

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

Some of us find it hard to say "thank you." The story is told that in Vermont a farmer was sitting on the porch with his wife. He was beginning to realize how much she meant to him. It was about time—for they'd lived together forty-two years, and she had been such a help. She had shared the joys and the hardships of their marriage. She had worked hard and loved him unconditionally. One day as they sat together, he said, "Wife, you've been such a wonderful woman that there are times I can hardly keep from telling you." Why do we have trouble telling people what they have meant to us and giving them a simple 'thank you'?

Consider this story from the Gospel of Luke.

"As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As He entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' He looked at them and said, 'Go show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, their leprosy disappeared. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, 'Praise God, I'm healed!' He fell face down on the ground at Jesus' feet, **thanking Him for**

what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, 'Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Does only this foreigner return to give glory to God?' And Jesus said to the man, 'Stand up and go. Your faith has made you well' " (Luke 17:11-19, NLT).

Too often we do not recognize all that God has done for us and give Him thanks. Too often we simply expect Him to be there, to help. Paul describes the problem in Romans 1: "For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him," We need to be clear, God doesn't owe us anything but freely gives us all kinds of things to enjoy and to bless our lives.

Take a moment and think about what you need to give thanks to Him for this Thanksgiving season.

I will never forget my great-aunt who lived with us. She had little of the world's goods, in fact she came to live with us because she didn't have enough to support herself. She had been in an accident that had left her a cripple. She had no children and her husband had died years before, yet as we gathered to share dinner together she would always pray, "Lord, deepen the gratitude of our hearts."

Church Events

The Mission Fest offering on 9/24/17 was \$3,005.00. Two thirds of this amount went to the Salvation Army for hurricane relief (1/2 to Texas and 1/2 to Florida). The other third (\$1,018.34) went to the Dettmans to support their mission work.

The Fall Walk donations on 10/15/17 were \$13,629.00. This amount distributed as follows: Community Building \$5,811.00; Community Pool \$4,386.00 and Senior Housing \$3,432.00

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What we believe

Church membership is . . . a visible expression of God's leading

While it is true that every person united to Jesus through faith is related to every other person united to Jesus by faith, it is also true that practically, we need to be a part of a smaller group where we can form relationships (the local church). Within that smaller group, we can:

- ▶ share one another's burdens Gal. 6:2,
- ▶ receive support and encourage one another (1 Thes. 5:11),
- ▶ pray for one another (James 5:16),
- ▶ teach one another (Col. 3:16).

The church becomes a place where everyone who trusts in Jesus is welcomed, loved, cared for, nurtured and helped to grow. The church also becomes a place where everyone who has not yet trusted in Jesus can come and be welcome to observe the difference that Jesus makes in lives. Sometimes a local church is too large to provide adequate opportunity for relationships, in which case there needs to be smaller groups within the larger group (often Bible Studies or Life Groups or Small Groups).

A person who has trusted in the Lord Jesus needs to prayerfully ask the Lord Jesus where He would have him worship, serve, fellowship, utilize his/her gifts, talents and abilities. Jesus said, "I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18). As a builder of houses arranges the 2x4s, electrical wiring, plumbing and the rest to build a house, so the Lord Jesus arranges and has a place for every believer where he/she can contribute and grow.

Where we are going

In November we will look at and develop our ability to be thankful. To be thankful we need to see that God has done something for us, to bless us, to protect us, to care for us. He has done it out of love and compassion and grace (we don't deserve any of it).

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we will be looking at Psalms of Thanksgiving:

- Ps., 138—thanksgiving as a way of life. Nov. 5
- Ps. 91—thanksgiving for the security we have in Jesus. Nov. 12
- Ps. 65---thanksgiving for God's gracious care of us and the world Nov. 19
- Ps. 118—thanksgiving for the Lord's saving goodness Nov. 26

We invite you to come, and "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise."

Throughout the month of November, we are encouraging you to, daily, write out something you are thankful for. There are sheets in the back of the church. I would encourage you to do it toward the end of the day, so that you can look back over the day and pick out the very best thing that you noticed God has done for you that day.

