April 2, 2023

Note From The Pastor



Holy week and Easter are upon us once again. We relive what Jesus went through to save us from our sins and death.

We have recently gone through a very bad streak of losing our loved ones on this earth. It hurts and that sting of death never really goes away. It resurfaces at unusual times and places seemingly for no apparent reason.

Then the very apparent reasons like, birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays kick us to our knees.

To really appreciate Easter, it helps to experience the Last Supper, Jesus in the garden begging for some other way to save us but saying, "thy will be done". The crucifixion, and the guy on the cross next to him being reassured that "today you will be with me in paradise".

The woman going to the tomb while the men were hiding in fear and finding Jesus wasn't there. He was alive.

Our loved ones in heaven know what God's love is all about. We are still learning and hopefully growing in that love till we are united with those who have gone before us.

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Important Phone Numbers

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Upcoming events:



Easter Brunch
will be between the services on Easter Sunday. Please sign up in the narthex or contact the Church office.

Holy Week Services:

April 2nd – Palm Sunday

April 6th – Maundy Thursday – 11:00am and 6:30pm

April 7th – Good Friday – 11:00am and 7:00pm

April 9th – Easter – 8:30am and 11:00am with breakfast in between

Play practice for “Batman the Musical begins on Monday, April 10 at 6pm in Hoffner Hall. The play will be performed on Friday, June 2nd at 7pm and Sunday, June 4th at 1pm with a catered meal before.

Minutes of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting of February 16, 2023

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

Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:05. Toni Hadden gave the Devotion. January meeting Minutes were approved via email and submitted for Epistle publication.

In Pastor’s absence Bill presented his report. **Pastor’s Report:** Report attached. Highlights include visitations to homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. Also included pre-marriage and normal counseling. Attended Pastor’s Meeting February 14th, performance by Ella Foose in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum February 20th and Wayfarers lunch February 10th. Conducted funeral for Charles Screen February 15th.

Ash Wednesday Services will be February 22nd at 11am and 6:30pm. Lenten Bible Study will start March 1st at 10am and Lenten day services at 11am. Other Upcoming events will be St. Patrick’s Day parking, Autumn Conaway’s wedding March 25th and McKenzie Smith Henderson’s Baptism on March 5th.

In Donald’s absence Bill presented his reports. **Director of Music:** Donald subbed for Rebecca February 12th at both services as she was in Macon playing her Master’s Organ recital for college graduation. Organ maintenance is scheduled to begin March 1st through mid-summer, the first major maintenance since 2019. Janet Gnann has volunteered to coordinate Easter Brunch’s return this year.



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.

WELCA

WELCA supports numerous organizations as well as our church throughout the year. We cannot do everything without the support and help from you. We wanted to thank the congregation for assisting us during the Christmas season with the following contributions.

1. WELCA alone contributed \$100.00 to the Shelter from the Rain project --- 100 churches – 100 dollars. We also donated 30 inspirational calendars.
 2. WELCA and our congregation contributed cleaning supplies and paper products to Summit House.
 3. WELCA, our congregation, and WoodmenLife contributed gift cards for Park Place (a temporary shelter for children).
 4. **WELCA will be collecting supplies for Old Savannah City Mission in April. A list of necessary items will be available in the Narthex.** WELCA is open for all women in our church. We would love to have you join us. We meet the first Wednesday of the month in Hoffner Hall at 6:00 PM.
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April Altar Guild

8:30 Becky Truluck/Kim Ambrose
11:00 Faye Lettow/Sydney Oetgen

Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
Bill Wiggins	Chuck McCallar
George Wiggins	Jared McCallar

Easter Additional Assistants

Cale Family	Hadden Family
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Lectors

Apr. 6 - Maundy Thursday -Dianne Fennell

8:30	11:00
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Apr. 2 – Palm Sunday Cantata – Becky Truluck

Apr. 9	Betsy Martin	Gene Henry
Apr. 16	Ricky Truluck	Matthew McClain
Apr. 23	Lisa Gnann	Mary Gail Wolf
Apr. 30	Charlie Schafer	Chuck McCallar

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

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Treasurer: Bill reported for Donald: To date bank balance of \$36,655.15 in checking at Bank of America, \$55,43.84 in savings at Truist Bank, and Endowment accounts at present are \$1,189,757.25 (fluctuates due to market). Still anticipating +/- \$82,000 A/C bill in late February/March.

