

STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

09/28/2025	10:00 A	83
10/05/2025	10:00 A	104
10/12/2025	10:00 A	72
10/19/2025	10:00 A	86
10/26/2025	10:00 A	76

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING

09/28/2025	Current	\$ 1,665.00
10/05/2025	Current	\$ 4,780.00
10/12/2025	Current	\$ 4,670.00
10/19/2025	Current	\$ 2,953.00
10/26/2025	Current	\$ 1,156.00

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St. Paul's Epistle

November 2, 2025

**Word from
Our Pastor**

Thanksgiving is always special with family and friends gathering to play Risk and eat till you fall asleep watching football. Being thankful is more than a momentary response to something that you experience. It is hopefully a way of life, not taking anything for granted but truly being grateful for all things.

Years ago, I gave a sermon about being Thankful for what you don't have. That can be obvious, any disease, a bad relationship, a car that constantly breaks down. My thought pattern is that we often complain about what we don't have when in reality there are things we don't want in our lives or our loved one's lives.

Being thankful people covers the blessings we have and the aspects of life we want to avoid.

How we deal with all this can make us healthy, happy and above all in touch with God who guides us through it. pjh

All Saints Sunday is 2 November, when we remember our loved ones who are celebrating in heaven.

Sunday 23 November is our annual Thanksgiving meals after the 10am service.

Daytime Advent services begin on Wednesday 3 December at 11am and continue the 10th and 17th of December in the chapel.

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Important Phone Numbers

Pastor Hartmann (Cell) 912-713-7145

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THANKSGIVING COVERED DISH LUNCHEON And
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 Sunday, November 23rd @ 11AM
 After the 10AM Service...
 Ham, Turkey & Drinks Available!!!

**Minutes of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Congregational Council Meeting of October 16, 2025**

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

Pastor’s Report: In addition to worship services and normal hospital, nursing home visits, and counseling, Pastor officiated funerals of Kim Jacobi and Ruth Collins. Wayfarers luncheon will be held at noon on the 7th. Sharkando the Musical was well attended and enjoyed by all. We’re seeing an increase in young families attending church services

Treasurer’s Report: Donald reported
 Reporting of Accounts as of September 18, 2025

Bank of America	Operations	\$ 50,481.63
Truist Bank	Operations Cash Reserves & Special Funds	\$ 32,844.56
Truist Endowment (1) Acct.	Unrestricted	\$934,706.54
	Operations Reserve & Major Maintenance	
Truist Endowments (8) Accts.	Restricted Funds	\$969,947.82
Truist Day Care	Operations	\$ 3,287.38
Truist Day Care	Savings	\$ 7,229.71

Financial Notes: No transfers from savings to operations for shortfalls occurred this month due to the final total receipt of \$39,200.00 from September “Angel” donations.

Additionally, a bequeath from the will of Rusty Bravo was received in the amount of \$25,000.00 for operation of the church as designated by the family.

One transfer from Day Care Savings to Day Care Operations occurred in October for \$15,000.00 to cover shortfalls in operational funds due to lower enrollment.



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

WELCA

We are continuing to collect items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. You can also make a cash donation, and we will shop for them. Please note that collection week is Nov. 16-23. We want to beat our total for last year.

We would also love for people to decorate cards for P.A.C.K lunches. Each lunch a child receives has a card in it with an inspirational message for that child. You can add stickers or color it. Children are also encouraged to make them. You can leave them on the table in the Narthex. There are some precut cards on the table that you are welcome to use.

November Altar Guild

Charlie Schafer

Communion Assistants

John and Sherill Martin

Lectors

Nov. 02 Alex Renelt
Nov. 09 Kelley Cale
Nov. 16 Charlie Schafer
Nov. 23 Lisa Gnann
Nov. 30 Gene Henry

Greeters

Charlie Schafer
Martha McCallar
Pat Sparks
Candy Green
Mickey Waldhauer

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.

Greeters – anyone interested should contact Donna Wall at 912-604-0511.

Minutes con't

Worship and Music: We have two new choir members that are students at Georgia Southern. They have beautiful voices and we're glad they're here! Practice continues for the Christmas season.

Day School Report: Janet reported:

Staff		Enrollment – 0-2 yrs	29
FT Office	2	3-5 yrs	6
FT Bookkeeper	1	TOTAL	35
FT Teachers/Assistants	9		
Kitchen	<u>2</u>		
TOTAL	14		

Upcoming: Teacher In-Service Day – Oct. 13th COMPLETED

Halloween Fall Event – Oct. 30th

Thinking ahead of the holiday season for different events and cost-effective strategies.

Continuing to spread the word in our community! We have immediate openings.

Property Report: Joey reported our next Work Day was Saturday, October 18th. Installation of parking lot signs will start then. New roof leak is being addressed. Ongoing monthly property maintenance was done.

Old Business: Still awaiting the steeple repair report. Donald has called several times.

New Business: 1) Hymnals are in pews and available for all who wish to use them. No change to paper bulletins will be made. 2) As the need grows the nursery and children's Sunday School class will resume. 3) We are getting a quote for the sprinkler system and ceiling tile repair for the 3rd floor. 4) Church Council Nominees to fill positions of the three members who are rotating off at the end of the year are needed. 5) Some new Ministry opportunities were considered including Christian radio show and Caroline Schwalbe possible working with a youth group.

There being no further business, Pastor closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm. Minutes taken and respectively submitted by Donna Wall, Secretary.



Time to pack those boxes!
Collection Week is November 16-23.

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 All Saints Sunday 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	3	4	5 6:00 P Circle 19 6:00 P Choir	6 9:00A Craft Group	7	8 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail- out by the following Wednesday
9 Pentecost 22 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	10	11	12 6:00 P Choir	13 9:00A Craft Group	14 12:00 Noon tc / Wayfarers	15
16 Pentecost 23 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	17	18	19 6:00 P Choir	20 9:00A Craft Group 5:30P Exec.Comm. 6:00P Church Council	21 * EPISTLE DEADLINE	22
23 Christ the King 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion 11:00 A Thanksgiving Covered Dish	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Church office closed	28	29
30 Advent 1 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Service of the Word					Happy Birthday Jan Davis 11/8 Barbara Tyson 11/18 Angie Briggs 11/25	