

**STATISTICS**

**ATTENDANCE**

06/30/2024	11:00 A	75
07/07/2024	8:30 A	19
	11:00 A	37
07/14/2024	8:30 A	29
	11:00 A	51
07/21/2024	8:30 A	32
	11:00 A	38

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERING**

06/02/2024	Current	\$ 7,238.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
07/07/2024	Current	\$ 3,924.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
07/14/2024	Current	\$ 5,208.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
07/21/2024	Current	\$ 7,430.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	200.00

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# St. Paul's Epistle

August 4, 2024

## Note From The Pastor



First let me say how much I miss everyone. I've been a pastor for over 42 years, 20 of them in Savannah and this is so not fun. I couldn't reenact the fall if I tried a million times. The girls say I made some great choices in Europe and the staff (which was wonderful at St. Joseph's) loved seeing all the places they were experiencing. As you all know I am a very hyper person, and it is difficult to be patient and follow instructions to take it slow. The pain has lessened greatly, and I do my exercises twice a day. It's great being here with El and Sarah is still here for a day or so. My brother and a friend will be coming to stay with me in the next few weeks. God didn't do this to me, I just tripped. My plan is to be back in action by Rally Day. Thank you for all your prayers and cards and food. I really appreciate your support. Pjh

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**Important Phone Numbers**

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**Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Meeting of June 20, 2024**

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

Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:10. Kim gave Devotion.

**Pastor's Report:** Report attached. Highlights include home, hospital, and nursing home visits. Conducted a pre-marriage counseling, and the funeral for Lenora Reid. Romeo & Juliet play went well. Attended Wayfarers. Pastor requested a Vision plan be added to his health care plan as girls will be coming off health plan as of June 30, 2024. Pastor and girls will be traveling to Europe July 1-11. Bill Wiggins will cover missed Service on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Director of Music:** Donald Martin reported that the Choir is in Spring mode. The choir will come out of robes on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Organ will go into maintenance through July to upgrade. With Rebecca leaving June 30<sup>th</sup>, James and Donald will rotate playing. New organist to begin August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Treasurer:** Donald reported a current church's bank balance of \$12,586.97 in checking for operations with bills paid. Monies transferred from Savings since May amount to approx. \$20,000. Endowment funds balance is \$957,137.42 with \$150,951 in Cash reserves.

Preschool's operations bank balance is \$7297.43 and Savings \$16101.80. \$15,000 has been moved from the Savings to liquidate the \$15,973 remaining from the Grant to benefit staff and families.

Donald also reported a Letter of Intent to purchase the gym has been signed with a 90-day option. The buyer paid a \$10,000 Earnest Money Deposit. Hopes are to have a 60 to 90 day close prior to September 1, 2024. Tenants have all vacated the gym and rents are paid. Contact will be made with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to offer the gym floor and weights for purchase.

The back taxes Georgia Department of Labor billed the church have been researched back through 2014 by Fran. Out of the possible \$30,000 billed as owed to the State, the bill was reduced to \$152.00 as Fran found State's errors.

*Prayer Requests*

**Our Prayers are requested for:** Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Pastor Hartmann, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Al Schunemann, Sandy Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Shearouse, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, and Melissa Waller.



**Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show  
And Silent Auction**

**To Benefit  
Lutheran World & Disaster Relief  
St Paul's Bereavement Committee  
St. Paul's Craft Group  
Sponsored by WELCA**

**Everyone is invited, Please Come!**

**Sunday, August 11th  
5:00 pm**

**Dinner is FREE  
But a Monetary Donation  
to Send Lutheran World & Disaster Relief  
Would be Great!**

**Reservations can be made by  
Signing Up in the Narthex or  
Call Mary Gail Wolf at (912)657-7049**

Hope to see you for  
una grande cena e notte di talento  
(a great dinner and talent night)  
*Amore!*  
**YOUR WELCA LADIES**

## OUR UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday July 21** - Service of the Word 8:30 & 11:00

**Sunday July 28** - Service of the Word 8:30 & 11:00

**Sunday August 4 - Holy Communion 8:30 & 11:00**

With Rev. Jill Henning, ELCA Acting Bishop

**Sunday August 11** - Service of the Word 8:30 & 11:00

**Sunday August 18** - Service of the Word 8:30 & 11:00

**Sunday August 25** - Service of the Word 8:30 & 11:00

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## LABOR DAY SUNDAY HOLIDAY WORSHIP

**SEPTEMBER 1st WILL BE ONE 10 AM SERVICE...**

*Of Lessons and Carols through The Church Year  
in the Sanctuary with the Choir.*

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**RALLY DAY SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 8th**

**8:30 & 11:00 WORSHIP**

*With Holy Communion &*

*A Covered Dish Lunch at 12 PM*

*In Hoffner Hall.*



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**Preschool:** Janet reported to date current enrollment is at 72 with new toddlers beginning in June and July. Upcoming events for the Preschool include organizing small low-cost activities to keep the children active and excited. Summer break is July 1-5 with school closed and staff paid during this week. Staff is reorganizing class format for upcoming fiscal year and collaborating with a parent to offer an additional enrichment program which currently includes a small violin exploration class in July. Also, in 2025 possibility to offer a program for 3-4 year olds during the summer school break.

