

**STATISTICS**

**ATTENDANCE**

03/02/2025	10:00 A	98
03/09/2025	8:30 A	26
	11:00 A	25
03/16/2025	8:30 A	28
	11:00 A	34
03/23/2025	8:30 A	41
	11:00 A	56

**STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERING**

03/02/2025	Current	\$ 9,536.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
03/09/2025	Current	\$ 3,741.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
03/16/2025	Current	\$ 1,801.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00
03/23/2025	Current	\$ 7,288.00
	Invest in St. Paul's	00.00

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# St. Paul's Epistle

April 6, 2025

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## Word from Our Pastor

We are approaching Holy Week and Easter. All the drama of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding a donkey to the cheers of the crowds. The joyful noise would change quickly but not before Jesus would lead the disciples in a Passover meal to remember. We of course do every Sunday when we celebrate with communion. Jesus would pray in the garden for a possible way out but said "Thy will be done." Judas would betray with a kiss and Peter would three times deny Jesus. Pilate would wash his hands in front of the angry crowd and release a criminal named Barabbas. Then the crucifixion with a criminal begging Jesus to remember him and Jesus told him that, "today you will be with me in paradise." Three days in a tomb and Easter. Jesus lives and because he lives, we will too.

Death is unfortunately a part of this world we live in but it is not the end. Our sins are forgiven by Jesus on the cross and our future, whenever it comes, will be with our loved ones in heaven.

In the mean time we need to enjoy every moment and love as we have been loved. Happy Easter! Pjh

**First Communion Class** will be Sunday 13 April at 9:45 am in the Chapel. First Communion will be at the 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service. If you child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up please attend. Call Pastor with question 912-713-7145.

**Confirmation** Schedule – no classes during April because of Easter and Palm Sunday. Classes in May will be from 9am-9:45am. The Rite of Confirmation will be on Pentecost, 8 June at the 10am service.

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### Important Phone Numbers

Pastor Hartmann (Cell) 912-713-7145

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Lenten Services in the Chapel at 11am continue  
Maundy Thursday 11am and 6:30pm  
Good Friday at 11am and 7pm

**Sharknado the Musical** will be at a new date, Saturday 4 October at 7pm and Sunday 5 October at 12 noon with a lunch before the show. Practice will begin mid-August.

Palm Sunday Cantata 8:30 and 11am on 13 April.

Easter Services 8:30 and 11am with a Brunch in the middle.

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

Council Members Present: Joey Barnard, Chris Conway, Janet Gnnann, Chuck McCallar, Kim Screen, Ricky Truluck, and Donna Wall. Also Present: Pastor Hartmann and Donald Martin. Absent: Drew Schwalbe and Richard Wolf. The meeting opened at 6:05pm. Minutes for the February 2025 meeting were approved via email and published. Pastor said a prayer and Ricky Truluck gave the devotion.

**Pastor's Report:** Report Attached. In addition to normal worship services, there were 11am and 6:30pm services on Ash Wednesday and Lenten daytime services at 11am on Wednesdays. The Wayfarer's met on Feb. 21 and March 14. Held funeral for Shirley Kennedy on March 8<sup>th</sup> and committal on March 15<sup>th</sup>. First Communion class will be held at 9:45 on Palm Sunday with First Communion on Maundy Thursday. The St. Patrick's Day parking in our lot was a success thanks to Robert Shuman, Billy Sparks, Andrew and Nicholas Waldhauer, and Bill Wiggins.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donald reported that we are now entering a period of restricted cash flow and supplementing of the operational Budget from cash savings will now be required as our Sunday Offerings no longer support the full expense of the operational Budget requirements. Additionally, although 2024 was an exceptional Christmas Angels Year, we have now exhausted that cash cushion provided by our generous Christmas donors.

Bank Balances on Hand for the Church and Day Care as of March 20<sup>th</sup>:

Church Operational Account	\$ 13,415.40
Church Operational Cash Reserve	\$ 65,228.52 (un-reconciled)
Church Cash Endowment Account-Invested (3/20) (Maintenance /Operations)	\$ 942,520.29
Church (8) Endowment Accounts (3/20) (Restricted & Invested)	\$ 859,519.65
Day Care Operational Checking	\$ 24,270.73
Day Care Operational Savings	\$ 17,228.52

On St. Patrick's Day, The Parking Lot Fund Raiser netted \$1,860.00 which has been designated to the American Cancer Society.

## Prayer Requests

**Our Prayers are requested for:** Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Alan Brown, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, Melissa Flumerfelt, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Gene Henry, Don 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.

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## WELCA

Got a green thumb? Come help us work in the courtyard and the beds at the front of the sanctuary on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We want to get it looking great for Easter so it will be ready for family Easter photos.

