| STATISTICS | ATTENDANCE |     |
|------------|------------|-----|
| 12/03/2023 | 8:30 A     | 37  |
|            | 11:00 A    | 53  |
| 12/10/2023 | 8:30 A     | 45  |
|            | 11:00 A    | 35  |
| 12/17/2023 | 8:30 A     | 31  |
|            | 11:00 A    | 29  |
| 12/24/2023 | 10:00 A    | 125 |
|            | 6:30 P     | 173 |
|            | 10:00 P    | 54  |

| <u>STEWARDSHIP</u> |                      | OFFERING |           |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| 12/03/2023         | Current              | \$       | 11,575.00 |
|                    | Invest in St. Paul's |          | 50.00     |
| 12/10/2023         | Current              | \$       | 4,880.00  |
|                    | Invest in St. Paul's |          | 100.00    |
| 12/17/2023         | Current              | \$       | 2,677.00  |
|                    | Invest in St. Paul's |          | 75.00     |
| 12/24/2023         | Current              | \$       | 3,975.00  |
|                    | Invest in St. Paul's |          | 600.00    |

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November 5, 2023

Note From The Pastor



#### Happy New Year!

We say the words as if just because we say it the year will be happy.

Of course, it depends where you live in the world whether your amount of happiness will be greater than your suffering.

If you are in North Korea, you might not even know you are suffering believing that everyone goes to bed hungry and cold.

If you are in the Mideast the fighting never seems to end.

If you are in the Ukraine can someone, please get rid of Putin so this senseless war can be over.

Happiness often depends on your health.

Happiness is affected by your relationships with others.

God certainly wants us to be happy and enjoy our time on this earth. What the new year brings depends not so much on what is going on around us but rather what is inside of us. In our hearts...Is Jesus there? Do you know you are loved, and can you share it?

We will hear the words "Happy New Year" and the fireworks will fill the sky.

If God is not present in our lives it will just be another new year without a chance of being truly happy. Pjh

> **Important Phone Numbers** Pastor Hartmann (Cell) 912-713-7145 Donald Martin (Cell) 912-659-8157 Like us on Facebook...Search "Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church" Email: <u>saintpauls@bellsouth.net</u> Instagram: @StPaulsLutheran

Annual Pet Blessing is on Saturday 13 January 2024 at 11am in Hoffner Hall.

Confirmation is back on Sunday 14 January at 9:45am in the Chapel.

No Wednesday Bible Study in January.



**Our Prayers are requested for:** Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Mike Hatfill, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Dottie Kraft, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Leonora Reid, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Shearouse, Mary Sikes, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.





May You Have a Blessed New Year

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11





# **January Altar Guild**

8:30 Patty Cannady Pat Sparks/Mickie Waldhour

# **Communion Assistants**

8:30

11:00

Information not available at this time

# Lectors

8:30 11:00 Jan 3 Jan 10 Information not available at this time Jan 17 Jan 24

### 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

<u>Altar Flowers</u> Sandfly Flower Shop will now be handling our altar arrangements. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar, please contact Sherill Martin, 912-677-6115. If the date is available, the donor will be responsible for calling the florist prior to the date and making the payment.

# Vanco E-Giving

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

Let us first begin by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards your church.

Your on-going contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our church and our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link: <u>https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJQW</u> or scan the QR code below with your smart phone and follow the link.

Whether you choose to give online, by mail or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

If you have any questions, please just ask and again, Thank You for all that you do for St. Paul's.

Blessings,

Donald Martin, Jr. Treasurer



| January 2024                                                                                                     |                                                   |         |                                              |                                                                                                                       |                           |                                                                                                                                              |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Sunday                                                                                                           | Monday                                            | Tuesday | Wednesday                                    | Thursday                                                                                                              | Friday                    | Saturday                                                                                                                                     |  |  |
|                                                                                                                  | 1<br>New Year's<br>Day<br>Church office<br>closed | 2       | <b>3</b><br>6:00 P Circle 19<br>6:00 P Choir | <b>4</b><br>9:00 A Craft Group                                                                                        | 5                         | 6                                                                                                                                            |  |  |
| 7 Epiphany /<br>Baptism of our Lord<br>8:30 A Holy Communion<br>9:45 A Sunday School<br>11:00 A Holy Communion   | 8                                                 | 9       | <b>10</b><br>6:00 P Choir                    | <b>11</b><br>9:00 A Craft Group.                                                                                      | 12<br>12:00 Etc/Wayfarers | <b>13</b><br>11:00 A Pet Blessing                                                                                                            |  |  |
| <b>14</b> Epiphany 2<br>8:30 A Holy Communion<br>9:45 A Sunday School/<br>Confirmation<br>11:00 A Holy Communion | 15                                                | 16      | <b>17</b><br>6:00 P Choir                    | <ul><li><b>18</b></li><li>9:00 A Craft Group</li><li>5:30 P Executive Comm</li><li>6:00 P Church Council</li></ul>    | 19                        | 20 * EPISTLE DEADLINE                                                                                                                        |  |  |
| 21 Epiphany 2<br>8:30 A Holy Communion<br>9:45 A Sunday School/<br>Confirmation<br>11:00 A Holy Communion        | 22                                                | 23      | <b>24</b><br>6:00 P Choir                    | 25<br>9:00 A Craft Group                                                                                              | 26                        | 27                                                                                                                                           |  |  |
| 28 Epiphany 2<br>8:30 A Holy Communion<br>9:45 A Sunday School/<br>Confirmation<br>11:00 A Holy Communion/       | 29                                                | 30      | <b>31</b><br>6:00 P Choir                    | * Articles for the Epistle<br>must be in the Church<br>Office to make the mail-<br>out by the following<br>Wednesday. |                           | HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!<br>Jean Camp 1/5<br>Al Schunemann 1/9<br>Ronald Brown 1/14<br>Alice Ann Dugger 1/17<br>Lynda Beam 1/28<br>Joan Martin 1/29 |  |  |