

STATISTICS	ATTENDANCE	
04/02/2026	Maundy Thursday	26
04/03/2026	Good Friday	59
04/05/2026	10:00 A	294
04/12/2026	10:00 A	94
04/19/2026	10:00 A	82
04/26/2026	10:00 A	102

STEWARDSHIP	OFFERING	
04/05/2026	Current	\$ 7,532.00
04/12/2026	Current	\$ 7,618.00
04/19/2026	Current	\$ 2,132.00
04/26/2026	Current	\$ 2,836.00

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May 3, 2026

Word from Our Pastor

May has always been an interesting month for me. For nearly forty years my brother and some friends have visited the Holy Land as I like to call it.

My Holy Land is of course Las Vegas!

It is so much more than gambling and if you look you can find unbelievable talent in places without slot machines.

Donald and I have visited Community Lutheran and went to six completely different worship services with our favorite probably the Country Western.

The organist at Community co-wrote Rocky for Broadway and his hands were used when Michael Douglas played Liberace in the movie.

I have attended and took communion at the Cathedral in Las Vegas and still think the stain glass window of the Roman Soldiers playing craps for Jesus' garment one of the most moving and beautiful I have ever seen.

The Singers who grace the shows on the strip are attending and singing and playing in the Churches of their choice and most do it for free.

It is one of my favorite trips of the year with memories and experiences you couldn't make up if you tried. In 1995 my friend Richard and I were at the Stardust seeing Wayne Newton. Richard was up all night the night before and was asleep at our table. Wayne came off the stage singing and kissing every woman there and he passed us for a moment and then turned and came back and kissed Richard on the head. He said, "Tell him about that when he wakes up. Two years ago, we saw Wayne Newton and met him afterwards and I shared what happened years ago, He laughed and kissed Richard on the forehead and said, "Well, he's awake now!" pjh

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St. Paul's Church Council Meeting on April 16, 2026

Council members Present: Joey Barnard, Kim Screen, Donna Wall, Chris Conway, Craig Conaway, Alex Renelt, Ricky Truluck & Richard Wolf. Also present: Donald Martin & Janet Gnann. Absent: Pastor Hartmann & Erin Foose.

The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm with a prayer by President Joey Barnard and devotion by Donna Wall.

Pastor's Report: Report was presented on Pastor's behalf. He made regular visits, conducted Emerix Jones Baptism, and Brian & Brianna Cosby's Wedding. He will be traveling in May. Bill Wiggins & Donald Martin will conduct services of the word without communion on the 17th and 24th.

Committee Reports

Worship & Music: Donald Martin Holy Week and Easter services were highly successful with strong participation. The choir performed exceptionally well, and brass musicians were sponsored through a donation. Choir practice will resume Wednesday. Mother's Day Tea is scheduled for May 10 with setup on May 9; volunteers are needed. Standard liturgy and procession will continue. Attendance averaged 70–100 weekly, with 294 on Easter. Visitor attendance is increasing.

Treasury: Donald Martin Balances reported: Bank of America \$6,069; WELCA \$9,939; Truist Cash Reserve Operating \$41,108 (including \$30,000 transfer); Investments \$922,992; Endowments \$953,569 (restricted); Day School Checking \$11,332.21; Day School Savings approx. \$36,000. Easter offering totaled approximately \$7,600, largely from a few major donors. Ongoing concern noted that giving is concentrated among a small number of families. Weekly budget needed is approximately \$8,700, with typical offerings well below this amount.

Preschool: Janet Gnann Enrollment is 42 students with 12 staff members (goal of 14). Hiring challenges continue despite recruitment efforts. Starting pay may need adjustment to remain competitive. Spring program is scheduled for May 22 and the school will be closed May 25 for Memorial Day. Openings remain in 1-, 2-, & 3-year-old classrooms.

Prayer Requests

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

WELCA

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

During the months of May, June & July...

The ladies of W E L C A will be

Accepting monetary donations to be used

Towards the purchase of Quilting Products.

Please note on your check or envelope "Quilts" and we will
make sure the donations go to this worthwhile mission.

May Altar Guild

Charlie Schafer

Communion Assistants

George & Bill Wiggins

Lectors

May 03 Robert Shuman
May 10 Hunter Hadden
May 17 Ricky Truluck
May 24 Charlie Schafer
May 31 Chuck McCallar

Greeters

Martha McCallar
Lisa Neville
Angela Waldhour
Chris Conway
Joey Barnard

Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild - help set communion up before services. If you are interested, please contact Betsy Martin @ 912-655-8155.

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

Property & Maintenance Report: Richard Wolf - HVAC controller replacement was approved at approximately \$32,000 with requirement for additional approval if costs increase. Sprinkler system repairs totaling \$10,474 are required for code compliance. Roof repairs included a major leak fix for \$2,600 and additional patching scheduled for \$1,800. Third floor repairs are mostly complete with minor touch-ups remaining.

Old Business: Ongoing maintenance projects including roof, sprinkler, and third floor repairs continue to progress with no additional action required.

New Business: Committees and ministries were reviewed with emphasis on increasing participation and engagement. Monthly events will continue and an updated 2026 calendar will be distributed. Discussion included improving communication of giving and ministry opportunities. A farewell Reception for Lynn Wood will be held April 26 with cookies and tea after service.

Respectively submitted, Donna Wall, Secretary



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthday Louise Grotheer 5/13 Jacob Paulsen 5/20 Carl Lettow 5/22					1	2
3 Easter 5 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	4 Savannah AGO Members Recital	5	6 6:00 P Circle #19 6:00 P Choir	7 9:00 A Craft Group	8 12:00 Noon Etc./Wayfarers	9 * Articles for the Epistle must be in the Church Office to make the mail-out by the following Wednesday.
10 Easter 6 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion Mother's Day Tea	11	12	13 6:00 P Choir	14 9:00 A Craft Group	15	16
17 Easter 7 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	18	19	20 6:00 P Choir	21 9:00 A Craft Group 5:30 P Exec. Comm 6:00 P Church Council	22 *Epistle Deadline	23
24 Pentecost 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion	25 Memorial Day Church Office closed	26	27	28 9:00 A Craft Group	29	30
31 Trinity Sunday 9:00 A Sunday School 10:00 A Holy Communion						