



# St. Paul's Epistle

September 1, 2024

STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE	
07/28/2024	8:30 A	26
	11:00 A	32
08/04/2024	8:30 A	24
	11:00 A	50
08/11/2024	8:30 A	22
	11:00 A	31
08/18/2024	8:30 A	33
	11:00 A	42
08/25/2024	8:30 A	22
	11:00 A	34

STEWARDSHIP	OFFERING	
07/28/2024	Current	\$ 1,079.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	25.00
08/04/2024	Current	\$ 3,894.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
08/11/2024	Current	\$ 1,579.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	75.00
08/18/2024	Current	\$ 2,759.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	50.00
08/25/2024	Current	\$ 1,970.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	175.00

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## Word from Our Pastor

I can't wait to get back to you all at St. Paul's on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

I move a little slower, but I still talk fast so it should balance out.

Over the last several weeks I've been watching more events on TV than usual. When my friend Richard was in town from Kansas, I got him hooked on Preacher. My brother and I watched nearly every Olympic event and Sarah, and I watched the democratic convention. I just finished watching the Little League World Series with Florida winning in extra innings over my beloved Taiwan.

Preacher is obviously a written story with winners and losers. In the case of this drama the entire town lost except Preacher, Tulip, who wanted some French fries, a vampire and Eugene who was visiting hell.

The Olympics had some unbelievable drama the best being the US Women's Rugby team that was losing with eight seconds left when a player for the US team broke a tackle and ran the length of the field for a bronze medal.

The funniest part of the convention was James Taylor being bumped because of time and later changed the words to one of his songs on a late-night show.

The Little League game went into extra innings and ended on a wild play where the Taiwanese pitcher threw the ball to first base but no one was there to catch it. (continued inside)

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### Pastor cont.

Life is full of moments that we can't always control. All God asks us to do is make choices that show love for those around us. At the end of the World Series the kids from Florida hugged the kids from Taiwan. That is the most important thing that happened in victory and defeat. pjh

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

Council Members Present: Joey Barnard , Andy Foose, Janet Gnann, Chuck McCallar, Lisa Neville, Drew Schwalbe, Bill Wiggins, and Richard Wolf. Also present: Donald Martin Absent: Kim Screen and Pastor Hartmann Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:00. Drew gave Devotion.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor still recovering from fall and is healing well.

**Director of Music:** Donald Martin reported that the Choir is back in session from summer break. The choir will return to robes on Rally Day. Organ maintenance is nearing completion. Our new Organist, Jared Hall, has started. Donald reported that Jared is a good fit for the choir, was impressed on choir's singing, and he comes with a good spirit.

**Treasurer:** Donald reported a current church's bank balance of \$2,011.77 in checking for operations with bills paid. Anticipates transferring monies from Savings for week of August 19<sup>th</sup> expenses. Endowment funds balance is \$930,003.76 with \$110,000-\$115,000 in Cash reserves. **Preschool's** operations bank balance is \$11,818.72 and Savings \$8,004.02. No monies have been moved for the past three to four weeks from Savings. The remaining monies from the Grant to benefit staff and families will be used for tuition payments through December at each family's selecting. Donald also reported an anticipated closing date for the gym sale should be received any time as the Purchaser has satisfied all requirements. Approval is now pending with the Small Business Administration.

**Preschool:** Janet Gnann reported to date current enrollment is at 63 with new students beginning in August and September. Plans are beginning for Fall activities, reorganization for upstairs class format, and a parent has collaborated for an additional enrichment program with the Violin.

**Property:** Roof Leaks are better. Only two new leaks were found in the sanctuary roof from TS Debby. No leaks were found in Hoffner Hall or the Ladies Room in Hoffner Hall. Billy Sparks & company began stripping the plaster ceiling in narthex and found mesh wire had rusted creating the necessity to remove a section of the ceiling which will be replaced when leaks have stopped. Richard Wolf volunteered to relocate the Defibrillator from gym before the sale to Hoffner Hall. Plans are to have another Saturday workday, possibly September 14th with Andy Foose coordinating. Janet reported that she has installed a whiteboard in the office for tasks to be listed for the workday as requested by Day Care staff.

## 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.

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## Rally Day Sunday

## September 8<sup>th</sup>

## 8:30 & 11:00 worship

**With Holy Communion &  
Covered Dish Lunch  
At 12:00 P in Hoffner Hall**

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## September Altar Guild

8:30 Becky Truluck & Lisa Gnann  
11:00 Candy Green & Alison Gaudry

## Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
Gloria Brown	Mike Hatfill
Charlie Schafer	Jared McCallar

## Lectors

	8:30	11:00
Sept 01	10:00 A Melissa Flummerfelt & Carol Stemsrud	
Sept 08	Emma Levy	Chuck McCallar
Sept 15	Dianne Fennell	Mary Gail Wolf
Sept 22	Betsy Martin	Gene Henry
Sept 29	Kim Screen	Rick Gnann

## 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.

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**Social Ministry:** Bill reported that approx. 60 attended BBQ & Music, Drew was Thanked for preparing the delicious BBQ. More Upcoming Events: August 18<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> with December 1<sup>st</sup> as our Advent Family Night.

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

**New Business:** Bill presented a Survey which had been taken during Services for the past two weeks pertaining to the possibility of going to one 10:00 am Service in hopes of bringing members back to church. The Survey included 84 signed names for the approval of going to one service. Many of the individuals contacted stated "I have wanted this for a long time". After much discussion, Council approved the Survey and requested the Survey now be presented to Pastor. The 10:00 am Service would be for regular worship Sundays with high Holidays having the usual worship times. Hopes are to have the 10:00 am Service time begin in the next 30 days.

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

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

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## WELCA

For the months of September and October we will be collecting items for the Living Vine. We will also be collecting items/money for Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. Money will be used to buy needed items.



# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Pentecost 15</b> 10:00 A Lessons & Carols	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Church office closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir 6:00 P Circle #19	<b>5</b> 9:00 A Craft Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Pentecost 16</b> <b>Rally Day</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion 12:00 P Covered Dish Lunch	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir	<b>12</b> 9:00 A Craft Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Pentecost 17</b> 8:30 A Worship Service 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Worship Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir	<b>19</b> 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30 P Exec Comm 6:00 P Church Council	<b>20</b> <b>* EPISTLE DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Pentecost 18</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir	<b>26</b> 9:00 A Craft Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Pentecost 19</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>30</b>		* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday		<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b> Sydney Oetgen 9/6 Marlene Kotso 9/17	