

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

## The Messenger

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### From the Pastor's Desk

For 3500 years, the Jewish people have celebrated Passover. It is designed to help them remember that they were slaves in Egypt, oppressed. After God had given Pharaoh ample opportunity to release the Jewish people, and after numerous 'plagues' which demonstrated God's power, He decreed one last plague. The Jewish people were instructed to prepare themselves, to remove any leaven from their homes (which represented sin—i.e. there was to be repentance) and select a male lamb, in the prime of life, without spot and without blemish. The lamb was to be slain, its blood applied to the sides and tops of the door and the lamb was to be cooked and eaten, giving food to the Jewish people. That night, an angel went out into the land. Every home that had the blood applied to the door he passed over. Every house that did not have the blood applied to the door, he entered and the first born died. Deliverance from slavery required a death of a lamb without spot and without blemish and the blood applied.

1500 years after the first Passover and deliverance from the slavery in Egypt, there would be a greater Passover and deliverance from the slavery of sin. It wasn't a lamb, but the Lamb of God, the Son of God, who would be sacrificed to deliver His people.

The Bible says, "without the shedding of blood, there is no atoning for sins" and that "it was not the blood of bulls or of goats, but the precious blood of the eternal Son of God." (1 Peter 1:18-19). The blood is not applied to the door of a house, but to the heart that believes. But unlike the lamb slain for the Passover, Jesus rose and lives eternally; therefore, *"because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."* (Heb. 7:24-25)

This Easter season, we celebrate that God provided an atoning sacrifice and that Jesus not only died but that He rose. Paul summarizes it saying, *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve, more than five hundred brothers at one time, . . . <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, and last of all to me."* (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

### Church Events

- April 10** – Palm Sunday/Special Offering for St. Paul's Cemetery  
**April 11** – Men's Fellowship at Moniteau, 7 pm  
**April 14** – Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm, meal at 7:00 pm  
**April 15** – Good Friday Service at Moniteau, 7 pm  
**April 16** – Easter Egg Hunt & Party, 10:00 am  
**April 17** – Easter Sunrise Service at Jamestown School, 6:30 am  
**April 17** – Communion  
**April 18** – Board Meeting at 7:00 PM

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## From Mary Kay

*I'm going to try to wrap up my thoughts specifically about why God created women in the following, but also want you to know how profoundly this course of study and thinking has affected me over the past year or two. Because of this, I cannot really separate, going forward, my thoughts on why God created women from my thinking on how God is working in my life, how He daily, miraculously displays His presence and His "saving" me, how He loves me and shows it despite my continual failure of trust and faith in Him. I hope I may communicate to each of you reading this How Very Much He Is For You, how He has created you Specifically the way He has so that you may have success in Being the woman He created you to Be. There has never been a time, since before the beginning (as we know it not as He knows it, since He precedes all beginning) that God did not have in His mind creating woman. Woman to be in relationship to man God's solution for what man lacked on his own. Woman affected by sin with a lifetime of struggle in relationship with man, but none the less in relationship to God finding her purpose, her relief from the struggle, her salvation, her hope in life and the future, her Perfect Husband (in the Bridegroom), her complete solace in knowing who she is meant to be.*

