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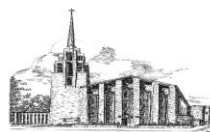
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STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

03/03/2024	Current	\$ 10,461.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
03/10/2024	Current	\$ 3,994.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	575.00
03/17/2024	Current	\$ 2,659.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
03/24/2024	Current	\$ 2,858.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	405.00

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St. Paul's Epistle

April 7, 2024

Note From The Pastor



Easter is early this year and by the time you read this it has already happened so hopefully you were with us for a great day celebrating Jesus rising from the tomb.

Maundy Thursday services and Good Friday also on the books and gone for a year.

The week before we celebrated Palm Sunday with our 20th cantata which was spectacular. Special thanks to Donald, Rebecca, the choir, Becky, and Charlie for narrating.

Did you give something up during the Lenten season that just cruised by?

What about Christmas? Are you still excited about the gifts you unwrapped from under the tree?

My tree is still up. A couple of years ago I left it up all year to remind me that it is Christmas every day. I like the lights especially at night even though some are not working as they once did.

Time goes by fast, and I as shared on Palm Sunday, we all are part of the parade. Some of us are on the floats, some walking or playing an instrument. Many are just watching as the excitement passes us by over and over again.

My brother and I saw a play years ago call "Merry-go-round". The lead song lines were "merry-go-round go round go round. Head in the sky, feet on the ground, same painted pony, same up and down, I've come for a ride on this Merry-go-round."

The point being life is cyclical. We experience events over and over again until our time comes and the ride on earth for us is over.

Christmas is the everyday gift of Jesus and his actions on Good Friday forgive us and the resurrection gives us eternal life.

Hopefully we can experience the entire ride and not just hop on at the end. Of course, the end is still heaven but think about what we missed along the way. pjh

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Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting of March 21, 2024

Council Members Present: Joey Barnard, Janet Gnan, Chuck McCallar, Lisa Neville, Kim Screen, Bill Wiggins, and Richard Wolf. Also present: Donald Martin and Pastor Hartmann Absent: Andy Foose and Drew Schwalbe. Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:05 and gave the Devotion.

Pastor's Report: Report attached. Highlights include visitations in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, Confirmation class continues. Wednesday Lenten Services in Chapel began. St. Patrick's Day Parking went well. Preparing for Palm Sunday Cantata, First Communion for Molly Boatright, and Holy Week. Play Practice for Romeo & Juliet will begin April 8th with performances on May 31st and June 2nd. June 2nd with have a catered meal at noon after 11:00 Service. Will travel to New Orleans April 4th & 5th to see Rachel's puppet show at the puppet festival there. Isabella Grace Ruehling's Baptism is on March 24th at 8:30 Service.

Director of Music: Donald Martin reported that the Choir is gearing up for Easter season. Cantata for Palm Sunday is a difficult piece but will be Exceptional! Placement of easter lilies in sanctuary will be Saturday before Easter at 8:00. Donald reported with a heavy heart that he had received a letter of resignation from Rebecca. She will be moving to Johnson City, Tennessee. Her last Sunday at St. Paul's will be June 30th. Plans are to have one 10:00am Service on June 30th with a lunch/reception served afterward. Donald and the Executive Committee will begin a search in April for a new organist. Full Brass is scheduled for Easter Sunday.

Treasurer: Donald reported a current church's bank balance of \$26,808 is in checking for operations but will reduce to \$9,000 after account payables are done. Moved \$15,000 from savings to pay bills during February and March. Our Endowment funds Advisor at Truist Bank has moved to another position. New Advisors are strong in working with non-profits.

Preschool's operations bank balance is \$11,568 after payroll and bills. This balance includes an annual tuition payment for one student in the amount of 8,900. The Preschool is functioning at a breakeven point with present enrollment and reducing expenses.

Donald also reported that the current loan on the gym has been extended for 90 days under the same terms.

