

## STATISTICS

	ATTENDANCE	
06/01/2025	10:00 A	72
06/08/2025	10:00 A	94
06/15/2025	10:00 A	110
06/22/2025	10:00 A	55

## STEWARDSHIP

		OFFERING
06/01/2025	Current	\$ 3,741.00
06/08/2025	Current	\$ 2,289.00
06/15/2025	Current	\$ 0000.00
06/22/2025	Current	\$ 5,056.00

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# St. Paul's Epistle

July 6, 2025

## Word from Our Pastor

In July we celebrate the freedom we have in living in the United States of America. It is a freedom that has come at great cost for many with the ultimate sacrifice of a life.

Some of us have served in the armed forces and some are actively involved now.

Ultimate freedom for each of us does not come from or depend on where we are from on planet Earth. The Bible tells us there will always be wars and that is true today. There will always be bad actors who want to impose their will forcibly on nations and individuals.

What sets us apart is our relationship with Jesus. Jesus certainly taught us how to love as we've been loved but none of us can love all the time. We will have those moments where in thought, word or deed we will sin.

This is where Jesus' act of love on the cross kicks in for us. Forgiveness sets us free from the punishment that would fall on each of us as Jesus takes all the worlds sins to the cross with him.

Then of course there is heaven with our loved ones who are already celebrating what true freedom is all about.

For the time being just enjoy the fireworks! pjh

### Important Phone Numbers

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**Minutes of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Meeting of June 19, 2025**

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

**Pastor's Report:** In addition to worship services and normal hospital, nursing home visits, and counseling there was the Rite of Confirmation for Zoe Shinall. Cody Mintz will be confirmed on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Theodore Rydzik will be baptized on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> and Donald Edwin Levy will be baptized on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Wayfarers will meet on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The return to standard Liturgy was well received. The Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner will be on August 10th and "Sharknado the Musical" will be Oct 4th & 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donald reported

Bank Balances on Hand for the Church and Day Care as of June 15<sup>th</sup>:

Church Operational Account                 \$   -11,328.49 (unreconciled 6/19)  
(Transferred \$20,000 6/11)

Church Operational Cash Reserve                 \$   56,973.21 (reconciled)  
(Transferred \$45,000 from Endowment Savings 6/4)

Church Cash Endowment Account-Invested (5/15)  
(Maintenance /Operations)                 \$   925,266.96

Church (8) Endowment Accounts (5/15)  
(Restricted & Invested)                 \$   885,536.86

Day Care Operational Checking                 \$    16,067.69 (reconciled)

Day Care Operational Savings                 \$    32,228.91

**Worship and Music:** Liturgy well received. Attendance last few Sundays – 80, 74, 56, 94, & 114. James Freeman will be at the organ 7/6 and Donald on 7/13 and 7/20. The organ has been repaired from the storm damage. Pastor is on vacation 8/2 so Bill and Donald will lead service. Hand bells are back and ready for use.

**Day School Report:** Janet left a report:

Current Enrollment – 0-2 yrs 35  
                                    3-5 yrs 34  
                                    TOTAL         69

Current Staffing – FT Office - 2

FT Bookkeeper - 1

FT Teachers/Assistants - 11 (includes two new hires)

PT Kitchen - 2 (includes new hire that will be coming to assist once background check clears)

UPDATE: Planning has started to ensure adequate staffing during summer and re-evaluate any changes needed to structure classrooms for the fall. Continuing to bring enrollment up as we anticipate a drop in our preschool ages. Janet and Donald looking into not renewing copier lease and letting them use Church's for a small fee. School will be closed June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Prayer Requests*

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

**WELCA**

For the month of July WELCA is asking for donations of the below listed items for Old Savannah City Mission. Their wishlist includes men's underwear, t-shirts, cash/checks for the new homeless women's and children's building, and anything they can sell in their thrift store.



Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show  
And Silent Auction  
To Benefit  
Lutheran World & Disaster Relief  
St Paul's Bereavement Committee  
St. Paul's Craft Group  
Sponsored by WELCA

Everyone is invited, Please Come!  
Sunday, August 10th  
5:00 pm

Dinner is FREE

But a Monetary Donation  
Would be Great!

Reservations can be made by  
Signing Up in the Narthex or  
Call Mary Gail Wolf at (912)657-7049

Hope to see you for  
una grande cena e notte di talento  
(a great dinner and talent night)

Amore!  
YOUR WELCA LADIES

## July Altar Guild

Charlie Schafer and Becky Truluck

## Communion Assistants

The McCallar Family

### Lectors

July 06 Bill Wiggins  
July 13 Robert Shuman  
July 20 Lisa Gnann  
July 27 Hunter Hadden

### Greeters

Mickie Waldhauer  
Robert Shuman  
Donna Wall  
Lisa Neville

## Volunteers Needed

**Altar Guild** - help set communion up before services. If you are interested, please contact Becky Truluck at 912-655-6196.

**Lectors/Communion Assistants** - anyone interested please contact Janet Gnann @ 912-656-5771

**Ushers** – anyone interested please contact Ricky Neville @ (912)355-1601

**Acolytes & Crucifers** – 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

**Property Report:** The Hoffner Hall stage roof has been inspected and waiting on proposals to repair. The exterior planter wall has been repaired and we are in the process of settling with the insurance company. Storm repairs to HVAC in church completed. The elevator is not functioning properly and we are awaiting parts. The camera system in the Day Care building is functioning again at no cost from Seimitsu. A contract has been signed for Church water testing for steeple and is awaiting scheduling. Braddy Electric is completing lighting maintenance in all 3 buildings. The threshold into church is causing the doors to stick and is in the process of being repaired.

**Old Business:** Discussed in previous reports.

**New Business:** 1) Donna reported that WELCA is gifting (15) round tables to Hoffner Hall paid for with the donation from Pat Cunningham's Estate. There will be a fund raiser in the near future to purchase additional chairs.

2) Drew's BBQ will be Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> with Jared Hall & Company providing entertainment.

3) Joey brought up the Evangelism Committee and Youth Group need to be revived. SCAD kids are helping with Sharknado stage props and performing in show. Maybe we can have an art show in Hoffner Hall also and bring back "Snickers for SCAD" on the sidewalk on Wednesdays. Caroline Schwalbe is interested in working with Youth evangelism. There being no further business, Pastor closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm. Minutes taken and respectively submitted by Donna Wall, Secretary.

## Coming Soon



**Summer Barbecue**

**July 22, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**Entertainment by our own  
Jared Hall and Friends**

# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 P Circle # 19	3 9:00 A Craft Group	4 <b>Fourth of July</b>  Church office closed	5
6 Pentecost 4 9:00 A Fellowship Hour 10:00 A Holy Communion	7	8	9	10 9:00 A Craft Group	11 12:00 Noon Etc/ Wayfarers	12
13 Pentecost 5 9:00 A Fellowship Hour 10:00 A Holy Communion	14	15	16	17 9:00 A Craft Group	18 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	19 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail out.
20 Pentecost 6 9:00 A Fellowship Hour 10:00 A Holy Communion	21	22 5:30 P Family Barbecue Night	23	24 9:00 A Craft Group	25	26
27 Pentecost 7 9:00 A Fellowship Hour 10:00 A Holy Communion	28	29	30	31	<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b> John Longhouser 7/2 Tim Tyson 7/2 Mary Jane Shuman 7/7 Wayne Disher 7/15 Raymond Martin, Sr 7/16 Miriam Fulton 7/19 Patsy Frank 7/20 Bonnie Todd 7/25 Norman Heidt 7/31	