*¹I will give You thanks with all my heart;
I will sing praises to You before the gods.
²I will bow down toward Your holy temple
And give thanks to Your name for Your loving
kindness and Your truth; Ps. 138*

Notes from Mary Kay

Our children and I have been working on plans to have a reunion of sorts hoping to spend a few days together and celebrate the holidays-NOT on one of the holidays. We have made plans for it to be this weekend at an AirB&B on a farm in SW Missouri. Our plans include celebrating our oldest granddaughter's sixth birthday as her actual birthdate is a few days later. Exactly as Proverbs 19:21 states: "many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails", is how this reunion time is developing. Plans have been in constant flux and it's been a bit disconcerting to observe and be a part of what God is doing with, even, planning a family reunion. Let me tell you some of the story. Initial communications indicated dates which all thought could work with schedules (with our crew actual holidays are pretty much impossible), so the dates were set...and no sooner than that, the USAF told son James (Captain Doctor Watson) he would be having NO days off the month of October due to his assigned clinical schedule for the month. We absorbed this, adjusted, noted that "God's purposes will prevail." Then the USAF promoted early and changed the assignment and schedule of newest son-in-law Garrett (Senior Airman Sealock)...and declared he could take no vacation time in October. We absorbed, adjusted and noted again: "Whaaaat?!" Over the past weekend daughter-in-law Rebecca (with son Seth in Cedar Rapids, IA) received news her grandfather (in central NE) chose Hospice Care...so that family headed Monday to visit and say their good-byes...and we all wait to see God's purpose-because an anchoring truth in my life IS that God sovereignly purposes all. No small or great detail escapes Him...not events, not timing. I have almost finished preparations for the trip-food, gifts (lots of gifts), necessities...am so looking forward to the time away together...can hardly wait to hold, kiss, snuggle and play with granddaughters; listen to and visit with kids..."how blessed...the woman you instruct in your Word, providing a circle of quiet within the chaos..." (Psalm 94:12)

*--Oh, and turns out the USAF wives in the family are taking this opportunity to travel together (fringe benefit - God knew!).
--Maranatha! Come Quickly Jesus!*

November, 2017

1 WWJD, 6:50 am High School youth group, 6:30	2 Lori Porter	3	4 Darrell Knierim	5 Stephen Derendinger, Glenda Dietzel, Liana Kuhn, Jenice Taggart	6 Bob Marshall	7 Bible Study St. Paul, 7 PM Colton Glenn
8 WWJD, 6:50 am, High School youth group, 6:30 am Christy Heimericks	9	10	11 Debbie Birkmann	12 Geraldine Taggart	13 Zach Reimler	14 Bible Study St. Paul, 7 PM
15 WWJD, 6:50 am, High School youth group, 6:30 am	16 Seth Rohrbach	17 Lucas Knierim, Katherine Rohrbach, Rynley Kate Gatlin	18	19 Sterling Cassil, Ginna Meisenheimer, Barb Barbe	20	21 Bible Study St. Paul, 7 PM Emily King
22	23	24 Kate Reimler	25 Ron Marshall	26 Hilda Schoenthal	27	28 Bible Study St. Paul, 7 PM
29 WWJD, 6:50 am, High School youth group, 6:30 am Marcy Oerly, Eli Marshall	30 Misti Reynolds, Olivia Oerly					

WWJD

We currently have 37 children registered for our WWJD held Wednesday mornings when school is in session. Children participate in various activities from 6:50-7:10, breakfast is served from 7:10-7:30 followed by a devotional. Following the devotional time, the children walk to the school accompanied by adult volunteers.

This year, we are teaching the children Bible verses. On Sept. 13, Pastor Dennis Maxwell of New Hope Baptist Church focused on Psalm 56:3, *"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you."* Pastor Dennis also played *"Jesus Loves Me"* and *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* on his harmonica.

On Sept. 20, Pastor Tom Fair of Grace United Methodist Church introduced the week's verse: *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* Acts 16:31 and explained to the children that because of the teachings in the Bible and our faith, we don't have to see Jesus to believe in Him.

On Sept. 27th we joined with other K-12 after breakfast for a time of 'Rally Round the Pole.'

Teen Times

Youth group is continuing to go well with attendance continuing to average about 15 kids per week. We have had several new faces over the past few weeks so it's exciting to see the word continue to spread! We just finished up the 6 part "EPIC" series which left us with an exciting, but also challenging mission of playing our part WELL in God's story.

We have switched gears a little bit now and will be on a 3-4 week series I am really excited about! Last week, I asked the youth to write down one question they had about God, Christianity, faith, or really anything along those lines. The response I got back included some very thought provoking questions: Do you have to go to church to be a Christian? How do you know if God is taking you down the right path? If God loves us so much, then why is there so much pain and suffering in the world? Over the next several weeks, we will attempt to answer these questions and bring light to some rather difficult topics and concepts.

Please Pray For:

1. Another leader (whether from our church or the community) to step up and help with this ministry.
2. God to continue to work in their lives so they understand what a personal relationship with Jesus is!

