

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

It has been a hot summer and we need rain. I was walking across a neighbor's lawn and noticed how the grass had withered and looked dead. Needless to say, the grass needs water. It is amazing to note that if the rain should come, that the grass would once again green up and grow. The roots are shallow and if the moisture is not fairly close to the surface, the grass does not have roots to reach down very fair.

Contrast that with trees that are in the same yard. They are still green; the leaves have not withered. The tree is stressed, but it is clearly not suffering as the grass. That is the value of roots—able to reach down to draw up needed nutrients and water from depths below ground. The roots take time to grow, but the roots keep the tree alive in times of draught.

We can be like trees that not only put down deep spiritual roots but put down roots close to an ever-flowing stream. Psalm 1 tells us that we need to avoid listening to the things that men say and valuing the things that men value—and instead delight in the Bible (the Law of the Lord) and meditate (think about it) day and night. When we do that, God promises that we will water our souls and be like a tree, growing, yielding fruit (having something to offer to others), without withering.

The alternative is to listen and accept the world's values and perspectives which will make our lives like chaff—nothing substantial, nothing that is life giving and growing.

Our souls are thirsty—the solution is to put down spiritual roots by streams of living water and to drink deeply of Jesus.

Consider what the Psalmist says in Psalm 1:

¹*Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners or join in with mockers.*

²*But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.*

³*They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*

⁴*But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.*

⁵*They will be condemned at the time of judgment.*

Sinners will have no place among the godly.

⁶*For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.*

Church Events

August 12 – Festival of Sharing Offering

August 19 – Family night @ 6:00 PM

August 19 – Communion

August 20 – Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM

September 2 – Labor Day Service

September 23 – Sunday School Rally Sunday; California Community Band will have special music during church service

Bible study every Tues. at 7pm.

Family Night: Joel and Alison Gorman, Barb Barbre, Nicholas and Teresa Schoenthal, Charles and Neta Dishion, Ted and Sara Rohrbach, Barry and Sandee Eschenbrenner

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Our Great Responsibility

Romans 10 says, "There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."¹⁴ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?¹⁵ How will they preach unless they are sent?

If you look at this process, someone has to 'preach' (share) the Gospel for a person to hear it. The person has to hear it in order to believe it. The person has to believe it in order to call upon the name of the LORD. Our job and responsibility is to tell the Gospel clearly, simply, often and passionately (because it is about Jesus' Passion—the cross).

Our Great Responsibility (cont.)

But what is the Good News that we must tell others in order for them to believe and call upon the name of the LORD?

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

The Good News that saves is that Christ died (paid the price) for our sins and that He conquered death—therefore, when we call upon His name we are not calling to one dead but One who was victorious over death.

Notes from Mary Kay

As is her usual, Beth Moore left me a little breathless as she spoke about God's intent that we live life focused, aiming straight, not boxing air, following Jesus en route to Jesus, intent on the prize...and that prize IS Jesus! I so appreciate her depth of study and understanding God's Word and her giftedness at communicating what she has learned, and I loved that so many of you were able to go and hear her, too...it made me feel happy-just knowing you were there.

Over the past month I have given considerable thought to the idea that when I 'follow Jesus en route to Jesus', Jesus brings His blessing as I go. It is my privilege, as His Spirit dwells in me, to bring His blessing to every interaction I have with others. This is a powerful truth. As a follower of Jesus, each of us is able to bring the very presence of GOD to those He "gives" us. To bring this home where we live, we-women in all our various roles and circumstances-display who Jesus IS to our husbands, children, grandchildren, extended family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. This is a large, invaluable piece of "the good works" He created for us to do even before He formed each of us. He is the treasure we live!