*I hope, in this next, to put before you for thought, my thoughts on how God created me, for this time of my life, to be a "help" to Steve, to use my gifts to build up the church, and to draw a real-life picture for you of the Creator God using for His good a broken, given-to-sin, getting-older-with-really-bad-genes woman. My whole life I have struggled with parts of my character: intense self-consciousness, paralyzing shyness, direct (to the point of rudeness many have said) and pointed way of speaking, but I've also come to know that though these can nudge over into sin on my part (if I do not put these through the grid of examination by the Holy Spirit within and God's Word-both written and in the flesh), but are also crucial to "the work" God gives me to do of speaking truth into the lives of those in our family and speaking truth into the lives of women as I am able. God has given me, in these years, as my part of His church to care for, to pour myself out for, Steve, our children, and our grandchildren. We share a unique history, unique struggles, specific to who God created each to be--personality traits, experiences, way of interpreting life based on these plus birth order effects and service/life God has given each. (I want to add that it has been my observation here in Jamestown and specifically among our churches, that God has given many of our women this ministry among their own families.) I spend a lot of time being with and communicating with our family members...and I do this at great sacrifice on Steve's part. I love it! He loves it! But ministry to the church to build up is always with sacrifice. We do both thank God daily for placing us among you. You care for us well...so well that I have no need to work to augment our income, and this is such a God-kiss to us! I was recently, for a month, in Memphis with our eldest daughter and her family. Steph has been growing leaps and bounds in her relationship with Jesus in the past two years and this is thrilling to take in. She said to me one day: "Mom, do you ever think that this mysterious "weakness" (fatigue, exhaustion, shortness-of-breath, body pain, and insomnia) God allows to go unabated is just His way of keeping you available to our family rather than you pouring yourself out in Nursing in these empty nest years?" Her perception is so beautiful to me! And, yes, I thank God often for this gift of bodily weakness and frailty that so focuses me on exactly what God wants me to do and be in these years. None of us in our family have any other explanation for why I can travel (at just the right moment--and these moments are clearly chosen by the Lord) and sort of keep up with adult kids with crazy schedules and their littles with unbelievable energy, travel home...and then practically collapse with one physical problem after another that render me homefast if not bedfast. But these times...days, weeks, even months at home with Steve offer beautiful times of communion between Steve and me, and between the Lord and me with great focus on praying for you in our churches, study and reading, and sometimes even writing to you through the Newsletter. I want you to know that it is in so many ways painful for me to discover Sunday after Sunday when I am home, that I cannot attend services with Steve, but the Lord simply makes it obvious that it cannot happen. So, I use the time to pray, generally get to get in on the Facebook service from*

*Moniteau, and also at some point get to watch and listen to our son Seth preach at their church in Minnesota. And you, both our churches, in return take care of us and Steve in particular in a way that we have not experienced in our lives of church ministry before: seeing mobility needs and initiating adjustments, your expectations of your pastor are clearly focused on the spiritual care of the congregations and helping you learn and do the work of ministry, expecting and allowing him great freedom to get involved with (but not ever alone responsible for) spiritual care of all ages. God is teaching me in these days that we are and must be “the church” for one another. He has gifted us specifically in order to build up His church. Men and women both gifted and called for His purpose, to bring Him glory Being who He created us to be.*

## **Simple Ways to Share the Gospel**

### Personal Testimony

Our stories are not the gospel; the gospel is the good news about Jesus Christ. Our stories can incorporate this good news though! Every believer should be ready in season and out of season to share what God has done in his/her life.

If you're like me, something as simple as a personal testimony can seem overwhelming.

Never fear because this is actually super simple if you know the three simple elements Paul included when sharing his testimony in [Acts 26:1-23](#).

First, take three minutes to read Paul's testimony for an example of what you're aiming for. Now you're ready to prepare your own short story.

Here are the three elements to a basic testimony:

- 1. Give a brief description of what your life was like before you received Christ.** (see verses 4-11)
- 2. Describe how God spoke to your heart and opened your eyes to spiritual truth. Include the basic facts of the gospel and your response of faith.** (verses 12-18)
- 3. Finally, share how your life has changed since receiving the forgiveness available in Christ.** (verses 19-23)

## **Sermon Series**

We are looking forward to the Easter Season with Maundy Thursday Services at St. Paul's and Good Friday service at Moniteau. There will be a community Sunrise Service, April 17, 6:30 am at the school. Pastor Canter from the Assembly Church will be sharing.

After Easter we will be looking at the Wisdom Psalms, Praise/Thanksgiving Psalms and Lament Psalms. Each express the emotions of the heart.

## **Memory Verse for April**

Be working on this important verse from Mt. 6:33:

*“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

## **Good Books**

I have been reading a great book, “12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You” by Tony Reinke. I recommend it for anyone with a smartphone and/or children that are growing up in an age of smartphones.

## **Faith Maternity**

*Caring Through Cars Campaign* Faith Maternity Care will celebrate 20 years of helping women and families in our community this year. Looking forward, we have set a goal of helping 1,000 women and families over the next 10 years. In order to reach our goal, we must find more ways to serve women. One piece of the puzzle is to help our residents become fully self-sufficient so they can successfully transition back into the community. One of the biggest barriers to this goal is reliable transportation. Many of our ladies have a hard time gaining employment due to limited transportation options in the Fulton area. In response to the transportation barrier, we have started the Caring Through Cars Campaign. We hope to provide a reliable vehicle to residents who show responsibility and growth in our program. Residents will need to meet specific requirements including volunteer hours, participating in our program, good behavior, and taking a car maintenance class. Several car dealerships have already agreed to help by providing reliable cars at deeply discounted costs. If you would like to help kickstart the future for one of our residents, you may donate through our website at [www.faithmaternity.com](http://www.faithmaternity.com) or by mailing a check to PO Box 6232, Fulton, MO 65251.

