

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

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## Pastor's Pen

*Every person has the personal decision about whether to believe in Jesus or not, to believe that He died on the cross for his/her sins or not. The Bible indicates that when we put our faith in Jesus, we enter into a relationship with Him—a relationship which is described as adoption (Rom. 8). We have chosen to belong to Him. Because of our relationship with Him, we are related to every other believer—as family. The local church is an expression of those two relationships—a relationship with Jesus as Savior and LORD and a relationship with others who have a relationship with Him. The church is that group of individuals, who in response to the work of the Holy Spirit, have entered into a living, loving, transforming relationship both with Jesus and with one another. When Jesus said He is building His church in Matthew 16, He meant He is building his relationships with us individually and our relationships to one another. That is why He gives us the commandment to “Love one another” (John 13). As some families (or parts of families) are dysfunctional, so a local church can be dysfunctional. But, as some families build relationships, take time for one another, listen to one another, encourage one another, so a local church can be and do all those things. That is what we desire God to do here. In the coming newsletters we want to explore why people go to a local church/fellowship, why others (who are believers in Jesus) do not choose to participate in a local fellowship, how we can invite others to join us in walking with Jesus.*

## Coming—where are we going?

We will be looking at the church—April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5. Beginning on Mother's Day (May 12) and running through Father's Day (June 16), we will be looking at various aspects of a Christian family. We desire to help each family to experience the blessing of having a truly Christian home.

## Church Events

May 8 – Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group  
end of year event

May 19 – Cemetery special offering

May 19 – Congregational cemetery  
meeting following church service

May 20 – Church Board meeting @  
6:15 pm

June 9 – Camp Aurora special offering  
for foster care youth

**Family Night:** None

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> WWJD  <i>Elaine Ernst</i>	<b>2</b>  <i>Randy Glenn</i>	<b>3</b>  <i>Nadine Hickman</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>Jayden Klund, Audrina Schoenthal, Tristan Schoenthal</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <i>Tyler Dowell</i>	<b>8</b> WWJD  Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group end of year event	<b>9</b>  <i>Isabelle Rohrbach</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  <i>Stephen Oerly</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> WWJD	<b>16</b>  <i>Paige Reimler</i>	<b>17</b>  <i>Nicholas Schoenthal</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Cemetery special offering  Congregational cemetery meeting following church service  <i>Sandra Eschenbrenner, Walt Imhoff, Gatlin Marshall</i>	<b>20</b> Church Board meeting @ 6:15 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> NO WWJD  <i>Wilma Knierim</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Denny Dietzel</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>Lexi Baumert, Evan Croy</i>
<b>26</b>  <i>Owen Gentsch, Rachel Oerly, Lisa Porter</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <i>Julie King</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <i>Jarret Gorman</i>	<b>31</b>	

## Confirmation

Our Confirmants will be presented at Moniteau Advent Church May 12<sup>th</sup>. This year Emma, Luke, Marie Baepler and Dillon Wood completed the confirmation class. They have:

1. Understood the 10 Commandments, the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer.
2. Learned the Wheel illustration which depicts the four areas of the Christian's life with Christ at the center.
3. Learned a simple Gospel presentation so that they can share others how to come to faith in the (cont.)

Lord Jesus using four passages from the Book of Romans.

4. Studied five key areas of theology and can articulate/explain these clearly and simply

What is the Bible?

What is God like?

What is Jesus like?

How is a person saved? and

What is the church?

5. Chosen a Life Verse

6. Written an essay on what Jesus means to them.

7. Developed a daily habit of reading the Bible.

It has been my privilege to work with these.

## News From Our Missionaries the Dettman's

Thank you so much for praying for the ongoing work of the Gospel here in our country! In March was our student conference. There were 24 students in attendance, including 3 from a neighboring North African country! One of the great things about the conference this year was that it was planned and led mostly by our new national staff! It's so encouraging to see them continue to grow in leadership in seeking to bring the Gospel to our country.