Please join the ladies of WELCA on April 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10AM church service. We're planning a continental breakfast/tea in Hoffner Hall. If you'd like to donate a breakfast item or a pastry we'd love to have it. See you then!

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## 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.



Easter Brunch  
April 20, 2025

9:45am

Be on the lookout for  
the sign-up sheet.

## April Altar Guild

8:30 Kim Ambrose

11:00 Faye Lettow

### Communion Assistants

8:30

Sherill Martin  
John Martin

11:00

Lisa Neville  
Gene Henry

### **Easter**

**8:30** – Bill Wiggins, George Wiggins, the Conaway Family

**11:00** – Lisa Neville, Gene Henry, The Hadden Family

### Lectors

8:30

10:00

11:00

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Mary Gail Wolf

Apr 13 Palm Sunday–Charlie Schafer & Bill Wiggins (both svcs)

Apr 17 Maundy Thursday – Betsy Martin

Apr 20 Easter Kim Screen

Chuck McCallar

Apr 27 Lisa Gnann

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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**Worship and Music:** Donald noted that the choir, though much smaller in numbers at this time, is working hard for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Prior to COVID he noted we had 39 active members. However, due to family relocations, retirements and the passing of a good number of our older members, we are now at a level of 17 total members with approximately 14 being currently active. Additionally, the late service choir is greatly diminished due to family illnesses and personal time off for a number of dedicated choir members. He is also planning to begin Handbells back in the fall. If you are interested, and can read music, please let him know if you would like to be a part of the new Chancel Ringers for the Fall of 2025.

**Day School Report:** Report attached. Janet reported there are 71 students and 13 staff members. Hiring qualified candidates continues to be a struggle. Upcoming events are the Easter Egg Hunt on April 17<sup>th</sup> and the Spring Program on May 16<sup>th</sup> with rehearsals starting in April.

**Property Report:** Joey reported Ladies restroom needs a tile replaced, light bulbs and ballasts need to be changed, as well as the Pulpit light bulb.

**Old Business:** 1) Ricky reported on the steeple leak problem. Frank Martin will issue a report with findings and recommendations in a couple of weeks. Most probably a building envelope specialist is needed. The possibility of grants or historical programs which may be available to help with the costs is being looked into.

2) The previous year's council stated a decision would be made before Easter to have one consolidated service or to continue with two. It's difficult for the congregation to carry out the ministries of the services like choir, acolytes, crucifers, alter guild, lectors, greeters, and communion assistants. Neither can the church be financially supported with the number of active members we currently have. After a lengthy discussion with every council member's opinion being heard, we all agreed we would do whatever we can to save our church. A motion was made, seconded, and a decision was made to have one service at 10:00am starting on the first Sunday in May. We pray all of our faith family will rally together to get through this chapter in St. Paul's life and fill our church with new relationships and members.

**New Business:** Marketing and evangelism will be discussed in the next meeting. Staffing the Nursery will be considered. We will discuss passing the offering plates and adding some traditional liturgy back into the services. There will be a Mother's Day Tea. The April meeting date will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> due to Maundy Thursday.

There being no further business, Pastor closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. Minutes taken and respectively submitted by Donna Wall, Secretary.

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	<b>2</b> 11:00A Lent 4 Service 6:00 P Circle # 19 6:00 P Choir	<b>3</b> 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Lent 5</b> 9:00 A Fellowship Hour/ Children's Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	<b>9</b> 11:00 A Lent 5 Service 6:00 P Choir	<b>10</b> 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	<b>11</b> 12:00 Noon Etc/ Wayfarers	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School / 1st Communion Class 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 P Choir	<b>17</b> 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30P Exec.Comm. 6:00P Church Council 6:30 P Maundy Thursday Serv.	<b>18</b> <b>* EPISTLE DEADLINE</b> 11:00 A Service 7:00 P Tenebrae Service	<b>19</b> <b>* Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail out.</b>
<b>20 Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Easter Brunch 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	<b>23</b> 6:00 P Choir	<b>24</b> 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 Easter 2</b> 8:30 A Holy Communion 9:45 A Sunday School 11:00 A Holy Communion	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30P Savannah Philharmonic Strings class	<b>30</b> 6:00 P Choir		<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b> Jean Wise 4/13 Florence Brown 4/14 George Martin, Sr 4/17 Cleve Roby 4/26	



One Faith, One Hope, One Lord  
& One Church ...

Beginning Sunday May 4th  
We Will Transition to One Weekly  
Sunday Worship Service.

Holy Communion Worship at 10:00 AM  
Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM  
Nursery Provided Upon Request ...  
Children's Sunday School Coming in the Fall ...



## St. Paul's Lenten & Holy Week Services

### Wednesday's In Lent

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