I saw this so clearly throughout VBS this past week (and I don't mean to negate or overlook the great work of men involved, but I "see" women and they are my focus). From the planning to each simple interaction with one another and with the children...Jesus was on display...and He makes us beautiful! Psalm 50 says this about GOD: "The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets...Our God comes and will not be silent," then a bit later, this: "He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he (she) prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." This really does say and mean that when I thank God for every circumstance (or all things) I am opening up a way for God to reveal His salvation! This is goose-bump, chilblain stuff...following Jesus en route to Jesus, thanking GOD as we go, IS preparing the way that GOD may demonstrate His salvation. Women...in all your roles...speak thanksgiving often over all your "peeps"...so that our very great and awesome LORD may show His salvation!

Maranatha, Come quickly Lord Jesus,

Mary Kay

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Danny Haldiman	3	4
5	6	7 Bible Study at 7PM	8 Jeremy Haldiman, Tricia Schaffter	9 Alan Bieri, Ralph Reimler	10 Josh Messerli	11
12 Festival of Sharing Offering	13	14 Bible Study at 7PM	15 Anne Derendinger, Connie Reimler, Teresa Schoenthal	16 School begins	17	18 Dianne Marshall
19 Family night @ 6:00 PM Communion	20 Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM Abraham Heimericks	21 Bible Study at 7PM	22	23	24	25
26 Brenda Haldiman, Calvin Schlup	27	28 Bible Study at 7PM Charles Eschenbrenner,	29 Hannah VonderHaar	30	31 Frank Reimler	

Where we are going

We continue our 'Great Verses' series
 Aug. 5—Acts 1:8—telling the world about Jesus
 Aug. 12—Rom. 12:1-2—Becoming Transformers
 Aug. 19 Ps. 19:14—Examined by the LORD
 Aug. 26 James 5:16—Honest to God
 Sept. 2—Labor Day community service in park

Folks Needing Our Prayers:

Prayer needs change weekly. Please check your weekly bulletin for the current prayer concerns.

Rolling River Rampage VBS

St. Paul's, combining efforts with Moniteau Advent Evangelical and Grace United Methodist, hosted Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, from 6:30 until 8:50 p.m. each evening. Eighty-one children were registered with an average attendance of 72 and over forty adults and teens volunteered as leaders and helpers.

Each evening, the children gathered for an opening assembly and were joined by a purple river otter puppet named Romper. They shared thoughts about God and worked on learning the week's Bible verse, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2. Following the opening, the children enjoyed craft projects, science experiments, outdoor recreation, music, snacks, and stories about Jesus. They learned how Jesus called his first disciples, how he helped Mary and Martha, how he and his disciples shared the first Lord's supper, and how Jesus promised to be with us forever, especially when we carry on his work. The other activities they participated in helped remind them of these Bible stories.

Each evening concluded with a closing assembly, where Romper helped the children review what they had learned that evening and to practice their Bible verse. We also took up a mission offering during the week to help provide clean water for people around the world who don't have healthy available water for drinking, cooking, and hygiene. Thanks to the generosity of the children and their families, \$600 was raised for this project.

Parents, grandparents, and friends were invited to join the children in the final closing assembly on Thursday. The children sang the songs they had practiced during music time and members of the grades 4-6 class shared a summary of what was learned during story time each evening. Certificates of attendance were presented by the leaders of each of the four classes. Following the assembly, a time of fellowship and refreshments was shared in the downstairs of St. Paul's.

Thank you to all who helped as organizers, station leaders, class leaders, and helpers throughout the week. A big thank you also to those at St. Paul's who helped move furniture, etc. both before and at the conclusion of VBS. Vacation Bible School is certainly a joint effort and would not be successful without the dedication of all those involved.

Teen Times

The Youth Group will take part in a service project on the afternoon of Sunday, August 12th. Several of the picnic tables in the shelter house are in rough shape and desperately need a coat of paint. I'm excited about this project because it gets the community looking good for Labor Day festivities, promotes the Youth Group to the community, and give us an opportunity to serve in God's name! In addition to working, we will have food and games afterward. This event will also serve as an introduction for the upcoming Freshman. If you know any parents or youth in the upcoming Freshman class PLEASE reach out to them and let them know about this event.

