



# St. Paul's Epistle

September 3, 2023

## Note From The Pastor



Hopefully everyone has had a great summer and been able to come to our summer events. Thanks t Drew for the Barbeque and Sarah and Ryan for singing for two hours. Thanks to all who made the Lutheran World Relief Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show so much fun.

The next event will be covered dish dinner on Sunday, September 10 at 12 noon.

We certainly appreciate everyone who watches our services on Facebook but also know that we miss seeing you in person. As always, if you ever want me to bring communion to you, I would be happy to do that.

Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6pm, if you like to sing. Confirmation for 7<sup>th</sup> graders stars later in September in the Chapel at 9:45am.

Time is an interesting concept and how we use it is never quite understood. Some apparently use their time wisely, making every minute count. Others waste time, accomplishing nothing positive with it. Many spend more time on their cell phones than actually having human contact with their time.

The seventies movie, "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" was the movie when Sean Penn (Jeff Spicoli) orders pizza in Mr. Hand's classroom. When Mr. Hand makes the statement about no eating food on his time Jeff comes back saying in reality...it is their time not just Mr. Hand's time.

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### Important Phone Numbers

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Mr. Hand then gives a slice of pizza to everyone in the room except for Jeff Spicolli. Mr. Hand says, "you're right, it is our time, everyone enjoy the pizza".

This is our time, well sort of. Just as everything we have is ours to enjoy so is our time. It is not without end on earth. We need to balance our time with family and friends and not be so consumed with devices that have no personality.

If you can't make it to church for whatever reason please enjoy the service on Facebook, but we do miss you and will move anyone who has taken your favorite spot in the church to get you back live and in person. pjh

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### **Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church** **Congregational Council Meeting of August 18, 2023**

Council Members Present: Toni Hadden, Chuck McCallar, Lisa Neville, Pat Sparks, Drew Schwalbe, Bill Wiggins, Andy Foose, and Mickie Waldhauer. Also present: Pastor Hartmann and Donald Martin Absent: Christian Flathman. Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:02. Drew Schwalbe gave the Devotion. June meeting Minutes were approved via email and submitted for Epistle publication.

**Pastor's Report:** Report attached. Highlights include during summer were visitations in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. Also conducted funerals for John Waldhauer, Rita Monson, Marian Barnard, and Robert Schunemann. Also, Rite of Confirmation for Reagan Barnard and Baptisms for Madeline Helen Rydzik, Clara Marie Mell and Cameron Charley Conway. Attended mini bible school held at Skidaway Island UGA Aquarium for kids at Safe Shelter. BBQ & Music with Ryan and Sarah and Lutheran World Relieve Spaghetti Dinner were well attended.

Trip was great to Korea and Japan. Will travel to Spokane, Washington for a 4-day trip.

**Director of Music:** Written Report submitted. The choir resumed practice on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca received her Master's in Music diploma from Wesleyan College.

Donald reported that he will send out a letter to the congregation on the state of our congregational finances for the first half of the year.

**Treasurer:** Report Attached. To date bank balance of \$14,883.55 in checking for operations. Endowment Accounts \$1,053,842.60 (down due to Market fluctuating). Cash Endowment Account is \$203,219.79 (additional roof reserve and operational contingency funding).

Day Care balances: operation account \$82,748.09; savings \$80,204.02. Daycare attendance is +/- 58 due to 4-year-olds graduating, normal for this time of year.

Facebook Service viewing continues to be strong with Offerings received in mail. Really need in-person attendance to increase during the Fall to have any relief in Offerings shortfall so that monies will not have to be moved from the savings to the operating accounts to meet expenses. Offerings needed weekly are \$8,600 for expenses and to breakeven.

**Property:** Per Donald's report: Continuing to address steeple leaks, upper roof fascia boards are creating the problem. Hoffner Hall bathroom repairs are underway from spring roof leak issues in that area. RPI Roofing has reported that the gym roof is past the "patch" stage and replacement/resurfacing will need to take place in the coming months with a cost proposal in process.

A defibrillator will be installed in gym by Billy Sparks & company this weekend.

