

St Paul's Evangelical Church

The Messenger

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From Pastor Steve's Desk

We are living in turbulent times. We are seeing our country in many ways being torn apart by Republican vs. Democrat, Rich vs. Poor, Black vs. White. It seems that there is no 'common ground' for discussion. It seems nearly impossible to see things from another's point of view, to listen to others, to build understanding and make progress. When I was a young pastor, I came to the realization that I needed to be able to minister to old and young, to rich and poor, to Republicans and Democrats. The only way I could do that was to make Jesus and the Gospel central. There are a few things that we, as Christians, are called to do.

First, realize that no one is right in everything or wrong in everything, except the Lord Jesus and the Word of God. Paul reminded us, as believers, that our ultimate unity is found only in the Lord Jesus when he said, "For in Christ Jesus you are all sons [and daughters] of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." (Galatians 3). As Christians we find unity and relationship not in our political views but in our relationship to Jesus.

Second, we need to be honest, and what I mean by that is call out both sides for those things that are wrong and to be willing to commend both sides for those things that are right.

Third, we need to be "quick to hear and slow to speak and slow to wrath." (James 1:19) Don't assume but invite openness and conversation. I remember a conversation that I had at B&Ts some time ago. We were talking about baseball over coffee and a gentleman came in and informed me that I was a Republican and that he disagreed with what I thought. No one had been talking politics and I had not expressed any opinions other than about the Cardinal's game. When that man assumed he knew what I believed (and then proceeded to argue with it), there was nothing to do except walk away.

Finally, we are commanded to love even our 'enemies.' Love means that we wish them well, that we listen to them, that we hear their hearts (and not just their tone or their words). Love desires the best for them and the best is not found in either Republican or Democrat policies, but in the grace, the hope, the strength we can each have in Jesus through faith.

Church Events

October 4th – World Wide Communion

October 18th – Fall Walk/Fish Fry
Meet at 1:30 p.m.
Leave at 2:00 p.m.
Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Host/Hostesses

*Bryan Schoenthal
Steve and Courtney Borts
Don and Sandy Gerlach
Larry and Susan Borts
Mary Lou Bieri
Gary Schoenthal

October 19th – Church Board Meeting @ 6:30

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Memory Verses for October

Be working on this important verse from 2 Timothy
*God has not given us the spirit of fear, but
of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
2 Tim. 1:7

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings.

Mission Fest, Sept. 20



The **Voice**
of the **Martyrs**

On September 20th, we had a combined service for Mission Fest at

the Jamestown Community Center. Kendall Ponder shared how brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering and some dying for their faith in the Lord Jesus. He shared that we can help and support them with our prayers first and then with our giving. In the coming few months we will be including inserts in the Sunday bulletins with stories that will inspire you to live for Jesus and to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world.

Kendall sent an email, "Brother Steve, thank you again for having me. Let your membership know they are by far the most generous group I have spoken to. They were also a joy to fellowship with . . . I think VOM will send a receipt for the money the churches gave. It came to \$3567." For more about the ministry of Voice of the Martyrs go to their website <https://www.persecution.com/>. You can sign up for a free magazine on the website to help you know how to pray.

Youth Groups



The school has asked us to work with them at the beginning of the year. They are trying to begin school with as much control as possible—and have

asked that we postpone beginning our Youth Groups until school is underway and they see how things are going. They have asked us to stagger beginning the groups—Senior High to begin Sept. 30. The Middle School Youth Group later October and then WWJD after that. Pray for the school, for teachers and for the youth groups. Check the Facebook page and webpages for updates.

Senior High

At the time I'm writing this, we are getting ready to have our first Youth Group meeting of the year! Ben, Kim, and I are very excited to get started and I think the youth are as well. To start the semester, we plan to dive into the book of Proverbs and cover some different topics like wisdom vs. knowledge, fearing the Lord, honesty and integrity, and money. As always, if you see Mt. Dew for sale, we could always use donations. You can drop them off at Pastor Steve's office or in the fridge in the room behind the sanctuary. Please pray for Ben, Kim, and myself that the Spirit would guide our conversations. Pray for the youth in our community that lives would be changed and hearts won to God!