We also had a St. Patrick's Day party. We shared about some of the ways it is celebrated around the world, played some fun games, and told the story of his life. He was a slave in Ireland for six years, and after escaping his master and returning to England, God called him back to Ireland to preach the Gospel to those who had enslaved and mistreated him. What a challenging example, and what a great opportunity to share of the transforming power of God's love!

In April, we will be having another "push week" where we have an intensive time of setting aside other responsibilities and trying to meet and share the Gospel with as many students as we possibly can. During our push week in the fall, we saw (cont.) first two students in Southwinds trust in Christ, and then we saw several other students that we met during that time make decisions in the following weeks. Pray with us that the Spirit of God would work through us to lead us to people that are ready to receive His Word and to share the words that He has prepared for them to hear.

In John 3:22-30, we see a conversation between John the Baptist and some of his disciples, who are wondering why more people are going to Jesus to be baptized by Jesus than John. John responds with an incredible perspective—God has given each person a unique part to play in the coming of His Kingdom. Our job is not to draw people to ourselves, but to point them to Jesus. As John said, we are to decrease so that He will increase. Please pray with us that we would be lifting up the name of Jesus as we meet with students, and that we would find our joy in being with Him, whatever the unique part God calls us to play in bringing His Kingdom to earth.

Please continue to pray for our disciples and those that are desiring to read His Word with us, that we would be able to regularly connect with them, and that God would continue drawing them to Himself. Thanks so much for all of your prayers! together for His glory

## WWJD

The children are enjoying the changes of spring—arriving in the daylight instead of the dark and walking from the church to school in much nicer weather. Some things haven't changed, though. Activity time, great breakfasts, and worship together continue to be a part of every WWJD. Decorating Easter eggs was a favored activity and several were taken home to share with family and friends.

Devotional time during April concentrated on stories about the life of Jesus. On April 3, Pastor Steve told the children the story of Jesus' first miracle found in John 2:1-12. Just as Jesus changed the water into wine, it is often the same in our lives today. Sometimes things don't make sense, but when we obey Him, Jesus changes things and miracles can happen.

On April 10, a new puppet friend, Shorty the Donkey, had quite an experience to share with the children. He told how Jesus climbed on his back and how he carried Him into Jerusalem where there were lots of people waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna." Today we remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem by celebrating Palm Sunday.

Another new puppet friend, Doolittle the Dog, visited on April 17. Doolittle shared the story of the crucifixion on Good Friday as told in Matthew 27. Doolittle told the children that what he saw made him sad but that he later rejoiced in knowing that Jesus rose. We, too, rejoice in knowing that we serve a living Savior.

On April 24, adult leader Karen Jones shared the story of the resurrection of Jesus. She told the children how the women went to the tomb expecting to find the body of Jesus but how the tomb was empty because Jesus was alive. He was risen! Jesus is alive and is always with us, helping us to continue His work. The most important thing we can do is be like Jesus.

Wednesday, May 15 will be "Visitor's Day" at WWJD! Children are encouraged to bring a guest (parent/s, grandparent/s, or special friend) to share breakfast and worship with them. Our schedule on this day will be: Activities, 6:50-7:05; Breakfast, 7:05-7:30; Devotional, 7:30-7:45. *Please note that breakfast will start 5 minutes earlier than we usually do.*

This will also be our last WWJD for the 2018-19 school year. There will be no WWJD on May 22, now the last ½ day of school due to added make-up days.

If you have any questions, please call or text Susan Borts at 573-338-1747. Submitted by Susan Borts, Adult Leader

## **Middle School Youth Group**

We are focusing on a very simply set of truths.

God is awesomely great

God wants to spend time with you

We ask, "Do you want to spend time with Him?"

On May 8, we are planning to have an end of year celebration of all that God has done with a meal together with the teens and their parents.

