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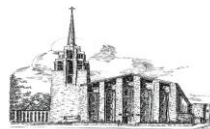
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STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

10/06/2024	Current	\$ 14,383.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
10/13/2024	Current	\$ 3,241.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	25.00
10/20/2024	Current	\$ 1,605.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00

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# St. Paul's Epistle

November 3, 2024

**Word from**  
**Our Pastor**

Remember that first Sunday is 3 November with one 10am service. Also make sure to put you clocks back one hour. At 9am Kim Screen will be leading an educational time for our children.

If you haven't already voted make sure you do. We live in a country unlike any other and the right to vote is an important part of that. As they say in Chicago, "Vote early, and vote often."

We of course continue our prayers for all affected by the hurricanes that ravaged many parts of the country.

Don't forget the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday 24 November at 9:45. Also, our Thanksgiving meal after the late service on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

What do we have to be thankful for? For each of us the answer will be different. We all have many things we call our own and if those things bring us joy to use or look at that is great. We have pets that we love and some people we hopefully love as well. I pray nearly every Sunday for the children of the world who suffer often because of the actions of adults. The Christmas Shoeboxes make a small but positive dent in a child's life where the only gift they may receive will be in that box. When we are sitting down with family and friends for Thanksgiving dinner may we all pause for what we actually have – a God who loves us and a world that needs our love. It is easy to find faults and throw insults at people. My intern supervisor gave me a poster that is in my office. It has a picture of a pig in the background with the words, "Never wrestle with a pig, you both get dirty and the pig likes it". There are people who just want to cause trouble and fight with you. Life is too short to waste time. As Jesus tells us, "Dust off your feet and move on." Pjh

**Confirmation Schedule 2024**

All classes at 9:45am in the Chapel after you have selected the donut of your choice. Class is over when Angel appears (about 10:30).

October 27

November 10, 17

December 8, 15, 22 (Christmas program at 10am)

Questions 912-713-7145

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**Important Phone Numbers**

Pastor Hartmann (Cell) 912-713-7145

Donald Martin (Cell) 912-659-8157

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**Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting of October 17, 2024**

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

**Pastor's Report:** Report attached. Highlights include visitations in homes, hospitals, and senior facility, Confirmation will resume on Sundays at 9:45am in the Chapel with two students. Attended Wayfarers and officiated the wedding of Diana Bertz and Nick Hewett. A SCAD class is visiting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to tour the church and see our stained glass. Our Christmas Program is scheduled for December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pastor will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving. Pastor expressed his gratitude for all the assistance during his recovery.

**Treasurer:** Donald reported the current bank balance for the church operations account is \$8,543.80 is in checking. Day Care's checking balance is \$2,717.27 after payroll and bill payments with \$8,102.18 in savings. We have closed two checking accounts from the Covid PPP Forgiven Loan Program with Synovus Bank as we have paid off the mortgage Synovus held. The funds in the two dormant Synovus checking accounts were moved to the day care and church operating accounts respectively.

Donald reported that the gym sale has closed with purchaser paying all closing costs with the exception of a minor cost to our attorney. Proceeds after repaying the loan to Synovus amounted to \$1,037,865.00 which will be held in the Endowments at Truist Bank to be invested in our existing portfolio of accounts and restricted to use for operational expenses, offering shortfalls, and as needed for pending roof and interior repairs to church scheduled for 2025. The Church is now COMPLETELY DEBT FREE!

**Director of Music:** Donald Martin reported that Choir is preparing for the upcoming Advent season. Donald also reported that he has tried to reach the Baptist regarding participation in Tri Church, he receives no response. Our Greek neighbors are totally in and are excited to participate. Our Brass Quartet will be present for the Tri Church and Christmas Eve services.

**Day Care:** Janet reported Students enrolled to date total 68 students. When enrollment reaches 70, another staff member will be hired. Due to the loss of electricity during the hurricane, food from the freezer and refrigerator was disposed from the premises. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> with hamburgers and hot dogs available for purchase. Preparation for the Day Care Christmas program scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> is also underway. Janet expressed appreciation for all the support the Preschool receives.



**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, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Shearouse, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, and Mary Gail Wolf.

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**WELCA**

For the month of November and December we will be collecting gift cards for Park Place Outreach Youth Emergency Shelter. The gift cards can be from Walmart or Target and should be for \$25. There are currently 11 kids staying there. We would like to raise \$1100 to be able to give each one \$100.

We are also collecting for Samaritan's Purse until the deadline. Thank you.

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**It's Shoebox Time**



**Boxes are available in the Narthex.  
Boxes are due back by Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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## November Altar Guild

8:30 Charlie Schafer  
11:00 Becky Truluck

## Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
John Martin	Mike Hatfill
Sherill Martin	Lisa Neville

## Lectors

	8:30	10:00	11:00
Oct 06		Chuck McCallar	
Oct 13	Kelley Cale		Rick Gnann
Oct 20	Charlie Schafer		Carol Stemsrud
Oct 27	Dianne Fennell		Gene Henry

## 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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**Property:** Donald reported that the annual inspection of the security and fire alarm systems was completed. However, some upgrades will be necessary moving forward. He has contracted with Alarm Fire & Safety at an estimate of \$6,000 to bring our systems into full compliance. Richard Wolf reported the elevator is not working and the repair company is salvaging the part needed for repair. Joey Barnard inquired about how the HVAC did when electricity was reinstated after the hurricane. Richard responded that one of the breakers had flipped but all is running at the present time. Several council members also noted that the fire rated door into the first hall of the preschool has been damaged and split. Bill and Richard will obtain bids for the replacement of the door. Andy Foose is coordinating another Saturday workday for the near future.

