



St. Paul's Epistle

July 2, 2023

Note From The Pastor



The girls and I had a fantastic trip to Korea and Japan. While in Korea Rachel booked us in a traditional Korean lodging experience called Hanok. The building was smaller than most people's closets and the height for the two doors was just over five feet. This of course was a problem for anyone over five feet. I hit my head several times.

The floor was hard wood and they gave us a mattress that was about a half inch thick. It was very uncomfortable. I jokingly said this was my experience with hell though we did have air conditioning.

My chiropractor saved the day and my aching body when I got back. We often experience uncomfortable moments in our lives and they are real and shouldn't be brushed off just because someone has it worse.

If we hurt either physically or emotionally it matters to God and hopefully to our family and friends.

Our experience with pain was only for two nights but many hurt on a daily basis.

Several years ago, I held our 15-year-old dog Lucy in my arms all night as she shook and moaned from pain associated with pancreatitis. She died in our arms at the vet's office the next day.

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Important Phone Numbers

Pastor Hartmann (Cell) 912-713-7145

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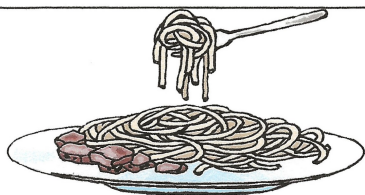
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Jesus acted to alleviate physical pain on earth for those he touched. He went through both physical pain on the cross and emotional pain as he took the worlds sins with him. He knew it wouldn't be easy and even prayed for some other way but ultimately said, "thy will be done".

Hurt and pain are real but so is the power of God to get us through it. Give each of us the compassion to help those hurting in a any way we can. Pjh



**Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show
And Silent Auction
To Benefit**

**Lutheran World & Disaster Relief
St Paul's Bereavement Committee
St. Paul's Craft Group
Sponsored by WELCA**

Everyone is invited, Please Come!

**Sunday, August 6th
5:00 pm**

***Dinner is FREE*
But a Monetary Donation
to Send Lutheran World & Disaster Relief
Would be Great!**

**Reservations can be made by
Signing Up in the Narthex or
Call Mary Gail Wolf at (912)657-7049**

**Hope to see you for
una grande cena e notte di talento
(a great dinner and talent night)**

***Amore!
YOUR WELCA LADIES***

Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting of June 15, 2023

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

Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:02 and gave the Devotion. May meeting Minutes were approved via email and submitted for Epistle publication.

****Pastor's Report: No Report.**

****Director of Music:** Written Report submitted. Choir is out for the summer, no Practice until August. **Congratulations to Rebecca McClain** on her Master's in music for Piano and Organ Performance, her AGO Service Playing Certificate and induction for Phi Kappa Phi. Organ maintenance "spot" tuning and summer maintenance has begun and will continue through early Fall.

****Treasurer:** Bill reported per Donald's report: To date bank balance of \$16,779.99 in checking for operations. Endowment Accounts \$1,111,728.17. Cash Reserve Account is \$290,590.40 (additional roof reserve and operational contingency funding). Day Care balances: operation account \$47,944.04; savings \$80,204.02. Daycare attendance is +/- 78 with a Waiting List FULL of expecting babies.

****Property:** Per Donald's report: HVAC on 2nd and 3rd floors are in process of repairs, there has been a rodent issue on 2nd floor (thank you Chris Heidt for cleaning WELCA closet and rodent's visit), and back wall and roof leaks for the Gym were serviced earlier by RPI. Bill reported that Andy Foose is working on a "Congregation" workday to handle minor repairs like installing the gym defibrillator.

****Social Ministry:** Bill reported the Fellowship events since March have had good attendance. July 18th will have Music & BBQ with Sarah Poole & Ryan Taito providing music, August 6th will be the annual WELCA spaghetti dinner & talent show, Rally Day will be September 10th, and Trunk or Treat with Day Care will be in October. Bill reported that mini VBS for children currently at Safe Shelter is scheduled on June 27th at 9:00 at Skidaway Island Aquarium with WELCA supporting. Plans are to hike the nature trail, tour aquarium, have lunch, have a craft project, and Pastor will provide a lesson.

****Old Business:** Bill reported that donation of \$500 to Food Pantry by a Presbyterian church will be an annual donation. Batman The Musical was a success with an attendance of nearly 100.

****New Business:** Congregation sympathies to the Waldhauer and Spark families on the passing of John. Also, sympathies to the Barnard, Wall, and Monson families on the passing of Rita Monson.

****Confirmation** for Regan Barnard has been rescheduled for June 25th.

****Savannah Trombone Workshop** will be held the weekend of June 16-18th with a FREE Saturday evening concert. Appreciation to Susan Brown for refurbishing our sanctuary greenery and completing another beautiful silk arrangement for the altar.

There being no further Business meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M. Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Lisa B. Neville, Secretary

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Pentecost 5 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	3	4 Church Office Closed	5 6:00 P Circle 19	6 9:00A Craft Group	7	8 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday
9 Pentecost 6 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	10	11	12	13 9:00A Craft Group	14 12:00 Noon Etc/ Wayfarers	15
16 Pentecost 7 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	17	18	19	20 9:00A Craft Group	21 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	22
23 Pentecost 8 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	24	25 Sarah & Ryan & BBQ Dinner 6-8P	26	27 9:00A Craft Group	28	29
30 Pentecost 9 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	31				HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Tim Tyson 7/2 Wayne Disher 7/15 Raymond Martin, Sr 7/16 Miriam Fulton 7/19	

WELCA

WELCA is collecting funds to purchase materials for the quilts and PACK during the months of June and July.

Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to:

The family of John Waldhauer who passed away June 9th.

The family of Rita Monson who passed away May 31st.

The family of Dena Pippin whose funeral will be held on June 30th at Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington DC.

(The service will be lived streamed at 11am)

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, Connie Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Dottie Kraft, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Leonora Reid, Mac Salter, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Terry Sheldahl, Isabelle Shearouse, Zoe Shinall, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Marilyn Stemsrud, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

JULY 2023 ...

JULY 18TH AT 6PM

A TUESDAY EVENING BBQ & MUSIC

WITH OUR OWN

SARAH POOLE & RYAN TAITO...

IN HOFFNER HALL



July Altar Guild

8:30 Kim Ambrose/Charlie Schafer
11:00 Becky Truluck

Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
Sherill Martin	Chuck McCallar
John Martin	Jared McCallar

Lectors

	8:30	11:00
July 2	Betsy Martin	Ricky Truluck
July 9	Alan Cale	Becky Truluck
July 16	Bill Wiggins	Gene Henry
July 23	Charlie Schafer	Dave Fulton
July 30	Lisa Gnann	Rick Gnann

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

STATISTICS**ATTENDANCE**

05/28/2023	8:30 A	29
	11:00 A	44
06/04/2023	8:30 A	29
	11:00 A	82
06/11/2023	8:30 A	39
	11:00 A	62
06/18/2023	8:30 A	33
	11:00 A	57
06/25/2023	8:30 A	40
	11:00 A	35

STEWARDSHIP**OFFERING**

05/30/2023	Current	\$ 4,000.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	525.00
06/04/2023	Current	\$ 10,368.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
06/11/2023	Current	\$ 2,292.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	100.00
06/18/2023	Current	\$ 3,181.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
06/25/2023	Current	\$ 6,285.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00

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