

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

Summer is over—the crops are drying, being gathered in. The grass has been momentarily revived by the rain. The trees are beginning to turn. The walnuts and acorns are falling from the trees providing food for squirrels and some will be planted to one day grow into trees. And, the hummingbirds are becoming fewer and fewer. Not that long ago, I had to fill our four feeders three times a day. Flocks of hummingbirds looking for food, taking turns, sometimes chasing others away. It was amazing to see them fly and still be able to stand stationary in the air drinking the nectar. But now I fill only two feeders every other day, then every third day and finally they will be taken down, washed and put away for next year.

I notice the few hummingbirds that come—they are small, probably those born most recently, not yet having bulked up for the trip that they must make. It has always amazed me how these little birds manage to find their way to their winter homes and next spring find their way back to us. I look at that and wonder at God's creation—I would surely get lost on such a long journey, but God has put within these small creatures the ability to navigate over hundreds of miles to safety. They don't seem to fly in flocks and so each must go on his own, looking for the food that God provides along

the way. Some will make it and some will perish.

As I will miss my little friends, they are a testimony of God's wisdom and power. Those that do not believe in a Creator God, must believe that somehow these marvelous creatures simply evolved. But consider some facts and ask if such marvels could evolve. The heart of a hummingbird beats more than 1200 beats per minute (yes 12 hundred), while weighing merely 3 grams (a nickel weighs 4.5 grams), can fly 30 miles per hour, lays eggs that are less than ½" long, breathe an average of 250 times a minute. The rufous hummingbird has the longest migration (more than 3000 miles). The ruby throated hummingbird flies 500 miles, non-stop across the Gulf of Mexico. The average hummingbird lives 3-12 years. Though they are small, they will attack bluejays, crows and hawks that infringe on their territory. They are a marvel of God's creative wisdom and power.

Yet for all that they are, the culmination of God's creation is man, created in His image, able to communicate with the Creator. Jesus loved mankind so much that He became a man to die for men. Jesus reminds us that if God so cared for the birds of the air, that He will care for us. What a joy to know that a God powerful and wise enough to create and care for hummingbirds, cares for us.

Church Events

September 30 – Mission Fest; Healing House Speaker

October 7 – Communion

October 14 – Board meeting @ 3:00 PM

October 21 – Fall Walk

Family Night: 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.

Notes: Pastor Steve will try to be in his office Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. You are welcome to text, call, or come talk to him at this time. Thursday is normally his day off.

A confirmation class will begin in October. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve.

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October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bible Study at 7-8 pm Dason Klund, Joshua Nott	3 WWJD at 7-7:45 am High School Youth Group 6:30-8:15 pm	4	5	6
7 Communion Mackenzie Strother, Mickayla Srother	8 Noland Porter	9 Bible Study at 7-8 pm Kelsey Parrott Kuh, Harry Oerly	10 WWJD at 7-7:45 am High School Youth Group 6:30-8:15 pm	11 Bennett Gatlin	12	13 Kacey Clay
14 Board Meeting at 3pm Kinley King	15 Trisha Meisenheimer	16 Bible Study at 7-8 pm	17 WWJD at 7-7:45 am Middle School Youth Group at 6:30-8pm High School Youth Group 6:30-8:15 pm	18	19	20
21 Fall Walk	22	23 Bible Study at 7-8 pm	24 WWJD at 7-7:45 am Middle School Youth Group at 6:30-8pm High School Youth Group 6:30-8:15 pm Larry Reynolds	25 Keegan Borts, Lance Hees	26	27 Tara VonderHaar
28 Leisa Hees, Barbara Klund	29 Taylor Glenn, Zachary Glenn	30 Bible Study at 7-8 pm Lea Selby	31 WWJD at 7-7:45 am Middle School Youth Group at 6:30-8pm High School Youth Group 6:30-8:15 pm			

Folks Who Need Our Prayers

Oscar Knierim, Karen Smith, Hilda Schoenthal, Nadine Hickman, Dettmans, Claire Fowler, Connie Reimler, Elaine

Ernst, Billy Porter, David Knierim, Abraham Baepler, All our military serving our homeland, our country, family, friends, neighbors in nursing homes and hospitals, WWJD, and JCYG.