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

Christy Heimericks and Alison Gorman have volunteered to help with the Christmas Program this year. They have chosen a "Traditional Christmas" for the program. If you have any questions, you can reach them at [660-849-2890](tel:660-849-2890) (Christy) or [660-849-1020](tel:660-849-1020) (Alison).

Once roles are assigned, they will be distributed to each family and practice will begin during Sunday School on Sunday, November 5th. It will be important for your child(ren) to attend to learn their parts and music.

We will also practice on the following dates after Church/Carry-In Dinner:
Sunday, December 3rd (Carry-in Dinner Helpers are Meisenheimer, Klund, and Gorman Families)
Sunday, December 10th (Carry-in Dinner Helpers are the Oerly and Hees Families)
Sunday, December 17th (Annual Meeting, Carry-in Dinner)
Thursday, December 21st (Dress Rehearsal, Pizza Provided)

Thank you,
Christy & Alison

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

Folks Needing Our Prayers:

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 Strobe, 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 in January. They have graciously opened up the opportunity to those in their sister church, St. Paul's in Jamestown.

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.

Buddy Pack Collections

The area churches are providing Jamestown school students with buddy packs again this school year. A buddy pack is a collection of food sent home with about 8-12 student each Friday to help supplement the food shortage at home over the weekend. The churches are providing all of the food this year, as the school is not participating in the regional buddy pack program. The community does a great job supporting this program and it is truly appreciated by the students, parents and school staff.

St. Paul's will be providing food for the months of December and January. A collection tote will be placed in the basement. Food will be collected from now until the end of the calendar year. The church will also be taking monetary donations as well. Simply note "buddy pack" in the memo and drop the donation in the offering.

Food items being collected include:

Ravioli/Beefaroni/Spaghetti microwaveable cups, macaroni & cheese cups, Vienna sausages, jerky meat sticks, tuna packets, regular sized jars of peanut butter, peanut butter crackers, peanut snack mix, cereal/granola bars, pop tarts, fruit cups, raisins, fruit snacks, juice boxes and milk boxes (that don't have to be refrigerated). Items should be easy to open and prepare by a school aged child.

The area churches may also try to send home a special package for the children at Christmas. I will keep you posted if this transpires.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions please call Heidi Eschenbrenner at 660-849-2372 or email eschenbrennerh@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting
September 25, 2017

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, September 25, 2017. Present were Ted Rohrbach, Marcy Oerly, Don Ernst, Kim Marshall, Susan Borts, and Pastor Steve Watson. Barb Oerly joined late. 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 August 23, 2017, meeting was reviewed. Marcy made a motion to approve the minutes and Don seconded the motion. Motion passed with five for.

Treasurer's report: Don gave all board members a copy of the treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2017. Susan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed with five for.

Old Business:

- Church calendar - add Thanksgiving
- Record book - add Harry Oerly's death
- Confirmation class update – there will be parents meeting September 27. There was discussion about the Marshall family presenting bibles to the potential confirmands at a church service in the next couple weeks.
- Yard work update – the board discussed the reworked bids. It was decided that we would move forward with having the yard seeded and fertilized (no till). Will communicate through email for approval.
- Newsletter update – making progress on getting Hailey up to speed. Goal is for her to take over completion at some point. New Business:
 - Approval of bills - all current bills have been paid. Need to check on payment by Moniteau for convocation registration.
 - Basement refrigerator and downstairs water fountain – since the refrigerator first leaked we have not had any other problems. Will watch it for now and see if we have any more problems. We need to check insurance policy for coverage of electrical problems. After the electrical issues on September 24 we need to understand coverage in case of future issues. Don adjusted the water flow on the water fountain.
 - Pipe leaking under kitchen sink – we will look at it after meeting. We also discussed installing a garbage disposal under the main sink. Don made a motion to have Ben Marshall buy a garbage disposal and install. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed. We will reimburse Ben for purchase.
 - Youth group snacks – the snacks purchased at the end of last school year in the freezer need to be used. There are funds to purchase anything that is needed but will table the discussion for now.
 - Fall walk – the board discussed where the donation should be given. Following discussion, Don made a motion that it should be split between the pool, community building and senior housing, with 1/3 going to each, unless otherwise designated. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed. Marcy made a motion and Barb seconded the motion that Larry should buy the fish and oil for the meal and he would be reimbursed. Motion passed. The walk will start at 2:30 and Ted will talk to Steve Borts and Bryan Schoenthal about pulling the wagons. Mark Oerly and Lashley Rohrbach will figure out the route.
 - Evangelical Council meeting at Moniteau; November 12 at 4:00 PM – we will work on the Annual Evaluation of Pastorate form at the end of our next meeting. We also need to calculate our active membership prior to Evangelical Council meeting. This brought up some discussion about whether we should be keeping roll at church. We will discuss at our next board meeting.
 - Financial workshop – need to announce that there is a sign up sheet in the back of the church.
 - Christmas program – practice will start in November. Alison Gorman and Christy Heimericks will direct the program. We need to put program information in messenger.
 - New board members – the board discussed potential board members to replace Marcy and Don. Ted will ask potential candidates.
 - Family night schedule – will discuss at our next meeting.
 - White Board – Pastor Steve requested the church purchase white boards for the Sunday school rooms and a mobile white board. White boards can be purchased for Sunday school rooms as needed.

