

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

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## Pastor's Pen

Looking out over the landscape this time of year it is hard to tell if a tree is dead or dormant. It reminded me of a time a few years ago, I came to a bush and couldn't tell if it was alive or dead. We had planted it in the fall with hopes that it would have time to root down and survive through a cold winter. We had mulched it but the branches in the spring seemed brittle and we waited to see if it was alive or dead. Ultimately, the only way to know is, "If it is alive, it will begin to grow—if it is dead, it won't!" A plant may be dormant but alive and when the right conditions occur, then it grows ("If it is alive it will grow—if it's dead it won't"). Dormant and dead look an awful lot alike in the winter—it is only in the spring that the dormant becomes alive and growing, while the dead stays dry and brittle.

People are a lot like that. Jesus said He came that we might have life—that is really live, be alive, be growing, be fruitful for Him. There is no doubt when people are alive and growing spiritually—it is seen in the 'joy of the LORD', in the love they have for others, in their excitement to tell people about Jesus and to help people trust Him alone for their salvation. But often, Christians seem to become 'dormant' and there are no signs of life. If you have truly trusted in Jesus alone for your salvation, but as you look at your life

see there is little or no growth, perhaps you have become dormant. There are steps that you can take to move from dormancy to vibrancy. Begin to prayerfully read your Bible every day. Deal honestly and openly with the Father concerning the things that are wrong in your life (your sin). Seek out fellowship of growing, fruitful, vibrant believers in Jesus. Begin to attend church where people love Jesus and love one another, a church that preaches and teaches the Bible clearly and accurately. If you are dormant spiritually, such an environment will bring you to life once again, like the spring rains and the warmth of the sun.

As the conditions changed and the spring turned to summer, that bush, which seemed lifeless, burst into life. A leaf here, new growth there. Seemingly miraculously that bush which seemed dead grew to become grander with more leaves than we had hoped or dreamed. Your life can be vibrantly satisfying and full as well.

*. You already know Jesus is coming back, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of wicked people and lose your own secure footing.<sup>18</sup> Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3*

## Church Events

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bible study starts – 7 pm

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, WWJD starts – 6:50 am

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Confirmation resumes—7:30 pm

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, Sermon series on the Attributes of God begins; Nursing Home – 2 pm and 3 pm

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting 6 pm

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, Youth group begins

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, Communion; Evangelical Council meeting at St. Paul's, 4 pm

### Family Night Schedule:

January – None

February – Ercell and Sharon Wegener, Harold and Mary Haldiman, Noland and Lisa Porter, Ben and Kimberly Marshall, Don and Elaine Ernst, Will and Kirstyn Conley

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## What We believe

We use the word "lost" in different ways. It can mean you have misplaced something, and it may be in perfect working order if you can just find it. Or we say he lost his life savings in the stock market crash. That doesn't mean he misplaced it, and it is in good working order, and he will find it someday. No he won't. It's gone. Forever.

Or we hear the dread words from the surgeon who is desperately trying to save the life of your sister after an automobile accident, and he comes into the waiting room and says quietly, "We lost her." Or you go read a list of names in an old whaling town in Massachusetts under the title "lost at sea." That doesn't mean they are misplaced, and you will find them. It means they are at the bottom of the ocean.

In Luke 19:10, Jesus said, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." The lost don't just need finding; they need saving. This is why Jesus came into the world — not only to find people, but to save people. "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." The lost are dead in their sins and need saving in a way that only Jesus can do.

## Where we are going

Moving into a new year, we want to regain our bearings. For the next few weeks, we will be looking at the attributes of God, that is, "What is God like?" The Scriptures teach us that God is infinite with respect to time (eternal, without beginning or ending), infinite with respect to space (omnipresent), infinite with respect to power (omnipotent) and infinite with respect to knowledge (omniscient). Further, God has revealed that He is perfect in moral character—perfect in truth, justice, righteousness, holiness, graciousness, mercy, love, and goodness.

