

STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

02/04/2023	8:30 A	34
	11:00 A	52
02/11/2024	8:30 A	41
	11:00 A	54
02/18/2024	8:30 A	38
	11:00 A	68
02/25/2024	10:00 A	48
	6:30 P	51

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

02/04/2024	Current	\$ 4,018.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
02/11/2024	Current	\$ 8,861.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
02/18/2024	Current	\$ 8,435.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	100.00
02/25/2024	Current	\$ 2,981.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	240.00

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Note From The Pastor



Much has been made against seeing Taylor Seift at the Chiefs games and the Super Bowl.

The cameras show her several times during the game after her boyfriend, Travis Kelsie, makes a touchdown or great play. He is of course a very good player so she will be shown a few times.

Famous people have been shown on the sidelines of basketball games, baseball games, and football games for decades. It's actually fun to see people's reactions who are connected in some way to the players.

Years ago, I was selected by Subaru to participate in an end of the third quarter shooting contest. It was in the old Chicago Stadium and Michael Jordan was on the sideline watching with his teammates.

I had 24 seconds to dribble the ball the length of the court and make two layups, a free throw, a shot from the top of the key, and then a three-point shot. If I made them all I would get a new Subaru Legacy. There was no room for a miss and the ball they gave me seemed to need some air. I had blue jeans on and started down the court making both layups and moving to the free throw line. My shot went in and out, so I had to do it again and made it. Then I went to the top of the key and made the shot. The crowd was going wild as dribbled the ball to the three-point line as time ran out. I won \$1000. People were high fiving me and Michael Jordan gave me a wing or maybe he had something in his eye. I'm going with the wink. They took my picture with Benny the Bull, and I found my way back to my seat for more cheers and high fives. The famous person on the sideline for my 24 seconds of basketball fame is world famous. He won't remember what I did on that day.

Taylor Swift in the crowd didn't affect the Super Bowl. Perhaps though, because she had a connection with a star player in Travis Kelsie he played better.

None of us were actually on the sidelines during Jesus's ministry on earth but because of the power of the Holy spirit it almost feels like we were. Hopefully we play the game of life with more love, forgiveness, and joy because of what Jesus taught and did for us to save the day and, if you will, the game.

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Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting of February 15, 2024

Council Members Present: Joey Barnard, Andy Foose, Janet Gnann, Chuck McCallar, Lisa Neville, Drew Schwalbe, Kim Screen, Bill Wiggins, and Richard Wolf. Also present: Donald Martin and Pastor Hartmann

Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:05 and Lisa Neville gave the Devotion.

Pastor's Report: Report attached. Highlights include visitations in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, Confirmation class continues Sundays at 9:45am in the Chapel. Fish Fry and Pancake Supper was well attended and delicious. Lenten Services will be held on Wednesdays in chapel at 11:00am. Will be out of town week of March 11th. Returning on March 15th in time for St. Patrick's parking on 16th.

Director of Music: Donald Martin reported that the Choir is gearing up for Easter season. Mike Hatfield will return to Choir.

Treasurer: Donald reported a current church's bank balance of \$6,748.20 is in checking for operations, investment cash balance \$203,024.96, and \$12,053.27 in savings. Endowment funds are currently at \$1,031,000.

Preschool's operations bank balance is \$10,157.19, savings balance \$27,208.77 and Synovus \$1,500. Due to lower enrollment, no payments were available to be made to church in January or February for insurance co-payments or utilities.

Preschool: Janet reported to date current enrollment is at 66 with 3 more students enrolled to begin in February and March. Staffing is at a total of 18. Enrollment is at a slow climb but is trending up.

Janet is meeting weekly with staff to evaluate costs and purchasing. In addition, she and Bill are working with staff to reorganize supply purchases and enroll more students. To ease in costs, preschool is changing food vendors and not replacing a teacher they lost.

February finds an In-Service Day Training/Workshop for teachers. Pre-planning begins for Spring activities/programs which includes the Spring Program and Easter Egg Hunt.

A note of gratitude is extended to the church members who assisted in cleaning the air filters. Makes a difference in the quality of air in the building.

Property: Donald reported that HVAC system in gym has reached its life expectancy. To repair the system estimate is \$17,000 and replacement cost is \$40,000. Tenants have been notified the air conditioning system will not be operational in the next 30 days. Also, gym will need a roof for a cost in excess of \$40,000.