**Social Ministry:** Bill announced that attendance at the monthly events has increased 40% from last year. Thanksgiving meal and Family Advent Night are forthcoming.

**Old Business:** Covered in previous reports above.

**New Business:** Donald presented the 2025 church budget. With changes in Insurance Coverages to release the gymnasium property from the policy and increases for estimated utility increases, the overall budget is projected to be marginally lower than last year at \$437,284.00 for 2025. See the insert in the *Epistle* for clarity. Andy made a Motion to accept the 2025 Budget as presented in the amount of \$437,284. Janet Seconded the Motion. Motion passed to present the 2025 Budget of \$437,284.00 at the Annual Congregation Meeting. The 2024 Budget was projected at \$467,000.00 with an actual projected completion in December of \$422,000.00.

Discussion was entertained to fund Pre-School \$50,000 for assistance. After discussion Council agreed to leave those monies in the interest bearing account and revisit as the Preschool needs assistance. Andy inquired if the tuition charged was comparable to the other schools of our caliber. Janet reported that we are a bit lower, but increases are being made in tuition. Richard inquired if the Preschool was a viable outreach for the church. Pastor responded that it is a positive ministry of the church.

Bill reported that the council term of Lisa Neville, Andy Foose, and himself will end this year. He requested that the Council approach members who might be interested in serving to nominate for 2025-2028 term so these names can be presented at Annual Congregational Meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:05PM with Pastor giving a prayer. Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Lisa B. Neville, Secretary.

# November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b> Jan Davis 11/8 Barbara Tyson 11/18 Angie Briggs 11/25					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 All Saints Sunday</b>  9:00 A Fellowship Hour/ Children's Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 P Circle 19 6:00 P Choir	<b>7</b> 9:00 A Craft Group	<b>8</b> 12:00 Noon Etc/ Wayfarers	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Pentecost 24</b>  8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 P Choir	<b>14</b> 9:00 A Craft Group	<b>15</b> * EPISTLE DEADLINE	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Pentecost 25</b>  8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 P Choir	<b>21</b> 9:00 A Craft Group  5:30P Exec.Comm. 6:00P Church Council	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail out by the following Wednesday.
<b>24 Christ the King</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Congregational Mtg 11:00 A Holy Communion 12:00 P Thanksgiving Covered Dish	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>



ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET EXPENSE CATEGORY	2025 FORECAST	2024 FORECAST
	\$ -	\$ -
STAFF (2 Adjustments)		\$ -
Director of Music	\$ 17,530.00	\$ 17,530.00
Administrative Coordinator (4% COLA)	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 31,800.00
Organist / Contract Administrator	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 27,825.00
Church Hostess (4% COLA)	\$ 17,900.00	\$ 16,536.00
P-Pastor	\$ 56,816.00	\$ 56,816.00
P-Continuing Education	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
P-Auto Allowance	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00
P-Housing Allowance	\$ 32,618.00	\$ 32,618.00
P-Pension	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
P-Health / Life Ins.	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 23,149.00
SOCIAL SECURITY - (No Pastor)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,400.00
CHORAL MUSICIANS		\$ -
Soprano	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 5,040.00
Alto (Vacant)	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 5,040.00
Bass	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 5,040.00
VACATION SUPPLY (Organ/Pastor)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
OFFICE (Supplies/Postage/Equip.)	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 23,906.00
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 84,775.00
INSURANCE - Prop/Liab/WC/Umbrella	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 53,000.00
COMMITTEES		\$ -
Christian Education (S/S Materials)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00
Evangelism (SS/Confirmation/Offrg Env)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00
Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Social Ministry (Pantry/OReach/Shoebox)	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Stewardship (Inactive)		\$ -
Worship-Music (Ch/E Flowers/Meals/Altar)	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Youth (Inactive)		\$ -
SYNOD REGISTRATIONS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,100.00
SYNOVUS - Mortgage (PAID 10/24)	\$ -	\$ 44,000.00
<b>2025 Vs. 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 437,284.00</b>	<b>\$ 466,675.00</b>

## 2024 Fall Worship Offerings

### Sunday October 27th

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School

### Sunday November 3rd

9:00 am-10:00 am Fellowship Time  
9:00-9:45 Children's Sunday School (3-11 Yr. Olds)  
**10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion**

### Sunday November 10th & 17th

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School

### Sunday November 24th

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School  
**12:00 Noon - Thanksgiving Covered Dish Luncheon**

### Sunday December 1st - Advent 1

*Rev. Jill Henning Presiding*  
9:00 am-10:00 am Fellowship Time  
9:00-9:45 Children's Sunday School (3-11 Yr. Olds)  
**10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion**

### Sunday December 8th - Advent 2

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School  
**4:00 pm 64th Annual Tri-Church Christmas Festival & Reception**

### Sunday December 15th - Advent 3

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School  
**5:00 Annual Family Advent Night - Soup & Sandwich Dinner**

### Sunday December 22nd - Advent 4

**10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Play**

### Tuesday December 24th - Christmas Eve Services

**6:30 & 10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Services w Choirs & Brass**

### Sunday December 29th

**10:00 am Lessons & Carols Service with the Choir**