Jan. 7	The Goodness of God, Ps. 136
Jan. 14	The Holiness of God, Isa 6
Jan. 21	The Wisdom of God, Rom. 11:33-36
Jan. 28	The Sovereignty of God, Isa. 46
Feb. 4	The Justice of God, Gen. 18
Feb. 11	The Love of God
Feb. 18	The Faithfulness of God

In our Tuesday evening Bible study we will be doing an overview of the Bible, geographically, historically and doctrinally. We invite you to come and join us as we 'Put the Pieces Together.' Begins Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God. 2 Tim. 2:15*

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## Notes from Mary Kay

*It has become my practice to read from Psalms each day, and lately the Psalms have sounded like songs in my mind as I read--an overall haunting melody, but often the actual words don't stick. Except for recently, over a period of several weeks, a theme has startled me into full attention. Psalm 119:114 the psalmist declares: "GOD, You're my place of quiet retreat..." Psalm 131:2 he appeals to GOD "I've cultivated a quiet, content heart. . ." And Psalm 132 the writer remembers King David's deepest desire for his legacy to be that he built for GOD "a home, a house for the Strong God of Jacob" where "GOD could enjoy a new place of quiet repose." In John 14:23 Jesus says: "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." These thoughts coming together in my mind have made me contemplate what kind of place my heart is for GOD to inhabit. If I am anxious, driven, constantly moving, maintaining an over packed schedule that never lets up, is my heart a tabernacle, a temple, a place where GOD can enjoy quiet, peace, repose?*

*Steve and I celebrated "Thank-mas" with most of our family in October. Which left us free through the months of November and December to live "in the moment." It has been something very special to me--this unhurried, un-harried participation in church, and community, and family. Though there have been plans, schedules, crisis even, there has also been a sense of taking each day at a time, contentment in letting each day unfold new with whatever GOD brings...and, it feels to me like I am beginning to glimpse what it can be like to be a tabernacle...a temple...a place where GOD can enjoy quiet...peace...repose.*

## January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> Bible Study at St. Paul, 7 pm	<b>3</b> WWJD, 6:50 am. Confirmation resumes, 7:30pm  Alison Gorman	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Sharon Wegener	<b>6</b>  Debi Baumert, Lee Bieri
<b>7</b> Sermon: God's Goodness, Ps. 136  Nursing home, 2 pm  Hudson Clay	<b>8</b>  Board Meeting, 6pm  Rachel Marshall	<b>9</b> Bible Study at St. Paul, 7 pm  Adam Baker	<b>10</b> WWJD, 6:50 am. High School youth group, 6:30 pm. Confirmation, 7:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Sermon: God's Holiness, Isa. 6 Communion  Evangelical Council 4 pm at St. Paul's  Gail Muri, Lexi Muri, Alli Muri, Mark Oerly, Charlotte Rohrbach	<b>15</b>  Oscar Knierim, Joyce Rohrbach	<b>16</b> Bible Study at St. Paul, 7 pm  Natalie Bish	<b>17</b> WWJD, 6:50 am. High School youth group, 6:30 pm. Confirmation, 7:30  Bryce Schoethal	<b>18</b>  David Knierim, Brenda Selby	<b>19</b>  Amos Rohrbach	<b>20</b>  Steven Gentzsch, Virginia Strein
<b>21</b> Sermon: God's Wisdom, Rom. 11	<b>22</b>  Natalie Glenn	<b>23</b> Bible Study at St. Paul, 7 pm  Dalton Oerly	<b>24</b> WWJD, 6:50 am. High School youth group, 6:30 pm. Confirmation, 7:30	<b>25</b>  Natoma Elliott	<b>26</b>  Jennifer Schoenthal	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Sermon: God's Sovereignty	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bible Study at St. Paul, 7 pm	<b>31</b> WWJD, 6:50 am. High School youth group, 6:30 pm Confirmation, 7:30			

### WWJD

On Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> we had a 'Happy Birthday Jesus' party to finish out the fall for WWJD. As we look at this past few months, we have appreciated those that have faithfully come every week or a few times a month to cook, to care for the children and to teach them about the Lord Jesus. We have lost Pastor Tom, and Elaine Ernst has been sidelined for a time—both helped with the devotions. We begin Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> for the new year.

We have seen the children memorize 10 verses this fall utilizing an alphabetic format (A is for Afraid, "When I am afraid I will put my trust in You." Ps. 56:3; B is for Believe . . .) We have also worked on memorizing the books of the Old Testament. With the coming of the next semester we want to add

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music to the program, believing that music is a great teacher of Bible truths.

We need from you:

1. Your prayers for workers and the children.
2. You to consider helping once a month or more often.
3. Your looking around at your neighbors and, if they are not already coming to WWJD, perhaps invite them to come.

A special thank you to Susan Borts and Karen Jones who are faithful, organized and keep the rest of us on task.