## Our Missionaries—the Dettmans

DEAR PARTNERS FOR THE GOSPEL, “Do you know what Christians believe or what the Bible says?” This is a pretty common question we ask students in order to open the door to sharing the Gospel with them. Usually we get simple answers like “no” or “they follow Jesus” or “they try to follow the Bible to get into heaven.” When my teammate and I sat down with Barry\* and asked him this question, I expected a similar response. I was blown away when he said “you try to be perfect, but you can’t, so Jesus came and died for your sins, and you need to accept his death as a free gift in order to be saved.” Barry has been searching and watching different videos about what Christians, Jews, and Muslims believe. He asked deep philosophical questions, and listened intently to our answers without being argumentative or defensive. After talking with him for nearly 2 hours, one of our local staff was able to come and share his testimony with him before Barry had to leave for class. Please pray that our staff would be able to follow up with Barry, and that God would continue to guide and direct his searching. Barry is a great example of how God is moving in the hearts of students here. At the end of February, some of us from Southwinds went up to the capital for a few days to participate in a launch week. In 4 days that week, 45 students heard the Gospel!

## Save the Date for VBS

Planning has begun to prepare for Vacation Bible School in 2022. “Food Truck Party” is scheduled to be held at St. Paul’s/Grace UMC, Monday-Thursday, July 11-14 from 6:30-8:55 each evening. Children ages 4 through completed 6th grade are invited to get on a roll with God. Check your monthly Messenger as more information becomes available.



## Easter Party



The Children’s Easter Party will be held Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of the church. There will be snacks, crafts, story time, and an egg hunt. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, cousins; all kids are welcome! If you have any questions or would like to sign up to bring a snack, please contact Nancy Haldiman at 573-690-8528. If you would like to donate candy for the eggs, please purchase candy that will fit inside regular-sized eggs. Candy donations will be collected from Sunday March 27 – Saturday April 9. Candy can be given to Nancy Haldiman or left in the kitchen (please label that the candy is for the Easter party if you leave it in the kitchen).

## **St. Paul's Evangelical Board Meeting**

Monday, March 14, 2022

The March Board Meeting was called to order by President Ben Marshall and opened with prayer led by Pastor Steve Watson. Those in attendance were Ben Marshall, Pastor Steve Watson, Lucas Heimericks, Nancy Haldiman, Kathy Reimler, Mark Oerly and Sandee Eschenbrenner.

Because Pastor Steve needed to leave early, we began the meeting with his monthly report.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report regarding activities, expenses, mileage and the funeral service for Heather Graff. He has been working with the Ministerial Alliance in preparation for the Easter Sunrise Service and advised that Thomas Cantor from the Assembly of God Church will be preaching that service.

The Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The motion was made by Nancy Haldiman, seconded by Lucas Heimericks and passed by vote of the Board.

The February Treasury's Report along with the March bills was presented by Kathy Reimler. The motion to accept the February Report and approve the payment of the March bills was made by Mark Oerly, seconded by Lucas Heimericks and passed by vote of the Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Cabinets: Debi Baumert has begun to gather files, etc. for the new cabinets. The Schoenthal family has designated that donations from Dorothy's Memorial Fund be used toward the costs involved. A plaque indicating same is being planned. Our thanks to the Schoenthal Family for this gift to our church.
2. Old Copier: The Board discussed the disposal of the old copier. Mark Oerly agreed to haul it to MRC Recycling in

Jefferson City. The motion was made by Kathy Reimler, seconded by Nancy Haldiman and passed by vote of the Board.

3. Confirmation: A meeting was held Sunday the 13th following worship with parents to discuss Confirmation. The newly prepared Confirmation Booklet was presented and well received by those present. A second meeting is proposed for Sunday, April 10th for parents and children so all are aware of the expectations and preparation required as the classes begin. The projected start date for Confirmation Classes is Sunday, May 1st - with classes only twice a month going forward.

4. Easter Sunrise Service: The Sunrise Service is in the Jamestown School gymnasium with St. Paul's Church acting as host. The service starts at 6:30 with breakfast following. Reminder: Since Easter falls on our regularly scheduled Family Night, the April hosts will be helping with the serving and cleanup following the breakfast.