## **High School Youth Group**

The semester is quickly winding down, end of school activities has already started and things are getting really busy. We are down to just a few weeks of youth group left but we are looking to close out the year with a bang!

To recap quick, we have been on a three-week series covering the Easter Story. Week one we set the stage by reading about the Triumphal Entry, the Last Supper, and Jesus' betrayal. We took communion as a group that night which was probably a first-time experience for some. Week two we covered Jesus' death. We read from scripture, watched a clip from "The Passion of the Christ", and passed around a crown of thorns Ben made. The evening concluded by breaking up into small groups and having the youth write on an index card sins they were struggling with or something they felt was standing in their way of deepening their faith in Jesus Christ. After a considerable amount of time thinking and praying, the youth nailed their index cards to a cross Ben had made. This (cont.) was a powerful experience for everyone and really

drove home the point that no matter what we are struggling with, Jesus' death on the cross paid for it. Week three we looked at Jesus' resurrection. The main theme of the evening was after we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of our life, we are a new creation and can walk in newness of life. Whatever past sin we were struggling with we can take to the cross knowing that Jesus died for all of them.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> we are going to watch "I Can Only Imagine." This is a great movie that follows the life of MercyMe singer Bart Millard and his early life struggles with his father and how those experiences shaped him and inspired him to write one of the most popular Christian songs "I Can Only Imagine."

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, we are inviting the youth and their parents to join us for a meal to close out the semester. Most parents probably aren't too familiar with what goes on each week so this will be a great opportunity to connect with them and recap what we've done this past school year. In late May (after school is out), we also plan to go see the new Christian movie "Breakthrough" in theaters which tells the true story of a Missouri child who falls into icy waters and was submerged underwater for 15 minutes. When all hope seemed lost, God worked a miracle and answered prayers, especially those of the child's mother who maintained an unwavering faith through the ordeal.

## *From Mary Kay*

I have not written for the Newsletter for some time and am thrilled that Steve has had others write about what God is doing in their lives. It is important to us both that we are able to include in the Newsletter a variety of stories like these to encourage the church. We are so thankful that the Lord has placed us here in Jamestown for these years in our lives! One of the reasons I have not written for several months is that I have been promising our children and grandchildren to write stories for them that document our family history. I was gifted with a venue to be able to do this by answering weekly questions. In addition to writing memories stimulated by these questions, I am writing stories of my personal journey of faith in order that they may live on with our grandchildren. Our grandchildren range from 2 months of age to 6 years old, so I have geared these stories specifically for young children. I hope that my retelling of some of these through the Newsletter may strike a chord with our people, young and old, here in Moniteau county.

A faith story:

Dad (as in Steve Watson) put out a recent email with John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." This brought to my mind some "early in our marriage thoughts" that GOD planted in my mind that have often helped me to better understand people...and especially people in whatever church we were working in at any given time. As newlyweds, we lived in tiny little Bazine, KS and our closest friends were Marvin and Twylia. At the time, Marv and his dad had sheep...Marvin hated those sheep! I remember going out to the farm (Marv and TJ lived down the block from us in town, so this farm was Marv's folks' place) with Dad...me to watch, and I think Marvin may have had Dad doing some odd thing with him with the sheep. I could see why Marvin hated sheep...those things were ridiculous! To begin with, they were just hanging out in the pen...dozing, chewing...whatever...and then one random sheep began to run-straight at a water trough...and jumped over it to continue running in a random circle-always jumping over that water trough on his laps around the pen. He had no apparent reason to have started doing this...and very quickly all the sheep began to run in his wake...including jumping over that water trough. Marvin used this as an illustration to support his feelings that sheep were the dumbest animals around. Marv proceeded to do whatever he needed to do with the sheep, and I believe he had Dad helping in the pen, but I watched those sheep in utter fascination while verses from the Bible about sheep, and thoughts about Jesus being the good shepherd and "we" being His sheep looped through my brain. These are some of the thoughts watching sheep help me with: 1. Sheep will follow anyone that's moving for absolutely no reason whatsoever. 2. GOD most definitely LOVES the sheep! 3. GOD creates most as sheep, few as shepherds. 4. While number 1 is generally true, if a sheep belongs to the Shepherd, that sheep hears and knows the Shepherd's voice, and follows the Shepherd. 5. It is neither possible nor my job to discern what The Shepherd is or is not doing in or with another sheep. 6. Whatever is around me, it IS my JOB to see, focus on, hear, listen to and follow my Good Shepherd wherever He wants to take me. 7. Fascinating to me that before Jesus' ascension while on a beach with his disciples, He and Peter have a conversation with Jesus asking Peter three times 'do you love me?' When Peter responds that he does, Jesus tells him: 'feed my lambs.' 'take care of mv sheep.' 'feed mv sheep.' (John 21).