Marcy made a motion and Barb seconded the motion to allow Pastor Steve to find and purchase a mobile white board. Motion passed. Discussion items with Pastor Steve:

- Mileage and pastor's report – information given to Don.
 - EA National Convocation recap - there was discussion on the expenses Pastor Steve incurred at convocation, which included hotel and lunch. Pastor Steve will write a wrap up about convocation that will be put in the messenger. Next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00. There being no other business Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Respectfully Submitted, Barb Oerly Secretary
- Dates to Remember: October 1 – World Wide Communion October 15 – Fall walk October 22 – Russell Cobb will be preaching and nursing home visits November 12 – Evangelical Council meeting at Moniteau, 4:00 PM November 26 – First Sunday of Advent

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

October 17, 2017

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Present were Ted Rohrbach, Marcy Oerly, Don Ernst, Kim Marshall, Susan Borts, Barb Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. 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 September 25, 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 September 30, 2017. Barb made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Church calendar - Add Thanksgiving service.
- Record book – One transfer of membership to be recorded.
- PA System in basement – table
- PA System cabinet in Sanctuary – table
- Confirmation class update – Pastor Steve reported it appears to be going well with a great class. The Marshall family appreciated the thank you notes the children wrote to them for the bibles.
- Yard work update – Seeding and fertilizing will be done by end of week by Jason Lawson. If he can't get it done by the end of week we will wait until next spring.
- Newsletter update – Thanks to Susan Borts, the member database is fairly complete. Microsoft Office 365 has been purchased for the church computer so the database can be available on it too. Susan continues to work with Hailey on the newsletter. Pastor Steve has made it available on the website.
- Basement refrigerator, water fountain and leak under sink in ladies bathroom – At this point all have been repaired. We will continue to check for additional problems.
- Garbage disposal – A new garbage disposal has been installed under the main kitchen sink. The switch is inside the cabinet under the sink.
- Evangelical Council Meeting – St. Paul's board will meet with Moniteau's board on Sunday November 12, to discuss the business of the council.
- Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Seminar – A live stream is scheduled at St. Paul's on November 7 at 7:00 pm to promote the seminar that is being offered by Moniteau Evangelical starting in January.
- Community Thanksgiving Service – Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm. Pastor Steve and Pastor Tom Fair will discuss the service. Ted will talk to the choir about singing. This service does have an offering.
- New board members – Ted is talking to potential candidates
- Family night schedule –The board also discussed the family night schedule for 2018. Marcy will make changes per the discussion and then the board will share with the congregation.
- Fall walk fundraiser – The total collected to date is \$13,629. Based on donation requests, the pool will get \$4,386, senior housing will get \$3,432 and the community building will get \$5,811.

New Business:

- Approval of bills - All current bills have been paid. Don is going to write an article for the messenger on the missions of the church. The board discussed how the money was split for Mission Fest.
- Youth group basketball goal – This is going to be tabled until the spring. Ted is going to check with Kirby on issues that might exist with the current concrete pad.
- White boards for Sunday school class rooms – Barb will make sure the Sunday School teachers know they can purchase and be reimbursed for a white board for their class room.
- November family night – November family night is the 19th. Board discussed possible activities. Ted is going to talk to Lucas Heimericks about square dancing. If he is willing to do this we will square dance.
- Christmas insert in California Democrat – Barb will complete and send to the Democrat before November 10.
- Advent Readings (November 26 is the first Sunday in Advent) – Pastor Steve and Susan will discuss the readings. Marcy is going to find and purchase a new advent wreath.
- Tentative 2018 budget review – A draft budget was completed and will be reviewed at November meeting.
- Pastor evaluation – Will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Discussion items with Pastor Steve:

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

Next board meeting will be Monday, November 20 at 6:00.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly
Secretary

Dates to Remember:

October 22 – Russell Cobb will be preaching and nursing home visits

November 12 – Evangelical Council meeting at Moniteau, 4:00 PM

November 19 – Family night

November 26 – First Sunday of Advent