5. Easter Egg Hunt & Party: This takes place on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 AM. Contact Nancy Haldiman if you would like to help or have any questions.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Young Christians Weekend: The annual Young Christians Weekend is held in April at Silver Dollar City and is sponsored by the New Hope Church. It is estimated that 12 to 15 youth from St. Paul's and Moniteau will be attending. This is a Christian oriented weekend filled with seminars, guest speakers and concerts. Expenses include a ticket to Silver Dollar City, food, lodging and fuel. Although each youth pays \$62.00, additional funds are needed to host this event. After discussion, the Board Decided to donate \$1,250.00 to New Hope to help with the expenses. The motion was made by Kathy Reimler, seconded by Nancy Haldiman and passed by vote of the board. (Seth Rohrbach will be attending as a chaperone.)

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. Stained Glass Windows: It was brought to the Board's attention that in the event of some disaster, we could lose the historical information regarding our stained-glass windows. Ben Marshall agreed to take individual pictures of each window. This information would be retained on a thumb drive and then stored in the church safe.

2. St. Paul's received a thank you note along with a donation from Grace Methodist for the use of our Fellowship Hall facilities following the service for Junior Miller.

3. Ben Marshall will be out of town the last week of April and the first week of May. If any assistance is needed during that time frame, please contact Mark Oerly or one of the other Board Members.

4. Another idea submitted to the Board was the suggestion of a Shadow Box or Relic Box to be displayed that would contain items that have some historical value to St. Paul's. An example would be several pieces of our used Communion Service set that was recently replaced. Your input would be appreciated.

Ben announced that our next Board Meeting will be Monday, April 18th. Our start time will now move to 7 o'clock.

The motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Haldiman, seconded by Kathy Reimler and passed by vote of the Board. The meeting was closed by all reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sandee Eschenbrenner

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Friday, April 1st    | World Day of Prayer/Prairie Home Fellowship Hall/Registration at 1:00 PM/Service at 1:30 PM |
| Sunday, April 10th   | Palm Sunday/Special Offering for St. Paul's Cemetery  |
| Monday, April 11th   | Men's Fellowship/Moniteau/7:00 PM   |
| Thursday, April 14th | Maundy Thursday Service/St. Paul's/7:00 PM (Please bring food before service time/6:30 PM)  |
| Friday, April 15th   | Good Friday Service/Moniteau/7:00 PM  |
| Saturday, April 16th | Easter Egg Hunt & Party/10:00 AM  |
| Sunday, April 17th   | Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast/6:30 AM  |
| Sunday, April 17th   | Easter Worship Service/Communion  |
| Monday, April 18th   | Board Meeting/7:00 PM   |

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| Sun   | Mon   | Tue       | Wed                                 | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| <b>Family Night Hosts/Hostesses:</b><br>*Lucas and Christy Heimericks<br>Jenice Taggart<br>Gary and Paulette Reynolds<br>Denny and Glenda Dietzel<br>Gary and Geraldine Taggart |   |           |                                     |  | <b>1</b><br>World Day of Prayer @<br>Prairie Home Fellowship<br>Hall<br><br>Jesse Rohrbach<br>Jason Gattin | <b>2</b>   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>Caroline Heimericks     | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>Cody Baumert<br>Chayce Klund<br>Kinzie Haile<br>Taylor Baker |
| <b>10</b><br>Palm Sunday<br>Special Offering for St.<br>Paul's Cemetery<br><br>Corbin Schaffter   | <b>11</b><br>Men's Fellowship<br>Moniteau, 7 p.m.<br><br>Hope Anson | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br><br>Denny Wittenberger | <b>14</b><br>Maundy Thursday<br>Service St. Paul's, 7<br>p.m.<br><i>*Please bring food<br/>           before service, 6:30<br/>           p.m.</i><br>Chris Schoenthal<br>Bob Souden<br>Kim Nott | <b>15</b><br>Good Friday Service,<br>Moniteau, 7 p.m.  | <b>16</b><br>Easter Egg Hunt &<br>Party, 10 a.m.<br><br>Joel Gorman      |
| <b>17</b><br>Easter Sunrise Service<br>& Breakfast<br>6:30 a.m.<br><br>Easter Worship Service,<br>Communion   | <b>18</b><br>Board Meeting<br>7 p.m.                                | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b>                           | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br><br>Melanie Marshall  | <b>23</b>  |
| <b>24</b><br><br>Leslie Anson<br>Tanner Gentzsch  | <b>25</b><br><br>Steve Derendinger                                  | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>                           | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br><br>Melody Croy<br>Lisa Rohrbach                            |