**Property:** Richard Wolf reported that steeple shade vent has been installed to prevent blowing rain coming into steeple tower. Also roof caps have been installed on Hoffner Hall. Plans are to have another Saturday workday soon with Andy Foose coordinating. Richard also reported that he has made a connection with a fire department coordinator who can hopefully assist in reversing fines charged for false fire alarms to our buildings.

**Social Ministry:** Bill reported that approx. 60 attended in Preschool Spaghetti Dinner, Mini Vacation Bible class for Safe Shelter will be July 10<sup>th</sup>, Romeo & Juliet had approx. 90 in attendance. More events to come will be June 30<sup>th</sup> a farewell reception for Rebecca, July 16<sup>th</sup> will have music and BBQ in the courtyard, August 11<sup>th</sup> WELCA Spaghetti dinner & Silent Auction with Sara Poole providing additional entertainment, Rally Day with Lunch Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Preschool Trunk or Treat October 25<sup>th</sup>, Congregational Meeting & Covered Dish Lunch November 24<sup>th</sup>, Tri Church Festival December 8<sup>th</sup>, also in December 1<sup>st</sup> our Advent Family Night and Caroling.

**Old Business:** Covered in aforementioned reports.

**New Business:** None.

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

## WELCA

During July & Aug WELCA will be collecting monetary donations for the Magdalene Project, a part of the Union Mission in Savannah. The Magdalene Project was established in 1990 and is a twenty (20) bed emergency shelter for homeless women and their children. The shelter program provides participants with a stable environment and the supportive services necessary to be successful in supporting their families.

We will also be collecting to add to our annual Lutheran World Relief donations. We usually contribute personal care kits, quilts, fabric kits and school kits. Our annual spaghetti dinner August 11th will be the last opportunity for these contributions for LWR.

If you would like to read more information about either of these on-line go to: [www.facebook.com/groups/MothersForMag](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MothersForMag) or [lwr.org](http://lwr.org)

# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Happy Birthday</b> Maybess Disher 8/4 Linda Larson 8/5 Harriett Hammond 8/10 Renate Ranson 8/19 Carolyn Hoffner 8/21 Ruth Collins 8/27 Faye Lettow 8/29				<b>1</b>  9:00 A Craft Group	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Pentecost 11</b>  8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  11:00 A Bible Study  6:00 P Circle #19	<b>8</b>  9:00 A Craft Group	<b>9</b>  12:00 Noon Etc./Wayfarers	<b>10</b>  * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday.
<b>11 Pentecost 12</b>  8:30 A Service of the Word 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Service of the Word	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  6:00 P Choir	<b>15</b>  9:00 A Craft Group  5:30 P Exec. Comm 6:00 P Church Council	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Pentecost 13</b>  8:30 A Service of the Word 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Service of the Word	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  6:00 P Choir	<b>22</b>  9:00 A Craft Group	<b>23</b>  <b>*Epistle Deadline</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Pentecost 14</b>  8:30 A Service of the Word 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Service of the Word	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  6:00 P Choir	<b>29</b>  9:00 A Craft Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>





# We Welcome In August...

**Jared Hall, Musician / Organist**

Born and raised in Iowa and cutting his teeth in Austin, TX, Jared Hall has performed and worked throughout the United States as a keyboardist, singer, and music educator. His

style of playing includes a wide spectrum of sounds including; blues, boogie-woogie, honky-tonk, folk, country, rock, church music, and classical.

Throughout his career, he has performed at The Austin City Limits Music Festival, South By Southwest Music Festival, North By Northeast Music Festival, Kerrville Folk Festival, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, The Savannah Jazz Festival, and with the Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra.

As an educator, Jared has been trained in Kodaly, Orff, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, and most recently trained in Modern Band with Music Will/Little Kids Rock. He has taught piano and early childhood music classes with the Austin Community Music School/Austin Lyric Opera's Music Together in Austin, TX, Savannah Music Festival's Musical Explorers program in partnership with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute. Jared has taught summer music classes with the Savannah Philharmonic Orchestra and conducted several of his own music workshops. He recently conducted the Elementary Honor Choir for the District 1 GMEA Honor Chorus. Jared is currently the Elementary Music Specialist at Esther F. Garrison School for the Visual and Performing Arts.

Jared is an Official Member of the Family of Artists at Hammond Organ USA. He is also a voting member of the Recording Academy of the Grammy Awards. He is an active member of the National Association for Music Education and the Georgia Music Education Association.

Jared is married to Emily Grunstad Hall and they have two elementary school age children, June (10) and Graham (7). Jared's first Sunday as our organist will be August 4<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the St. Paul's Music Department and more importantly, welcome to our Church Family.

## August Altar Guild

8:30 Patty Cannady

11:00 Faye Lettow & Sydney Oetgen

## Communion Assistants

8:30

Jim Ward

Michelle Ward

11:00

Toni Hadden

Richard Wolf

## Lectors

8:30

August 4

August 11

August 18

August 25

Melissa Flummerfelt

Charlie Schafer

Lisa Gnann

Emma Levy

11:00

Carol Stemsrud

Chuck McCallar

Dave Fulton

Robert Shuman

## 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.