NOTICE

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting after each service on Sunday, March 3, 2024, for the Business of voting to allow the Congregational Council to Place the Activities Building / Gym Property on the commercial real estate market for sale. This will be the only item of business on the agenda for the meeting.. For the Congregational Council, Donald Martin-Treasurer



Our Prayers are requested for: Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, Mike Hatfill, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, 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.

Announcements

Lenten Services will continue on Wednesdays at 11am in the Chapel.



Easter Brunch

March 31, 2024

9:45am

Be on the look out for the sign up sheet.

March Altar Guild

8:30 Lisa Gnann/Chris Heidt
11:00 Candy Green/Alison Gaudry

Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
Charlie Schafer	Pat Sparks
Gloria Brown	Toni Hadden

Easter 8:30 – Bill & George Wiggins, Charlie Schafer, Gloria Brown, David Fennell

11:00 – Richard Wolf, Garrison Hadden, Toni Hadden, Hunter & Julia Hadden

Lectors

	8:30	11:00
Mar 3	Melissa Flummerfelt	Mary Gail Wolf
Mar 10	Alan Cale	Chuck McCallar
Mar 17	Bill Wiggins	Robert Shuman
Mar 24	Palm Sunday Cantata	
Mar 28	Maundy Thursday – Betsy Martin	
Mar 31	Dianne Fennell	Carol Stemsrud

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 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.

Minutes cont.

Donald also reported that elevator in parish building is down due to an electrical surge, parts have been ordered. When the exact origin of the surge is determined he will check with “new” insurance company to see if repair expense is covered.

Richard reported that “clean up” Saturday held February 10th was well attended by 10 members which includes some newcomers to the workforce. Ceiling tiles were replaced, HVAC filters cleaned, and light bulbs changed throughout the facility. Joey Barnard reported hopes to schedule workdays every other month to assist in costs. Just the cleaning of the filters saves the church \$1500 for a HVAC company to perform the task.

Richard reported that paper filters in HVAC returns need to be replaced. Donald will shop around to find the best price.

Janet reported that preschool will pay for the cost of fixing ceiling in Ladies Room due to a leak from toilet above.

Social Ministry: Bill reported that fish fry attendance was 75 people with \$620 received from freewill Offering. Pancake dinner saw 46 people with \$217 collected for freewill offering. Freewill offering will rotate to cover each event. Next event will be in March with a Soup & Bingo Night also Easter Brunch on Easter morning. May will find an event for Mothers and June brings Pastor’s Play “Romeo and Juliet”. July will be BBQ with music provided by Sarah and Ryan, and August WELCA’s Spaghetti Dinner.

Old Business: Donald reported that an appraisal has been received for gym with a value of \$1,150,000. The appraiser recommends listing property at \$1,500,000 if the church decides to sell.

Finance and Executive Committees recommend calling a Congregational Meeting to take a vote as to whether St. Paul’s should sell the gym. Currently the income from the rentals DOES NOT cover the expenses and the facility is not used by the church. Donald also reported that the loan taken on the gym to cover former and past maintenance for the church facilities is coming due in the next few months.

Motion was made by Richard and seconded by Chuck for Council to call a Congregational Meeting for March 3rd to be held after both Services to decide if St. Paul’s should sell the gym property. Motion passed; a Meeting will be scheduled for March 3rd.

New Business: Volunteers will be needed to staff parking for St. Patrick’s Day parking on March 16th.

Congratulations were extended to Drew Schwalbe for being selected as STAR Teacher by Benedictine Military School’s STAR student William Shearouse.

There being no further Business meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M. with Pastor giving a prayer. Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Lisa B. Neville, Secretary

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Marlis Froistad 3/02 Billy Mintz 3/10 Leonora Reid 3/14 Virginia Henderson 3/22 Pat Laughlin 3/22 Betty Porter 3/25					1	2
3 Lent 3 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	4	5	6 11:00 A Lenten Service 6:00 P Choir	7 9:00 A Craft Group	8 12:00 Noon Etc/ Wayfarers	9
10 Lent 4 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	11	12	13 11:00 A Lenten Service 6:00 P Choir	14 9:00 A Craft Group	15	16
17 Lent 5 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	18	19	20 11:00 A Lenten Service 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.
24 Palm Sunday 8:30 A Choir Cantata 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Choir Cantata	25	26	27 6:00 P Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 9:00 A Craft Group 6:30 P Maundy Thursday Serv.	29 Good Friday 11:00 A Service 7:00 P Tenebrae Service	30 9:00 A Lilies in church
31 Easter 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Easter Breakfast 11:00 A Holy Communion						