## **Folks Needing Our Prayers:**

Family of Harvey Derendinger, Elaine Ernst, Sigrid Nott, Charles Dishion, Billy Porter, David Knierim, Karen Wood, Truman and Hilda Schoenthal, Barbie Muri, Shirley Dusenber, Gleneth Rowles, Norma Wood, Grayden Gatlin, Florene Rowles, Abraham Baepler, Jeff Stroup, All Our Military Serving Our Homeland, Our Country, and Our Friends and Neighbors in Nursing Homes and Hospitals, WWJD, and JCYG.

## **David Ramsey—Financial Peace University**

Moniteau Church is planning to conduct a David Ramsey program beginning January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at Moniteau. They have graciously opened up the opportunity to those in their sister church, St. Paul's in Jamestown. If you are interested, please contact Paul Fennewald, 573-680-5230, pfennewald@gmail.com.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University is about learning to become good stewards that honor God and can be entrusted by God with greater wealth. If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in the back of the church.

Please be praying for this as Paul Fennewald leads. This study can change the lives of families that are struggling with their finances.

## **A Special Thanks**

We know that it takes a lot of willing hearts to put on the Christmas program. It was an awesome program and we want to thank all those that had a part, especially Alison and Christy and Ted. Thanks to all and to the kids and to the parents. Great Job!

And thank you, also, to those who gave so generously to the special offering on Christmas Eve. A little over \$3,000.00 was collected in support of the Evangelical Children's Home.

## **Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

For six weeks, beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-8 pm we will be 'putting the pieces of the Bible together.' We will learn the story of the Bible (it actually is one big story). We will learn the geography and major events of the Bible. We will learn how the Bible fits together and how to make it 'come alive' in your own personal reading. Come and join us—everyone is welcome.

## **Teen Times**

The Youth Group closed out the semester with a Carrom tournament in which William Lieser and Christian Snyder took 1st place. The past several meetings had been full of deep and serious discussion so this was a nice change of pace to finish off the year.

Over the past few weeks I have really been thinking what the purpose of the Youth Group is. Certainly, I think the goal is to teach these kids more about Christ and pray that God will work in these youths and increase their faith. In addition, I really want this time to be an outlet for them to say what's on their mind. Maybe they have doubts about God, maybe they don't know how to take their faith to the next level, or maybe their struggling with something and need help. I would ask you to pray for the Youth Group and especially that we would provide an environment for them to speak openly about God and their faith.

Youth Group will start back up again on January 10th and we will start the semester off with a four-part series called "Shaken" by Tim Tebow. This series will really focus on staying rooted and grounded during difficulties and storms of life.

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## St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting December 18, 2017

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, December 18, 2017. Present were Ted Rohrbach, Don Ernst, Kim Marshall, Susan Borts, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson and newly elected board members, Don Gerlach and Lisa Porter. Outgoing member Marcy Oerly was not present. President Ted Rohrbach called the meeting to order and Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report from the November 20, 2017, meeting was reviewed. Kim made a motion to approve the minutes and Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Don gave all board members a copy of the treasurer's report for the month ending November 30, 2017. Susan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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(Board Minutes, December 18, 2017 cont.)

Old Business:

- Church Website – Discussed dates to be added to church calendar.
- Church Record book – New entry Harvey Derendinger, deceased.
- PA System in basement – Still need to discuss with Will West.
- PA System cabinet in Sanctuary – Don will follow up with Baer brothers.
- Confirmation class update – On break and will start back in January. There was discussion on when Confirmation would be scheduled. It will likely be after Easter.
- Family night schedule – Will be included in minutes so they can be included in the messenger.
- Christmas Eve Program – The board discussed the details of the service outside the program. Everything should be taken care of for the service.
- Evangelical Council Meeting on January 14, 2018, @ 4:00 PM @ St. Paul's – All planning was done last month. President of the Evangelical Council will be from St. Paul's this year.
- Pastor Evaluation/with Moniteau – Barb will reach out to Cindy for Moniteau Advent for comments to be incorporated into the evaluation form.
- Tax Forms and CPA – Ever's and Company's California Office is moving to Jefferson City. We voted last month to use them for tax preparation. We see no need to change our decision because the location is moving.
- Beth Moore Conference – The board agreed to table until closer to registration in March. We will go ahead and add the link for the conference to the website.
- Church Security Committee – Ted will talk to several church members about forming a security committee. There is a crime watch meeting on January 8, 2018, at the community building and Ted plans to attend. We also have resources from Church Mutual that can be provided to the committee. The goal of the committee will be to draft a security plan that can be provided to the congregation in the event it is needed.

