

STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

11/24/2024	8:30 A	28
	11:00 A	59
12/01/2024	10:00 A	83
12/08/2024	8:30 A	29
	11:00 A	43
12/15/2024	8:30 A	37
	11:00 A	48

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

11/24/2024	Current	\$ 6,375.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	25.00
12/01/2024	Current	\$ 4,106.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
12/08/2024	Current	\$ 4,268.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	25.00
12/15/2024	Current	\$ 4,480.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00

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St. Paul's Epistle

January 5, 2025

Word from Our Pastor

Happy New Year!

By the time you have read this you are probably taking the lights down outside your house. Fortunately for us the light and love of Jesus is always in our hearts.

I'm looking forward to 2025 for many reasons but that doesn't mean I didn't enjoy most of 2024. Wayne Newton kissed my friend Richard on his forehead replicating the kiss back in 1995 at the old Star Dust Casino. Wayne walked around the show lounge and kissed every woman who was there. As he walked past us Richard was asleep with his head on the table. Wayne paused and walked back with a sheepish look on his face and kissed him on the forehead and said, "tell him about that when he wakes up".

Romeo and Juliet are Missing was a fun musical for us in 2024 and then came the girls' birthday 24 June when I tripped over the plastic edging separating my lawn from the driveway. Fractured my pelvis and was in St. Joseph's Hospital while the girls were in Europe. The wonderful staff and rehab people as well as Dr. Noonberg got me walking again. Now to lose the limp in 2025.

Regardless of who you voted for the election of 2024 was contentious.

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Pastor cont'd

Victim of fraud, falling for a crying man who should be given the academy award.

Looking forward to 2025 hopefully safer, smarter, and faster than I am moving now.

Thanks to all who made my healing process better by your acts of kindness and of course food since I lost 20 pounds in the hospital.

Looking forward to a great year at St. Paul's and hoping you can participate in worship and all the fun events. Pjh

Mark your calendar for our Annual Pet Blessing Saturday 11 January 2025 at 11am (Hoffner Hall).

Confirmation is back on Sunday 12 Jan. at 9:45 am.

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

Council Members Present: Andy Foose, Janet Gnann, Chuck McCallar, Lisa Neville, Drew Schwalbe, Kim Screen, Bill Wiggins, and Richard Wolf. Also present: Donald Martin and Pastor Hartmann. Absent: Joey Barnard. Bill Wiggins opened the meeting at 6:10. Janet Gnann gave the Devotion.

Pastor's Report: Report attached. Highlights include visits to homes, hospitals, and senior facilities, having Confirmation on Sundays at 9:45am in the Chapel with two students. Officiated the private funeral of Ed Robb. Two SCAD classes visited on October 23rd to tour the church and see our stained glass. Our Christmas Program is scheduled for December 22nd. Pastor will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 26th through December 2nd. Day time Advent Services will begin Wednesday on December 4th. Rehab continues.

Treasurer: Donald reported the current bank balance for the church operations checking account is \$9,995.66 with all bills current. Truist savings account is \$73,116 and Endowment account balance \$1,847,364.19. Balance from sale proceeds account is \$961,571.50. Donald also reported that Ricky Truluck, Richard Wolf, Andy Foose, and himself will meet with RPI Roofers to assess roof leaks.

Property Insurance is still in the process of obtaining new coverage. The policy remains in effect for General Liability, Stain Glass, and Employees. We are not the only church whose property insurance was cancelled by Church Mutual in our area. Donald hopes to have new coverage in effect by December 15th.

Day Care's checking balance is \$8,503.30 after payroll and bill payments with \$8,102.25 in savings.



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, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, Ann Lariscy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Shearouse, Charlie Smith, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller and Joe Whitaker.

WELCA

Thank you to all who donated to Operation Christmas Child items and the gift cards for Park Place Outreach.

Stay tuned for information about our upcoming outreach collections. Information will be posted in the Narthex.



Annual Fish Fry...
Coming in January...
Stay Tuned for More Details...



January Altar Guild

8:30 Patty Cannady

11:00 Pat Sparks & Mickey Waldhour

Communion Assistants

8:30

Lisa Gnann

Chris Conway

11:00

Chuck McCallar

Jared McCallar

Lectors

8:30

10:00

11:00

Jan 05

Charlie Schafer

Jan 12

Alan Cale

Rick Gnann

Jan 19

Bill Wiggins

Robert Shuman

Jan 26

Lisa Gnann

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 con't

Director of Music: Donald Martin reported that Choir is in full swing. Christmas and Advent are coming fast. December 1st is a 10:00 Service with Pastor Jill presiding. Poinsettias are arriving December 23rd, 24th brings Christmas Eve with two services at 6:30 and 10:00, Tri Church is December 8th with full Brass and lunch served for Choirs, December 15th is Family Advent Night, Christmas play will be December 22nd with one 10:00 service, and December 29th Service will be Lessons & Carols.

Day School: Janet reported Students enrolled to date total 67 students. New enrollments are anticipated in December. Also, a parent requested her child be on a drop in status which Preschool agreed to at a rate of \$70.00 per day. Christmas program will be December 13th. Janet informed the council that the Day Care needed to use a part of their portion of the Barnes- Olliff Endowment Fund to support a negative cash flow situation driven by payroll weeks occurring prior to tuition payment weeks. Council had no objection to the Daycare pulling a portion of their endowment money from the Barnes-Olliff Fund. The Withdrawal will be executed for \$12,000.00. Kim Screen made the motion that the Barnes-Olliff Fund move \$12,000 to the preschool for repayment. Richard Wolf seconded. Motion passed. Drew Schwalbe suggested that funds be marked for repayment to the Barnes Olliff Endowment Fund when the preschool repays.

Property: Richard thanked all who attended the past workday for the church. HVAC filters were changed. Evaluator has been repaired with salvage parts as new parts are no longer manufactured. Richard approved Fran contact Holton Plumbing to repair a toilet in ladies' room in Narthex area. While at the church Richard requested Holton inspect all restroom fixtures. The inspection found another toilet problem which was repaired.

Social Ministry: Bill announced that fish fry will be organized for January.

Old Business: Covered in previous reports above.

New Business: Bil I reported that Nominations for 2025 Council to replace Lisa Neville, Andy Foose, and himself are Donna Wall, Chris Conway, and Ricky Truluck. Andy made a motion to accept these nominations for the 2025 slate. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed and these names will be presented to the church at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Bill also reported that 207 shoeboxes Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has been collected and sent.

There will be no December Council meeting.

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

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! Jean Camp 1/5 Al Schunemann 1/9 Ronald Brown 1/14 Alice Ann Dugger 1/17 Lynda Beam 1/28 Joan Martin 1/29			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 9:00A Craft Group	3	4
5 Epiphany 9:00 A Fellowship Hour/ Children's Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	6	7	8 6:00 P Choir	9 9:00A Craft Group	10 11:00 A Etc/ Wayfarers	11 11:00 A Annual Pet Blessing (Hoffner Hall)
12 Epiphany 2 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 Epiphany 3 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 Epiphany 4 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	27	28	29 11:00A Bible Study 6:00 P Choir	30 9:00A Craft Group	31	