Middle School Youth Group

The Middle School Youth group began Sept. 5th. We have named it 'BECOMING' because the young teens in Middle School are no longer children and are becoming adults. We are looking at Character. We stress that there are three things in life: Abilities that God sovereignly gives (which are to be discovered and developed), Character (which is composed of things like perseverance, kindness, contentment, diligence, gratitude) and Faith (which gives us meaning and direction in life). Consequently, when we grow our Faith and develop our Character to harness our Abilities, we will be living lives that honor the Lord Jesus and are blessed. We are looking at the Character trait of contentment. 22 teens have come. We have assembled a team of Pastor Steve, Kathy Reimler, Jackie Cowgill, Sandy Gerlach and Sharon Flippin. Pray for us and we would like to invite anyone that has a heart for teens to come and get involved. Contact Pastor Steve.

Wed, Sept. 26th 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wed, Oct. 3rd NO GROUP MTG –

Conference Baseball Tournament

Wed, Oct. 10th NO YOUTH GROUP MTG-

Jr. High Basketball Tournament

Wed, Oct. 17th 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wed, Oct. 24th 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wed, Oct. 31st NO YOUTH GROUP MTG-Halloween

WWJD

WWJD (Wednesdays With Jesus Devotionals) began on September 12 for the 2018-19 school year. This worship program for children in grades K-6 is held at St. Paul's Evangelical Church every Wednesday morning that Jamestown school is in session and currently has 31 children registered.

During the month of September, the children have enjoyed reviewing the books of the Bible, Bible verses, and songs that they learned last year. In addition, during this school year at WWJD, we will be concentrating on stories of the Bible during devotional time.

At the first gathering, Pastor Steve shared a special book with the group titled *The Wordless Book*. As the title suggested, there were no words but only color on each page. The first page was black, symbolizing the darkness of sin. The second red page symbolized the blood of Christ, the white third page symbolized the

cleansing of our hearts as Jesus takes away our sins, and the yellow fourth page represented going to Heaven. The last page was green, representing growing in Jesus.

On Sept. 19, the devotional concentrated on the first story in the Bible—the Creation story of how everything began. The children discussed all of the wonderful things God created for us, ending with Adam and Eve. Pastor Steve reminded the children that while God gave us so much to take care of, He also gave us each other.

Following breakfast on Sept. 26, the children and adult volunteers walked to the Jamestown school to join other students in grades K-12 who chose to gather outside around the flagpole in worship and prayer led by the Jamestown High School Youth Group. Begun in 1990, the "See You at the Pole" is a global gathering of thousands of Christian students at a flagpole in front of their local school for student-led prayer, scripture-reading, and worship during the hour before school starts on the fourth Wednesday in September.

High School Youth Group

The Jamestown Community Youth Group has gotten off to a great start this school year! The book of James has proved to be a great study series as we're looking at several topics (trials, temptations, hearing & doing the word) with relevance in our daily lives. What's really been encouraging is the feedback and follow-up questions from the youth during discussions. For example, a few weeks ago we were talking about how to refrain from clinging to the temporary things this world has to offer. One of the youths asked if it was a sin to have a nice car or a lake house. I told that person it certainly wasn't a sin to have nice things, unless we put those things ahead of God. I've been very impressed with the thoughts and points the youth have to offer.

This past Wednesday we had several of the youth lead See You at the Pole. This was a great morning of prayer, scripture reading, and worship with many in attendance and several other teachers, parents, and students looking on as they passed by. Please pray for the students, faculty, and staff of our school.

As we continue to push through the book of James please pray for the youth group. Pray for Ben, Kelly, and myself as we formulate discussion topics and questions. Pray for us as we try to shepherd the (cont.)

flock and look out for their spiritual needs. Finally, pray that the Spirit would guide our weekly meetings and work in the hearts of Jamestown's youth.

