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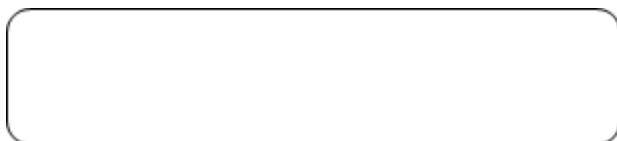
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	11:00 A	41
04/21/2024	8:30 A	34
	11:00 A	55

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

03/31/2024	Current	\$ 7,090.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
04/07/2024	Current	\$ 5,638.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
04/14/2024	Current	\$ 7,660.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
04/21/2024	Current	\$ 1,358.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	115.00

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St. Paul's Epistle

May 5, 2024

Note From The Pastor



Pentecost Sunday is 19 May 2024 – Wear Red

Speaking of Pentecost, we often call it the birthday of the church because without the Holy Spirit touching the disciples, they wouldn't be able to share the news of Jesus, and the message would have died when the last of them (John) died.

Martin Luther would say, "I can't by my own mind come to understand the good news about Jesus, but only through the power of the Holy Spirit does any of it make sense."

That Spirit gives each of us the ability to believe a message that on the surface seems crazy.

The Spirit gives us the ability to share the Good News of Jesus to others who perhaps aren't sure if God loves them.

The Spirit is always positive! Pjh

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Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting of April 18, 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 6:03. Andy Foose gave Devotion.

Pastor's Report: Report attached. Highlights include visitations in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, First Communion for Molly Boatright was held on Easter Sunday. Officiated funeral for Judy Roughton. Play Practice for Romeo & Juliet began April 8th with performances on May 31st and June 2nd. June 2nd will have a catered meal at noon after 11:00 Service.

Director of Music: Donald Martin reported that the Choir was extraordinary this Easter season with the difficult Cantata for Palm Sunday and all extra Services. Donald reported that a search has been launched for Rebecca's replacement. He has begun interviews with several possible candidates. A lunch reception is planned for Rebecca's last Sunday which will be one 10:00 Service on June 30th. He also has a possible candidate to fill the Alto position open in the choir. Hopes are to reorganize the Handbell Choir for the Fall. Choir will be in robes through July 5th. Licenses for broadcasting Services and printing of hymns in Bulletins have been renewed for another year.

Treasurer: Donald reported a current church's bank balance of \$26,743.32 in checking for operations which includes \$10,000 transferred from Savings for bill payments. Savings balance to date is \$51,503. Donald and Bill Wiggins have met with our new financial advisors for the Endowment funds at Truist Wealth Services.

Preschool's operations bank balance is \$9,947 and Savings \$36,101. No funds have been moved in a few months to cover expenses.

Donald also reported that the several investors have expressed interest in purchasing the gym property. A solid written offer is expected in May with hopes of a closing in June.

Preschool: Janet reported to date current enrollment is at 71 with a confirmed Infant spot to be added in May. The transition to different food suppliers is going well. Preschool is having an Art Show/ Spaghetti Dinner on April 19th. Their Spring Program will be May 17th.

Janet's concern at year close is for the loss of students in the 4-year-old class which occurs every year. Plans are for Preschool to resume making insurance and utility payments to church soon which were suspended in January due to operational shortfalls.



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

During May and June WELCA will be collecting monetary donations for PACK and for the Craft Group Quilt fund. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated and are a worthwhile cause.

PACK - People of Action Caring for Kids, keeps children provided with food and necessities during the summer months while they are not at school.

Announcements

Play practice continues for Romeo and Juliet. See Pastor if you are interested in performing.

Mark your calendar for **Romeo and Juliet** our Spring musical. It will be performed on Friday 31 May at 7pm and Sunday 2 June at 1pm with a free catered meal at noon. As always, the play is free!

May Altar Guild

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

Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
Chris Conway	Chuck McCallar
Janet Gnann	Jared McCallar

Lectors

	8:30	11:00
May 5	Betsy Martin	Mary Gail Wolf
May 12	Kelley Cale	Rick Gnann
May 19	Bill Wiggins	Melissa Flummerfelt
May 26	Charlie Schafer	Chuck McCallar

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: Richard Wolf thanked all who worked on the past Saturday workday. Just changing the HVAC filters saves the church \$1,000. Another workday will be scheduled soon.

Richard has met with RPI Roofing and has found the source of leaks in Hoffner Hall. He will also have a structural inspection done on the wall cracks on the exterior of the Hoffner Hall facility.

Social Ministry: Janet reported that 75 attended the Easter Brunch with proceeds of \$225 after expenses given to the church. Chuck McCallar is organizing Mother/Daughter event on Mother's Day. Plans are to have a reception in Hoffner Hall with heavy hors d'oeuvres. June will bring Play performances, July BBQ & Music by Sarah and Ryan, and August WELCA Lutheran World Relief Spaghetti Dinner.

Bill also reported that our food pantry has been inspected by the Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia for continued food purchases at their facility. SHCG announced that they are ending the partnership for food purchasing with us with the following explanations: Duplicated service to Savannah Summit support as they are already receiving support from SHCG; We must show evidence of uses of items from SHCG; Our lack of records of households receiving food from our pantry; The distribution of food bags were not advertised at Savannah Summit; Unsecure storage of SHCG products at church; Evidence of chemicals stored near food storage in pantry. Bill is following up with SHCG on these allegations.

Old Business: Covered in aforementioned reports.

New Business: Bill reported that he has been approached by a Presbyterian church whose members split from their congregation regarding holding Sunday evening Services in our sanctuary. Recommendation is that we do not approve for the summer months' request.

Safe Shelter's mini Bible school will be June 28th at Skidaway Island State Park Shelter with a program, tour of aquarium, and lunch planned.

There being no further Business meeting adjourned at 7:00pm with Pastor giving a prayer.

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

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! Louise Grotheer 5/13 Jacob Paulsen 5/20 Carl Lettow 5/22			1 6:00 P Choir 6:00 P Circle 19	2 9:00A Craft Group	3	4
5 Easter 6 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	6	7	8 6:00 P Choir	9 9:00A Craft Group	10 11:00 A Etc/ Wayfarers	11
12 Easter 7 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	13	14	15 6:00 P Choir	16 9:00A Craft Group 5:30P Exec.Comm. 6:00P Church Council	17	18
19 Pentecost 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	20	21	22 6:00 P Choir	23 9:00A Craft Group	24 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	25 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out.
26 Holy Trinity 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	27 Memorial Day Church office closed	28	29 11:00A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir	30 9:00A Craft Group	31 7:00P Romeo & Juliet Play	