

**STATISTICS**

**ATTENDANCE**

04/02/2023	8:30 A	65
	11:00 A	74
04/09/2023	8:30 A	126
	11:00 A	131
04/16/2023	8:30 A	40
	11:00 A	35
04/23/2023	8:30 A	44
	11:00 A	44

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERING**

04/02/2023	Current	\$ 10,281.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
04/09/2023	Current	\$ 5,665.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
04/16/2023	Current	\$ 2,906.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
04/23/2023	Current	\$ 4,397.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	100.00

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# St. Paul's Epistle

May 7, 2023

## Note From The Pastor



Pentecost comes to us at the end of May. The Disciples could suddenly speak in different languages so the news about Jesus could spread throughout the world.

Martin Luther tells us that without the power of the Holy Spirit we could never understand Jesus' message of love and hope.

Hopefully my trick candles will stay lit this year but even if they don't the power of God's love is with us.

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## Prayer Requests

**Our Prayers are requested for:** Brett Allen, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, 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, Zoe Shinall, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

### Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting of March 16, 2023

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

Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:15 and gave the Devotion. February 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, Ash Wednesday services, Bible Study, Lenten Services, Baptism of McKenzie Smith Henderson, and funerals for Patricia Roth and Woody Reid. Upcoming events will be St. Patrick's Day parking, Autumn Conaway's wedding March 25<sup>th</sup> and First Communion for Isaac Gillette April 16<sup>th</sup>, Play practice for Batman the Musical will begin after Easter, and Confirmation for Ragan Barnard will be Memorial weekend.

In Donald's absence Bill presented his reports. **Director of Music:** Organ maintenance postponed until after Easter. Choir will present a new Cantata on Palm Sunday.

**Treasurer:** Bill reported for Donald: To date bank balance of \$24,885.45 in checking at Bank of America, \$54,000+/- in savings at Truist Bank, and Endowment accounts at present are fluctuating due to market. Still anticipating +/- \$82,000 A/C bill in late March.

Preschool's accounts closed February with a balance of \$30,068.48 in checking and savings \$80,202.00 (still pending playground refurbishment). Waiting List is full for Babies.

## SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

**MAY 2023**

SUNDAY MAY 7TH ... AFTER  
EACH SERVICE  
A "SIDEWALK" TEA  
HONORING OUR MOTHERS &  
DAUGHTERS



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**JUNE 2023**

FOR TWO  
PERFORMANCES  
ONLY ... (THANK GOD)



**"Holy Cow BATMAN...  
Where's Robin?"** THE MUSICAL

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND AT 7PM OR  
SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH AT 1PM**

**CONGREGATIONAL CATERED LUNCH  
AT 12:00 PM BY BARNES RESTAURANT**

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**JULY 2023 ... JULY 18TH AT 6PM**

**A TUESDAY EVENING  
BBQ & MUSIC  
WITH OUR OWN  
SARAH POOLE &  
RYAN TAITO...  
IN HOFFNER HALL**



## May Altar Guild

8:30 Lynn Wood/Charlie Schafer  
11:00 Pat Sparks/Mickie Waldhauer

## Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
Chris Conway	Lisa Neville
Janet Gnann	Richard Wolf

## Lectors

	8:30	11:00
May 7	Kim Screen	Gene Henry
May 14	Alan Cale	Mary Gail Wolf
May 21	Carl Smith	Emma Martin
May 28	Bill Wiggins	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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**Property:** Toni Hadden reported that Richard Wolf has been in contact with City of Savannah regarding curbing repair. Repairs to begin in April. Gym has additional new roof leaks. Repair is scheduled with RPI. Church leaks are due to flashing issues which will be addressed in the summer. Defibrillator for Gym is on backorder and medical supplies for gym have been received.

**Old Business:** Also reported was the status of the Savannah LGBTQ request for parking lot use. A Contract has been submitted by Rebecca McClain to Savannah LGBTQ. Requirements listed in contract are due to church's liability issues.

### **New Business:**

Bill distributed Church's Constitution for Council to review current listed committee requirements.

Concern was expressed that Pastor is not always notified when a member requires attention by Pastor due to illness, hospitalization, etc. If a member knows of another member in need of attention, please let Pastor know. Birthday cards and cookies for 80+ year old birthdays are currently handled.

Pastor suggested organizing a committee to reach out to visitors to encourage continued attendance.

WELCA is presently in the second month of Safe Shelter support. Next month WELCA will start a campaign to support the Old Savannah Mission. Through March St. Paul's food pantry has supported over 120 weeks of food for families at the Savannah Summit Apartments. This support is ongoing at 20 weeks of food per month so congregation might need reminding as donations have trended down lately.

Christian Flathman announced that his daughter will need volunteer hours for school and organizing a campaign for more food for the pantry would be a good opportunity for Youth to satisfy the need for hours.

Bill and several other members visited Safe Shelter for a tour. Grants and funding provide about 50% support for the shelter and the remaining comes from private donors, organizations, and churches like ours. Average family is at Safe Shelter for approx. 90 days.

Safe Shelter offers a 9-week program during the summer for kids at the Shelter. Bill requested that St. Paul's set-up a one-day program at UGA Marine Education Center and Aquarium on Skidway Island. Staff at aquarium would provide tours and possibly St. Paul's could provide lunch for the kids.

There being no further Business meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Lisa B. Neville,

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 6:00 P Batman Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 P Circle 19 6:00 P Choir	<b>4</b> 9:00 A Work Crew 9:00 A Craft Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Easter 5</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>8</b> 6:00 P Batman Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00 P Choir	<b>11</b> 9:00 A Work Crew 9:00 A Craft Group.	<b>12</b> 12:00 Etc/Wayfarers	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Easter 6</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>15</b> 6:00 P Batman Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 P Choir	<b>18</b> 9:00 A Work Crew 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30 P Executive Comm 6:00 P Church Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>* EPISTLE DEADLINE</b>
<b>21 Easter 7</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>22</b> 6:00 P Batman Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 P Choir	<b>25</b> 9:00 A Work Crew 9:00 A Craft Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Pentecost</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion/ Rite of Confirmation	<b>29</b> 6:00 P Batman Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 6:00 P Batman Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 6:00 P Choir 7:00 P Batman Rehearsal	* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday.		<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!</b> Louise Grotheer 5/13 Virginia Huber 5/15 Jacob Paulsen 5/20