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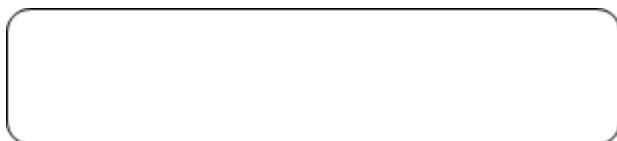
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09/17/2023	8:30 A	41
	11:00 A	55
09/24/2023	8:30 A	39
	11:00 A	58

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

09/03/2023	Current	\$ 3,810.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
09/10/2023	Current	\$ 10,916.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	100.00
09/17/2023	Current	\$ 2,617.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	350.00
09/24/2023	Current	\$ 2,909.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00

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Note From The Pastor



Football is back on every level. With the new transfer portal in college play it's hard to keep track of who is playing for what team. So many players have been around forever because of extended time granted because of COVID. Vince Vaughn made the comment on college game day that one teams players were so old they were already applying for reverse mortgages.

Colorado has come crashing to earth after a storybook start under Deon Sanders and Clemson will be playing a bowl game before Christmas if they continue to lose.

A commercial during one of the games featured a little girl talking about her busy week. School, dance classes, soccer but on Sunday that was her day to do whatever she wanted.

It unfortunately wasn't going to Church.

Stadiums are full of excited fans and that is great but what's wrong with this picture when the parents of the little girl don't get her to add one more hour to her busy week.

Going to Church is a habit. A good one. Until she can drive her herself perhaps mom and dad can start a good habit for her that will change her life for the better. Pjh

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Important Phone Numbers

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Announcements

October Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 11am.

Confirmation is back on Sundays at 9:45am in the Chapel starting 1 October.

Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Congregational Council Meeting of September 21, 2023

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

Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:05. Drew Schwalbe gave the Devotion.

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

Pastor's Report: Report attached. Highlights include Pastors Meeting, visitations in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, Wayfarers luncheon. Also conducted wedding for Hillary Green & Justin Adams.

Confirmation will resume on Sundays at 9:45am in the Chapel. Bible Study will also be back on Wednesdays in October at 11:00am.

Pastor will be moving Sarah to Denver October 12th -17th. Bill Wiggins will give the Sermon October 15th.

Pastor announced that Terry Sheldahl passed away 9/18 and AJ Lungwitz passed away 9/21. Also Marlis Frostad has moved to the The Social and Hospice has been called for Nancy Flood.

Director of Music: Written Report submitted and reviewed in Donald's absence. The choir is preparing for the upcoming seasonal music. The choir attendance is the lowest in many years.

Treasurer: Report Attached. Bank balance of \$7,865.21 is in checking for operations, to date \$38,000 has been transferred from Savings to make up shortfalls. Cash Savings balance \$32,678.16, Synovus PPA acct \$8,000. Endowment Accounts \$1,061,775.870 (up due to Market fluctuating). Cash Endowment Account is \$205,331.59 (additional roof reserve and operational contingency funding).

Day Care balances: operation account \$74,107.25; savings \$80,206.04, Synovus (PPA Acct) \$1,500. Daycare attendance is +/- 60 with a waiting list for newborns.

“Operation Christmas Child” Shoebox Drive Starts October 1st...



Our Prayers are requested for: Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Jennifer & Rob Campbell, Nancy Flood, Virginia Huber, Connie Jones, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Dottie Kraft, John I. Lanier, Ann Lariscy, Rev. Oddie C Lockett, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Betty Miles, Leonora Reid, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Shearouse, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Marilyn Stemsrud, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.



**Come Join Our Day Care For...
HALLOWEEN TRUNK or TREAT
“Box Dinners” On Friday Afternoon
October 27th ... 4pm - 6pm
Hamburger or Hot Dog w Fixin’s
Chips & A Cookie**

October Altar Guild

8:30 Lynn Wood/Lisa Gnann
11:00 Becky Truluck/Dottie Kraft

Communion Assistants

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

Lectors

	8:30	11:00
Oct 1	Charlie Schafer	Chuck McCallar
Oct 8	Betsy Martin	Ricky Truluck
Oct 15	Lisa Gnann	Becky Truluck
Oct 22	Bill Wiggins	Matthew McClain
Oct 29	Kim Screen	Mary Gail Wolf

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

Altar Flowers

John Davis Florist will now be handling our altar arrangements. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar, please contact Sherill Martin, 912-677-6115 or 912-897-2822. If the date is available, the donor will be responsible for calling the florist prior to the date and making the payment.

Council minutes con't

Church Mutual, our insurance carrier, has cancelled 85% of all major insurance accounts in Chatham and surrounding coastal counties as of December 31, 2023. Donald is shopping insurance on a national level with a local commercial insurance broker to find coverage.

Property: Per Donald's report: Hoffner Hall bathroom is still experiencing flashing leaks, bathroom was flooded once again. Church AC is having issues due to the Boiler Igniter system.

Toni Hadden reported that Richard Wolf is orchestrating gate/fence repair situation. She also reported that Herman Grotheer, Jr. has offered to fund the refinishing of the church entrance doors in memory of his dad who refinished the doors. Richard Wolf is in search of someone to refinish the doors.

Andy Foose has set Saturday, October 28th as "Congregation" workday to handle minor repairs throughout the property. All hands will be needed.

Social Ministry: Bill distributed a report of fellowship events to date. Most have been well attended and enjoyed by those attending. More events forthcoming includes Trunk or Treat with the Day Care with church serving hamburgers & hot dogs, Thanksgiving Lunch, Family Advent Supper, Tri Church Event, Christmas Caroling, and in 2024 Fish Fry and Shrove Tuesday to date. Plan to attend all or one of these events!

Old Business: Covered in previous reports above.

New Business: Coat Drive will continue through October 2nd with Shoe Box campaign beginning October 1st. Council Meeting will be moved to October 26th due to absence of four members for the scheduled 19th meeting.

The Nominating Committee is assembling with Ricky Truluck, Kim Screen, Charlie Schafer, and Chris Heidt to secure a slate of nominees for council 2024-2027 term.

Also in Donald's report was a copy of Congregation letter sent to all members. The letter highlighted the financial situation of the church to date along with the concern for "in person" attendance. Our Congregation has many blessings which we can be proud of but we need everyone's smiling face in attendance to continue our Blessings.

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

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pentecost 18 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 9:45 A Confirmation 11:00 A Holy Communion	2	3	4 10:00 A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir 6:00 P Circle #19	5 9:00 A Craft Group	6	7
8 Pentecost 19 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 9:45 A Confirmation 11:00 A Holy Communion	9	10	11 10:00 A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir	12 9:00 A Craft Group	13	14
15 Pentecost 20 8:30 A Worship Service 9:45 A Sunday School 9:45 A Confirmation 11:00 A Worship Service	16	17	18 10:00 A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir	19 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30 P Exec Committee 6:00 P Church Council 6:00 P Wedding Rehearsal	20 * EPISTLE DEADLINE 6:00 Wedding	21
22 Pentecost 21 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 9:45 A Confirmation 11:00 A Holy Communion	23	24	25 10:00 A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir	26 9:00 A Craft Group	27	28
29 Reformation 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 9:45 A Confirmation 11:00 A Holy Communion	30	31	* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday		HAPPY BIRTHDAY... Charlie Smith 10/19 Doris Gladden 10/28	