New Business:

- Welcome to new board members, Don and Lisa – The board discussed several items for turnover. Don and Lisa were given keys. Barb will update contact list. Susan will pick up signature form for bank box. Ted will start picking up the mail at the post office. After meeting we will show Don and Lisa how to access the safe. The duties of council members list was shared. The Evangelical Council 2018 calendar will be finalized at the Evangelical Council meeting for all members.
- Reorganization of the Board – Kim made a motion to nominate Don as the President and Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Susan made a motion to nominate Lisa as Vice President and Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed. All other members were nominated by a Motion of Acclamation; Barb as Secretary, Susan as Financial Secretary, Ted as Treasurer and Kim as Communion Steward.
- Approval of bills – Don had all current bills paid.
- Sunday School – A request has been made for funds to support refreshments for social time for the adult Sunday school classes. Barb made a motion and Susan seconded the motion to give \$200 to the Sunday School Board. Motion passed. A check will be given to Leisa Hees.
- Wheel Chair – Kirby and Debi Baumert purchased a wheel chair for the church in case of emergency. We will mark the chair as St. Paul's property. It is located under the coat rack in the basement. Thank you Kirby and Debi.
- Refrigerator in the Basement – The refrigerator is leaking again. Barb will contact Imhoff Appliance to come look at it. The board does not want to spend more than \$200 for repairs. Otherwise, we will consider purchasing a new refrigerator.
- Memorial Funds Plaque – The plaques need updated. The board will ask Mary Haldiman where the tags have been purchased in the past.
- Audit of Financials – Ted will check with Larry Reynolds about his possibly doing the audit.

Discussion items with Pastor Steve:

- Mileage and pastor's report – A detailed pastor report was provided to all board members.

Next board meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

There being no other business Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly  
Secretary

## 2018 FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE

### JANUARY 2018 - NONE (Will hold for future events)

### FEBRUARY 2018

\*Ercell and Sharon Wegener  
Harold and Mary Haldiman  
Noland and Lisa Porter  
Ben and Kimberly Marshall  
Don and Elaine Ernst  
Will and Kirstyn Conley

### MARCH 2018 (Talent Night)

\*Barry and Heidi Eschenbrenner  
Jesse and Kelly Rohrbach  
Barb and Dason Klund  
John and Karen Jones  
Patti VonderHaar  
Tony and Trisha Meisenheimer

### APRIL 2018

\*Lucas and Christy Heimericks  
Jenice Taggart  
Gary and Paulette Reynolds  
Denny and Glenda Dietzel  
Norma Porter  
Gary and Geraldine Taggart  
Jennifer Long

### MAY 2018 - NONE

School Activities

### JUNE 2018 (Sunday School Picnic)

\*Mark and Lisa Rohrbach  
Doug and Brenda Selby  
Bob and Lisa Marshall  
Lashley and Joyce Rohrbach  
Andy and Kacey Clay  
Keith and Ana Maria Hendrix

### JULY 2018 - NONE

### AUGUST 2018 (Softball/Ice Cream)

\*Joel and Alison Gorman  
Barb Barbre  
Nicholas and Teresa Schoenthal  
Charles and Neta Dishion  
Ted and Sara Rohrbach  
Barry and Sandee Eschenbrenner

### SEPTEMBER 2018 (Mission Fest)

\*Stephen and Barb Oerly  
Kathy Reimler  
Carol Oerly  
Mark and Marcy Oerly  
Rusty and Leisa Hees  
Seth and Lyndsey Stauffer

### OCTOBER 2018 (Fall Walk)

\*Larry and Susan Borts  
Mary Lou Bieri  
Gary Schoenthal  
Bryan Schoenthal/Charles Schoenthal  
Steven and Courtney Borts  
Don and Sandy Gerlach  
\*Eric and Holly Bieri

### NOVEMBER 2018

\*Denny and Judy Wittenberger  
Natoma Elliott  
Ryan and Chris Rutledge  
Raleigh and Kim Nott  
Roy and Sigrid Nott  
Mary Kay Watson

### DECEMBER 2018 (Annual Meeting/Noon)

\*Danny and Brenda Haldiman  
Darren and Nancy Haldiman  
Kirby and Debi Baumert  
Larry and Sue Ann Reynolds  
Doug and Jackie Cowgill

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