Preschool's accounts closed January with a balance of \$35,926.93 in checking and savings \$80,201.38 (still pending playground refurbishment). To date 73 students are enrolled. Waiting List is full for Babies.

Property: Toni Hadden reported that Richard Wolf continues to try to reach City regarding the curb repair. City does not respond/return calls. Gate in the courtyard between Hoffner Hall and Parrish building is in the process of repair. Andy Foose reported that he is coordinating a work crew for a Saturday or two in May to handle miscellaneous repairs/tasks around church. Also reported in Donald's report was the discovery of roof leaks in gym which are being handled by RPI. Additional leaks in church buildings to date after steeple roof repairs are flashing issues which will be handled in summer. Hallway and Narthex stained glass have been repaired and reinstalled. Still working through alarm issues and elevator certifications. Toni has ordered Defibrillator and medical supplies for gym and church.

Social Ministry: Bill reviewed the committee/ministry opportunity flyer he created to publicize the need for more members/volunteers within the congregation. He also met with Donald to understand our monthly events, activities, and ministries throughout the year. We need participants to create participation for future events. The first Wednesday evening meal for fellowship was successful with 30 +/- attending. Chuck McCallar has offered to help with 2023 coat drive. Bill expressed our need for a Fellowship Committee to be formed. Bill reported that 85 coats were collected in 2022 and donated to Safe Shelter and Old Savannah Mission.

Old Business: Also reported in Donald's report was the status of the Savannah LGBTQ request for parking lot use. A Contract was created, amended, and sent to Rick Gnann, St. Paul's attorney, for approval. Rick recommended several safeguard additions which are being made and will be submitted to Savannah LGBTQ. Since the first request for use, Savannah LGBTQ has not inquired further.

New Business: Reported in Donald's report was the completion of Church Mutual Workman's Compensation Audit. Fran Snipes did an excellent job in completing this audit. Chuck McCallar inquired if the TV/slide show in the Narthex to create interest in the different opportunities St. Paul's offers should be started. Discussion began as to how our congregation can grow. Pastor is creating a Flyer about St. Paul's for WELCA to distribute throughout the neighborhood. Pat Sparks asked who reaches out to Visitors after their visit on a Sunday. It was stated that Pastor calls or sends a letter to Visitors if they sign the guestbook.

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

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

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday 8:30 A Cantata 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Cantata	3	4	5 10:00A Bible Study 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir 6:00 P Circle 19	6 Maundy Thursday 9:00A Work Crew 9:00A Craft Group 11:15 A Chapel Service 6:30 P Holy Communion	7 Good Friday 11:15 A Chapel Service 7:00 P Evening Service	8 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday
9 Easter 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Easter Brunch 11:00 A Holy Communion	10 Church Office Closed	11	12 10:00A Bible Study	13 9:00A Work Crew 9:00A Craft Group	14 12:00 Noon Etc/ Wayfarers	15
16 Easter 2 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	17	18	19 10:00A Bible Study 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir	20 9:00A Work Crew 9:00A Craft Group 5:30P Exec.Comm. 6:00P Church Council	21 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	22
23 Easter 3 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	24	25	26 10:00A Bible Study 5:15 P Men's Rehearsal 6:00 P Choir	27 9:00A Work Crew 9:00A Craft Group	28	29
30 Easter 4 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion					HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Jean Wise 4/13 Florence Brown 4/14 George Martin, Sr 4/17 Ann Lariscy 4/21	