Pat Sparks reported that the rear portion of the fence of courtyard has a hole. Toni Hadden will check with Richard Wolf to update the gate/fence repair situation.

Andy Foose is still planning a "Congregation" workday to handle minor repairs throughout the property when the weather turns cooler.

**Social Ministry:** Bill reported the Fellowship events Music & BBQ with Sarah Poole & Ryan Taito and the annual WELCA spaghetti dinner & talent show were well attended.

Pat Sparks and Mickie Waldhauer reported that WELCA packed and has ready for shipment 21 quilts, 10 personal care kits, 8 sewing kits, and 65 school kits.

**Old Business:** Covered in previous reports above.

**New Business:** More events to follow in the Fall include the wedding of Hillary Green, the wedding of Emma Martin, covered dish for congregation on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and Congregation Meeting at both services with Thanksgiving lunch served after 11:00 service on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Hopes are to arrange Shut-in Basket deliver also on November 19<sup>th</sup> after lunch.

Also, Tri Church is in the planning stage for this year to be held either December 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>,

Donald announced that Steven Branyon, former organist for St. Paul's, will retire from St. John's Episcopal Church September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congregational wishes to Steven in God's Speed & Blessings on his retirement to take care of his mother.

There being no further Business meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M. with Pastor giving a prayer.

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

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b> Sydney Oetgen 9/6 Marlene Kolso 9/17					1	2
<b>3 Pentecost 14</b> 8:30 A Patriotic Service 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Patriotic Service	<b>4 Labor Day</b> Church office closed	5	6 6:00 P Choir	7 9:00 A Craft Group	8 12:00 Noon Etc/ Wayfarers	9
<b>10 Pentecost 15</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	11	12	13 6:00 P Choir	14 9:00 A Craft Group	15	16
<b>17 Pentecost 16</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	18	19	20 6:00 P Choir	21 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30P Exec.Comm. 6:00P Church Council	22 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	23 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail out by the following Wednesday.
<b>24 Pentecost 17</b> Christmas in July 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	25	26	27 6:00 P Choir	28 9:00 A Craft Group	29	30

## **September Altar Guild**

8:30 Lisa Gnann/Becky Truluck

11:00 Candy Green/Alison Gaudry

## **Communion Assistants**

8:30

Janet Gnann

Lisa Gnann

11:00

Gene Henry

Lisa Neville

## **Lectors**

8:30

Sept 3

Bill Wiggins

Sept 10

Charlie Schafer

Sept 17

Ricky Truluck

Sept 24

Kelley Cale

11:00

Chuck McCallar

Emma Martin

Dave Fulton

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

# WELCA

## DID YOU KNOW?

**PACK** (People of Action Caring for Kids) needs 10,000 encouragement cards EVERY month to put one in each bag given to precious children in need. If you can help with this, pre-cut cards and instructions/examples are located on the table in the Narthex. Please take some, then bring the completed cards back to the box provided on the table. Thank you so much! The little things make such a difference!

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## *Prayer Requests*

**Our Prayers are requested for:** Algernon John Baptiste, 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, Rev. Oddie C Luckett, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Leonora Reid, Mac Salter, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Terry Sheldahl, Isabelle Shearouse, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Marilyn Stemsrud, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.

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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th ■ 12:00 NOON**  
**Hoffner Hall**

**Baked Ham & Drinks Provided**

Please Bring A Favorite to Share As We Gather Together  
For Our Monthly Congregational Event

**STATISTICS****ATTENDANCE**

07/30/2023	8:30 A	34
	11:00 A	40
08/06/2023	8:30 A	30
	11:00 A	52
08/13/2023	8:30 A	45
	11:00 A	55
08/20/2023	8:30 A	45
	11:00 A	56
08/27/2023	8:30 A	46
	11:00 A	50

**STEWARDSHIP****OFFERING**

07/30/2023	Current	\$ 8,063.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
08/06/2023	Current	\$ 4,456.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
08/13/2023	Current	\$ 4,735.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
08/20/2023	Current	\$ 7,529.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	225.00
08/20/2023	Current	\$ 7,353.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00

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