

STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

02/02/2025	10:00 A	71
02/09/2025	8:30 A	41
	11:00 A	38
02/16/2025	8:30 A	31
	11:00 A	30
	11:00 A	50

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

02/02/2025	Current	\$ 3,695.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
02/09/2025	Current	\$ 4,874.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
02/16/2025	Current	\$ 2,252.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
02/23/2025	Current	\$ 1,890.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00

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St. Paul's Epistle

March 2, 2025

Word from Our Pastor

Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025 with two services. 11am in the Chapel and 6:30pm in the Church.

“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return” It is a phrase most of us know very well.

It is a reminder that we brought nothing into the world, and we will leave with what we brought in, nothing

We all tend to collect things in our lives, some of us more than others. Our houses reflect our likes, not so much our dislikes. We don't have a room or wall that has all the thing we don't care for. We save the items we love. They are often memories handed down from people we love who then trust us to take care of and new treasures that make us smile when we catch a glimpse of them.

The line **“you can't take it with you”** is very true but you can enjoy it on the journey. Will our family and friends have the same love of our treasures is an unknown. Rachel wants my leather coat, and I have designated my friend Richard to have my “cat playing craps” in my office and the “Big Boy” statue in my house but that doesn't even scratch the surface of what I have.

Fortunately, at least in our relationship with God we have all that we need inside us. It is a relationship with Jesus that goes wherever we go.

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So, in reality we may come into the world as dust, but when we leave, we have it all, heaven that is.

When the girls and I took **Martha's ashes** to the Sequoia trees in California I deposited them at the foot of the Giant General Grant tree. The sun was hitting at an angle, and the ashes rose in the light before settling. We too will rise from our dust into the light and love of a savior, sent by God to bring us home. Pjh

First Communion class is on Palm Sunday 13 April at 9:45 in the Chapel. This is for third grade and up. Call Pastor with questions 912-713-7145.

**Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting of February 20, 2025**

Council Members Present: Joey Barnard, Chris Conway, Janet Gnann, Kim Screen, Donna Wall and Richard Wolf. Also Present: Past Hartmann and Donald Martin. Absent Chuck McCallar, Drew Schwalbe, and Ricky Truluck. Joey Barnard opened the meeting at 6:07. Minutes for the January 2025 meeting were approved via email and published. Pastor said prayer and Janet gave the devotion.

Pastor's Report: Report attached. Normal worship services and counseling. Visits made to homes, hospitals and nursing homes. We have some very ill parishioners, David Fennel, Miriam Fulton and George Martin. Funerals were held for Rusty Bravo and Ann Lariscy. Ash Wednesday is March 5th with services at 11am & 6:30pm. Lenten services will be on Wednesdays during Lent at 11am in the Chapel. There will be a new member / change in member information form at the 1st service in March. "Sharknado the Musical" will be on May 30th at 7pm and Sunday June 2nd at 1pm with lunch provided at 12 noon.

Treasurer Report: Donald reported the church cash and saving is \$86,809.47 which includes \$12,000 of student money which is part of Slater Gertz disbursements we send each year to the Synod scheduled for delivery March 1st. Operating account balance is \$32,991.25. Most of that is a carryover from the Christmas Angels which ended up totaling \$67,500. Donald confirmed we received a deposit of \$20,262.58 from an insurance endowment from Pat Cunningham's estate. He asked to place \$10,000 in church savings and disperse \$10,000 to WELCA due to Pat's dedication to that ministry.

In our Truist Endowment accounts, we have a balance of \$877,309.82 within eight restricted funds which are for various pre-determined ministries including seminary students, church programs and church startups. Within our unrestricted Endowment account (including money from the gym sale) is \$962,421.35. This account is designated for operations and major maintenance. Total of both at the time of printing is \$1,829,113.00, fluctuating daily with the markets.

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Prayer Requests

Our Prayers are requested for: Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, Melissa Flumerfelt, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Shirley Kennedy, George Martin Sr., Joan Martin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Shearouse, Charlie Smith, Debbie Sonnenschmidt, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, Michelle Ward and Joe Whitaker.

WELCA

The Spring Cluster Meeting will be held in Savannah. It's scheduled for Saturday, March 8th at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at 51 Wilmington Island Road and is scheduled to begin at 10: a.m.

Please put this on your calendar and make every effort to attend. There is strength in numbers. We need a firm number for lunch reservations by March 1st, so please let Donna or Lisa know if you plan to attend. The reason for reservations is to insure that the prepared lunch is sufficient to feed all of the attendees. There is a cost of \$15 per person which is paid on arrival.

The theme for the meeting is "Discovering the Intersection of Native American Spirituality with Christianity". The scripture verse is John 13:35. We would like a good representation for St. Paul's.

Craft Group

Our Craft Group could use a few more hands to help us prepare our quilts and kits that we send to Lutheran World Relief. Our In-Gathering is usually in September, so we have sufficient time to accumulate a healthy number of quilts and care kits. If you're looking for a fellowship opportunity, we meet in Hoffner Hall most Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is up to the individual and if you can't show up every Thursday that's perfectly fine. We always have coffee and snacks. If you don't sew but want to learn we have machines. We need extra hands to do miscellaneous things. Please consider at least a try-out. We'd love for you to come.