I've been reading a book over the summer called "Purpose Driven Youth Ministry" by Doug Fields. Doug runs a very successful youth ministry near Los Angeles, California. While his youth ministry and ours aren't exactly comparable, he has several practical things I would like to put in place; one of them being a purpose statement. While this may not seem like a big deal, one of the things I feel the youth group has lacked is a clear purpose. Be on the lookout in the upcoming weeks as we hope to have a purpose statement drafted soon.

The school year will be here before we know it! Please pray for us as we get ready for the upcoming semester.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

July 11, 2018

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Present were Don Gerlach, Ted Rohrbach, Kim Marshall, Susan Borts, Lisa Porter, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. President Don Gerlach called the meeting to order and Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's report: The secretary's report from the June 18, 2018, meeting was reviewed. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes and Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: A copy of the treasurer's report was given to all board members. Susan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kathy Reimler attended the meeting and talked about possible options for church giving. We have a good fund balance on hand so maybe we should consider different ways of giving. The board discussed forming a committee. The committee

would be responsible for doing research and developing a plan to be presented to the board and church members for consideration. Kathy would be willing to head up the committee. Pastor Steve and Ted are willing to be members of the committee. The committee would need at least two more members and could be ongoing with members rotating on and off the committee. The board gave Kathy permission to move forward with finding committee members to starting doing research and developing a plan.

Old Business:

- Church Website calendar entries – see list below
- Church Record Book – no entries for this month
- Camp Aurora Foster Outreach Special Offering – all funds were sent to Camp Aurora
- Service Project for Youth (Pavilion) – Brooke Imhoff is going to talk to Walt Imhoff about doing the power washing. Seth will organize the youth. Lisa will talk to Noland about color and best paint to use. Noland will purchase the paint for us.
- Pew Silencers and Table – Susan ordered
- Video Taping of Church – Still being worked on
- Downstairs bathroom supplies/restocking – Don talked to Glenda and she is willing keep basement bathrooms stocked. Glenda also knows when she needs to help during VBS.
- Upstairs water fountain is not cooling – Don is working on this
- Window handle missing in sanctuary – Don is working on this

New Business:

- Approval of bills – Barb made a motion to approve payment of bills. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ted reported that the food pantry donation was \$2,025.
- School supply donation – Pastor Steve will contact Pastor Dennis Maxwell and see what is needed. Don made a motion and Susan seconded the motion to give up to \$200 to New Hope for school supplies for the annual giveaway. Motion passed.
- Back to School Fair – Pastor Steve received a request for boxes of Kleenex for the Back to School Fair at California. Pastor Steve will ask Paulette Reynolds to put the request in the bulletin.
- Summer Snack Pack Program – Susan had an update from Heidi Eschenbrenner about the Summer Snack Pack program. New Hope, Grace United Methodist and St. Paul's shared the task of taking care of the family using the program.
- Youth Group – Robin Hunziker can no longer lead the Jr. High Youth Group. At this time the Jr. High will not meet unless a leader comes forward. Barb also asked that consideration be given to possibly finding a different place for the High School Youth Group to meet. The current space is probably not ideal for the group and a different location may be more suitable. There is no immediate need to change. At this time, the board is going to pray for a leader for the Jr. High Youth Group and an alternative place for the High School Youth Group to meet.
- Second FB Account – a second FB account exists for the church. We need to have it removed. Barb will contact FB and see if that is possible.
- Mission Fest – the board discussed moving Mission Fest to Sunday, September 30. Pastor Steve recommended a speaker from Healing House and they are able to come on this date.

Discussion items with Pastor Steve:

- Mileage and pastor's report – Pastor Steve gave board members a copy of the report. The report includes an overview of what has been done over the last few weeks, events coming up, sermon planning, visits and mileage detail.

Next board meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Oerly
Secretary

Dates to Remember:

September 2 – Labor Day Service

September 23 – Sunday School Rally Sunday; California Community Band will have special music during church service

September 30 – Mission Fest; Healing House Speaker