New Committee

There is a newly formed committee at Saint Paul's entitled the financial stewardship committee. The mission of the committee is to build relationships and reach out to the community by using God's best will to invest our churches' resources. The committee members are Pastor Steve, Kathy Reimler, Ted Rohrbach, Nancy Haldiman, and Lyndsey Stauffer. The committee would ask the church for their prayers as they seek to make good godly decisions to successfully meet the committee's mission.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting September 17, 2018

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, September 17, 2018. Present were Don Gerlach, Ted Rohrbach, Kim Marshall, Susan Borts, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. Lisa Porter was not present. 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 August 20, 2018, meeting was reviewed. Susan 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. Kim made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Church website calendar entries – see list below
- Church record book – no update
- Pew silencers – Still on backorder; we will wait one more month and if not available consider other options.
- Estimate to paint black metal on exterior of church – no update
- Carpet replacement in church – Next board meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 14, at 3:00. We will do a walkthrough of the church at that time to assess needs.
- Fall Walk – It was noted that fish has gone up in price.

New Business:

- Approval of bills – Barb made a motion to approve payment of bills. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Elevator motor replacement - done
- Budget for Middle School Youth Group – The board discussed funds for the Jr. High Youth group. Ted made a motion to fund food for the Jr. High Youth group and the Sr. High as needed. Barb seconded the motion. Motion

passed. There was also discussion about the need to give all youth attending youth group a questionnaire. The questionnaire would include contact and food allergy information.

- Classroom space/moveable partitions – More discussion on this item is needed.
- Magazine – Pastor Steve will include information in the Messenger about the magazine subscription for families who have new babies.
- Stewardship committee – A request will be made asking Kathy Reimler to put a write up in the Messenger regarding the stewardship committee. The board also requested a brief update that can be presented at each board meeting.
- See You at The Pole – This is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Members of the Senior High Youth Group will lead the event. Donuts, juice and milk will be provided.
- Computer Class for Senior Citizens and Veterans – Sara Rohrbach made a request on behalf of the Moniteau County Library Board to use of the church basement to offer a 4-week computer class for senior citizens and veterans. The board agreed to let the Library use the basement for this purpose. We will work with them in scheduling classes so there is no conflict with church events.
- Messengers – Any that remain at the church the third week of the month need to be put in the mail.
- Care Pack Program (formerly buddy pack program) – Heidi Eschenbrenner presented a letter with updates on the program. The program currently serves two families with a total of eight children. Our church will provide the food in December and January. Collection totes will be put out in early November.
- Homeless Bag Ministry – The board had a request from Sandee Eschenbrenner to help fund this ministry. Bags with basic necessities are put together. Congregation members that are willing, can keep a few bags in their car and distribute as they see a need. Sandee would like to start by putting together 50 bags. She estimates she can get all supplies needed for the bags for \$125 except gloves. She will work with Project Share on the possibility of getting gloves through them. Barb made a motion to give Sandee \$125. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ted will let Sandee know the board's decision.
- Communion plates – Anna Marie Hendrix asked if it was O.K. to purchase matching communion plates. One of the plates in the current set is mismatched. Susan made a motion to let Anna Marie purchase communion plates. Barb seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kim will help her select something that closely matches the wine trays. The board noted that we need to see if the current set was donated to determine what they want done with them.

Discussion items with Pastor Steve:

- Mileage and pastor's report – Pastor Steve gave board members a copy 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.
- October bulletin – Paulette is unable to complete the bulletin a couple weeks in October. The board agreed that Hailey will complete the bulletin during this time. Hailey will forward to Pastor Steve to proof before printing.
- Confirmation – Pastor Steve is planning another confirmation class that will meet at Moniteau Advent. The confirmation class is open to youth at St. Paul's also. It was requested that the Bible's for the youth be purchased out of the Marshall fund. Kim will ask Goldie if that is O.K. for this confirmation class too.

Next board meeting will be Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly
Secretary