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St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting  
April 15, 2019

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, April 15, 2019. Present were Don Gerlach, Ted Rohrbach, Barb Oerly, Mark Rohrbach, Debi Baumert and Pastor Steve Watson. Lisa Porter was not present for the meeting. 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 March 18, 2019, meeting was reviewed. Ted made a motion to approve the minutes and Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

#### Old Business:

- Church website calendar entries – No new entries.
- Church record book – Oscar Kneirim's death will be added.
- Stewardship report – No update.
- Homeless Ministry – No update.
- Address list for Messenger – Barb completed and sent to Hailey for use with April newsletter mailing.
- Comprehensive list of church helpers – Barb will make the final updates and send to the board for review.
- Electrical work update – No estimates yet; Don is still working on this. Also, Don will make an announcement in church regarding the removal of the organ that will happen at some point in the future. The board wants to make sure the congregation is aware and see if anyone wants the organ.
- Maundy Thursday update – After meeting will look at supplies and Barb will purchase anything that is needed. Board members should be at church by 6:00 PM to start getting things ready.
- Youth Christian Weekend in Branson update – Several of the youth from the church attended and youth that are active in youth group. Debi made a motion to give New Hope Baptist Church \$750 to help cover the cost of the trip and Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Facebook – No one notified board that they have admin rights.

#### New Business:

- Approval of bills – Mark made a motion to approve payment of bills and Debi seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Copy machine – In August, the maintenance on the current copier runs out and we will no longer have support. There was discussion about getting a new copier. The board decided we will get the fuser replaced under the current maintenance and continue using it as long as it works. Pastor Steve will call the copier repair company to schedule getting the fuser replaced.
- Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group End of Year Dinner – The end of year event will be May 8 and families will be encouraged to attend.
- Light bulbs in hallway – Don will get bulbs and replace ones that are burnt out.
- Special offering for Camp Aurora – There will be a special offering on Sunday, June 9 to support sending foster care youth to church camp. Matt will be asked to speak about it during church on Sunday, June 2.
- Safe deposit box – The bank wants to know who is the primary owner of the safe deposit box. Church board believes it should be the cemetery board. Ted will talk to Harold Haldiman from the cemetery board for his thoughts.
- Birthday list – Barb will request a copy of the birthday list that Hailey Croy uses when putting together the newsletter. We need to review for updates and additions.
- Basement floors – There was discussion regarding the waxing and buffing of basement floors. Currently it is scheduled to be done annually but can be requested other times, as needed.
- Landscape lights – Pastor Steve asked about the possibility of getting landscaping lights. The board is going to table for now.
- Door by choir room – The door is sticking and sometimes does not completely shut. Don is going to look at it and make adjustments.
- First aid kit – Pastor Steve asked about getting a first aid kit. He was not aware that there were supplies in the kitchen. After the meeting we will show him where they can be found.

#### 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, local and traveling visits, phone contacts, mileage details, and expenses he has incurred.

Next board meeting will be Monday, May 20, at 6:15 pm.

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly  
Secretary