March Altar Guild

8:30 Lisa Gnann and Chris Heidt
11:00 Candy Green and Alison Gaudry

Communion Assistants

8:30	11:00
Janet Gnann	Kemberly Renelt
Bill Wiggins	Alex Renelt

Lectors

	8:30	10:00	11:00
Mar 02		Chuck McCallar	
Mar 05	6:30p	Ash Wednesday	Betsy Martin
Mar 09	Kim Screen		Robert Shuman
Mar 16	Charlie Schafer		Gene Henry
Mar 23	Alan Cale		Mary Gail Wolf
Mar 30	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.

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Day Care daily operations account adjusted balance is \$12,969.31. Their savings is \$8,102.46. They were able to reimburse \$5000 to the Barnes-Olliff Fund from which the church had loaned them \$15,000 in October as part of the Endowment's agreement.

Our weekly Service Offerings continue to be low and do not support monthly operational needs.

Worship & Music Report: Donald reported we have several choir members out sick themselves or dealing with family sickness. Despite the multiple vacancies they are preparing for Lent with a Palm Sunday Cantata and full Easter brass, donated by Robert Shuman.

We are in immediate need of lectors (readers), communion assistants, and ushers.

Day School Report: Janet reported they are in need of more teachers but maintaining 72 children. It is very difficult to hire staff especially because of strict requirements like background checks, certifications, etc. due to licensing. Gina, Cynthia and Janet are meeting next week to discuss opportunities/issues. Janet would like Day Care to do program/event at the end of May.

Property Report: Richard report there was low turnout for the Work Day. There will be another one next month, better advertised and announced in church as we heard a lot of people didn't know about it. Only 3 people showed up, but they changed 8 AC filters, changed a kitchen light cover and made an inventory of AC filters and the special sizes needed. We are cleaning the washable filters ourselves to save \$1500 per month. All supplies will be moved to 3rd floor. Ongoing steeple issues were discussed and a plan is in action for RPI and Frank Martin with RWP Engineering to reevaluate previous damage to get repairs on track. They are also getting two quotes for kitchen repairs/updates. We learned of a couple of bills we'd never received for heating and air maintenance around \$2000+ that will be paid this week.

Old Business: Covered in reports above.

New Business: The March 2nd service at 10am will have signup sheets located at the back of the church with volunteer opportunities. Pastor will announce each at the beginning of the service. They are for Acolytes, Crucifers (must be confirmed), Lectors, & Communion Assistants.

WELCA would like to start Greeting again, but due to the lower number of members, would like to ask everyone in the congregation to participate. The Greeter will hand bulletins and visitor cards to parishioners as they enter the church, so everyone feels welcomed. Pastor will also announce this and have a signup sheet on March 2nd.

Donna brought up when Pastor steps down from the alter, it's more difficult to hear him. Donald will check mic and turn it up.

Due to Maundy Thursday, the April council meeting will be moved to April 17. Volunteers are needed to help with the parking lot rental on St. Patrick's Day. There being no further business, after closing prayer, meeting was adjourned at 6:54. Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Donna Wall, Secretary.

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Transfiguration 9:00 A Fellowship Hour/ Children's Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	3	4	5 11:00 A Ash Wednesday 6:00 P Circle 19 6:30 P Ash Wednesday	6 9:00A Craft Group 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	7	8 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail- out by the following Wednesday
9 Lent 1 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	10	11 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	12 11:00A Lent 1 Service 6:00 P Choir	13 9:00A Craft Group 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	14 12:00 Noon tc / Wayfarers	15
16 Lent 2 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	17 St. Patrick's Day Church Office closed	18 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	19 11:00A Lent 2 Service 6:00 P Choir	20 9:00A Craft Group 5:30P Exec.Comm. 6:00P Church Council 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	21 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	22
23 Lent 3 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	24	25 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	26 11:00A Lent 3 Service 6:00 P Choir	27 9:00A Craft Group 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	28	
30 Lent 4 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	31				HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Marlis Froistad 3/02 Billy Mintz 3/10 Virginia Henderson 3/22 Betty Porter 3/25	

Shrove Tuesday Meal

Tuesday, March 4th
5:30 PM

Pancakes & Sausage



In
**Hoffner
Hall**

Wednesday, March 5th



Midday Services
11:00 AM
In the
**Henry J. Black
Memorial Chapel**

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Evening Services
6:30 PM
In the
Sanctuary



St. Paul's Lenten & Holy Week Services

Wednesday's In Lent

March 12, 19, 26 April 2 & 9
at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel

Palm Sunday Cantata

Morning Services

April 13th at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
In the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 17th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel
& 6:30 PM In the Sanctuary

Good Friday

April 18th

at 11:00 AM In the Henry Black Chapel
& 7:00 PM In the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 20th at 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Breakfast / Brunch 9:45 AM
Hoffner Hall