Preschool: Janet reported to date current enrollment is at 71 with new enrollments scheduled by March end. At present Preschool is down two teachers with one on maternity leave and another quit unexpectedly. Janet also noted that the balance in Savings was not touched to pay expenses this month. Preschool plans Easter Egg Hunt March 28th as no school will be held March 29th. Pre-planning begins for solutions to cut down or alleviate costs for events planned. April will bring a "Gallery and Dinner Evening" with parents touring classes and have a Free Will offering dinner. Janet Thanked the church for Easter donations.



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

WELCA

For April WELCA is collecting monetary donations for the Fresh Air Home at Tybee Island. You can visit their website to see the history of and what this wonderful organization is all about. <https://thefreshairhometybee.org>

The Ebenezer Cluster meeting will be held at Jerusalem Lutheran Church on April 30th. Please make plans to attend.

Announcements

Play practice begins on Monday 8 April 2024 at 6pm.

Romeo and Juliet will be performed on Friday 31 May at 7pm and Sunday 2 June at 1pm with a catered meal at noon.

April Altar Guild

8:30 Becky Truluck/Kim Ambrose
11:00 Faye Lettow/Sydney Oetgen

Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
John Martin	Mike Hatfill
Sherill Martin	Richard Wolf

Lectors

	8:30	11:00
Apr 7	Bill Wiggins	Matthew McClain
Apr 14	Kim Screen	Gene Henry
Apr 21	Charlie Schafer	Chuck McCallar
Apr 28	Lisa Gnann	Emma Levy

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.

Property: Pastor thanked Bill Wiggins, Andy Foose, Billy Sparks for assisting in St. Patrick's parking. A total of \$2,109.35 was collected. The proceeds will go towards cleaning up and making repairs at the northeast side of the church building where a homeless man damaged the building. Police have been notified that if the homeless man returns to take action to remove him. City of Savannah has sent a letter that we have a deadline to clean up the mess created by the homeless man. Any remaining Parking monies will be donated to Haiti.

The congregation voted Yes to move forward with selling the Gym property/building. Donald reported that two developers have been in contact with him. One developer has requested a 30-day window prior to property going on the market to decide to purchase property. During that time the developer will present an ongoing plan for building and parking lot to benefit church with a residential build on our end of the parking lot. Offers accepted for the property will begin at \$1.150,000. Council agreed to request. Janet asked if current tenants in gym have been notified of our plans. Donald stated they notification will go out April 1st stating our plans for the building with notification that we will not repair the roof or HVAC problems, but they are welcome to remain in the building until a sale is processed. No bookings will be accepted after May 1st.

Gratitude was expressed to Fran for finding the HVAC filter maintenance lists for all equipment. Filters have been ordered, delivered and an installation day will be scheduled for an upcoming Saturday.

Richard also reported that the leak in Hoffner Hall ladies' room is due to exterior stucco damage. A structural person will inspect all roof areas where leaks have occurred to determine the best possible fix.

Social Ministry: Bill reported that 26 attended Soup & Bingo Night with \$97 made. Janet Gnann is handling Easter Bunch planning. Chuck McCallar has volunteered to organize Mother/Daughter event on Mother's Day instead of WELCA, as mothers, having to plan their own tea. Hopes are to have a reception in Hoffner Hall instead of a sidewalk tea with heavy hors devours. June will bring Play performances, July BBQ & Music by Sarah and Ryan, and August WELCA Lutheran World Relief Spaghetti Dinner.

Old Business: Covered in aforementioned reports.

New Business: Also covered in aforementioned reports.

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

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00 P Circle 19	4 9:00 A Craft Group	5	6
7 Easter 2 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School/ 11:00 A Holy Communion	8	9	10 6:00 P Choir	11 9:00 A Craft Group.	12 12:00 Etc/Wayfarers	13
14 Easter 3 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School/ 11:00 A Holy Communion	15	16	17 6:00 P Choir	18 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30 P Executive Comm 6:00 P Church Council	19	20 * EPISTLE DEADLINE
21 Easter 4 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School/ 11:00 A Holy Communion	22	23	24 6:00 P Choir	25 9:00 A Craft Group	26	27
28 Easter 5 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School/ 11:00 A Holy Communion/	29	30		* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday.		HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Jean Wise 4/13 Florence Brown 4/14 George Martin, Sr 4/17 Ann Lariscy 4/21