Submitted by Seth Rohrbach

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

September 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Don Gerlach and opened with prayer led by Pastor Steve. Those in attendance were Don Gerlach, Debi Baumert, Pastor Steve, Lisa Porter, Mark Oerly, Mark Rohrbach and Sandee Eschenbrenner.

The Secretary's Report was presented and approved. The motion was made by Lisa Porter and seconded by Debi Baumert.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Several Lifeway invoices that were paid needed to be re-coded from the Sunday School Account to the Senior High and Middle School Accounts. Motion to approve with the aforementioned correction was made by Debi Baumert and seconded by Mark Oerly.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Don advised that he had contacted Butler again regarding the spotlights on order. They were to follow up with the manufacturer and advise the cause for said delay. Don also informed the Board that the overhang and fascia board repairs have been completed. Our thanks to Chris Messerli & Son who completed these repairs with "No Charge" to St. Paul's.
2. The Moisture Sensor (water/dampness detector) has been received from Church Mutual Insurance and has been installed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sometime after last month's Board Meeting, it was discovered that the water spout on the downstairs water fountain was discolored and soiled. Said spout has been replaced.
2. Mark Rohrbach presented the September bills. Motion for payment of same was made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Lisa Porter. Mark announced that the offering collected for The Voice of the Martyrs at the Mission Fest was \$3,567.00.
3. Don noted that he had received word that no "paper" messages will be sent regarding the elevator inspections. Hereafter, notification of inspections required will be sent via "email." The St. Paul email address will be supplied.
4. With reference again to the March 2020 minutes, we remind the congregation that we are reevaluating several recipients of our Special Offerings. With that in mind, we are now searching for a recipient of our upcoming Christmas Eve Special Offering. Should anyone have a suggestion for same, please contact a Board Member with your information.
5. The Board next discussed the Fall Walk event coming up on Sunday, October 18th. Mark Oerly and Ted Rohrbach will again plan the walk route. The Special Offering will be divided three ways among the Community Building, the Jamestown Swimming Pool, and the Jamestown Senior Housing. The motion was made by Lisa Porter and seconded by Mark Rohrbach.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report including mileage, expenses, home visits, funerals, and upcoming sermon topics. (Topic: Living in Tough Times/4 Parts - taken from Ruth, Matthew and Isaiah.) He advised that he will be attending a Seminar from November 4th through the 6th. He also will be attending his family Thanksgiving gathering from November 24th through the 28th. Neither of these absences will affect a Sunday service.

Pastor Steve asked what we thought and/or if we had heard any comments regarding the Mission Fest Service shared with Moniteau. All agreed it was successful and worthy to be continued as an annual tradition.

Pastor Steve also advised that the Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at the Methodist Church this year.

Don advised that our next Board Meeting will be Monday, October 19th at 6:30 PM.

The motion to adjourn was made by Debi Baumert and seconded by Sandee Eschenbrenner. The meeting was closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandee Eschenbrenner

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>* Fish Fry</i> <i>Meet at 1:30 p.m.</i> <i>Leave at 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>Meal at 6:00 p.m.</i></p>				1 Dick Marshall	2 Dason Klund Joshua Nott	3
4 World Wide Communion	5	6	7 HS Youth group 6:30- 8:15 Mackenzie Strother Mickayla Holliday	8 Noland Porter	9 Kelsey Saunders	10
11 Bennett Gatlin	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 Kacey Clay	14 HS Youth group 6:30- 8:15 Kinley King	15 Tricia Meisenheimer	16	17
18 *Fall Walk/ Fish Fry	19 Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	20	21 HS Youth group 6:30- 8:15	22	23	24 Larry Reynolds
25 Keegan Borts Lance Hees	26	27 Tara VonderHaar	28 HS Youth group 6:30- 8:15 Leisa Hees Barbara Klund	29 Taylor Glenn Zachary Glenn	30 Lea Selby	31 Halloween Seth Stauffer