

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

My wife makes a cross stitch sampler for every grandchild that God entrusts to our family complete with name and birthday. Her mother made needle point samplers with name and birthday for our children. Mary Kay has continued the tradition. I have watched as she picks out just the right design and begins, counting the squares carefully, for you must begin in the right place. Carefully, square by square, crossing the stitches always in the same way, changing color floss, creating a design as unique and beautiful as the child it represents.

When we go on trips, she is carefully doing her cross stitch. When we sit at home, she works on her cross stitch. It seems so slow—and it is, one stitch at a time, never rushed, always pulled through under the right tension—until one day it is complete. Along the way, she stops to look at her work and will show others who will stop and look at this labor of love.

As I watch her and think about how much time it takes to bring the elements that will compose a beautiful sampler, one day to be framed and presented to the parents, I think of how God patiently and carefully 'knits us together.' Psalm 139 says that process began before we were born, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together . . . Your eyes saw my unformed body." Then having formed our bodies, He forms our lives as we walk with Him. Through a journey of walking with Him, He is making us something truly beautiful and wonderful to one day give to the Lord Jesus—"We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus. . . "(Eph. 2:10) As Christians, having believed in Jesus for salvation, and walking with Him day by day, our lives are formed into something truly beautiful.

Church Events

July – Food Pantry Month—bring cans of vegetables and cans of fruit to the church throughout the month.

July 8 – Food Pantry Offering

July 8 – Communion

July 11 – Board Meeting 6PM

July 16 – 19 – Vacation Bible School

Family Night: no family night

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What We believe

- ▶ We believe the 66 books of the Bible are the inspired Word of God, the Holy Spirit having superintended the writing by godly men. (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:21)
- ▶ We believe the one eternal God exists in three persons, equal in deity, differing in roles, revealed in Scripture as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Duet. 6, Matt. 28:18-20)
- ▶ We believe that God created all things perfectly, but that Adam (the first man) chose to disobey God bringing judgment upon himself and all of mankind. (Gen. 3, Rom 3:10-19)
- ▶ We believe that since sin entered the world by one man's disobedience, that God, out of love, would restore the world through One Man's obedience. That One Man is the Lord Jesus, eternally existing as the Son of God having become Son of Man through the virgin Mary. (Rom. 5)
- ▶ We believe man cannot earn salvation by good works but that God offers salvation by grace alone through faith in Jesus' sinless obedience and willing sacrifice to pay the debt of man's sins. Having offered Himself for our sins, He rose conquering death. (Eph. 2:8-9, 1 Cor. 15:3-4)

What We believe (cont.)

- ▶ We believe the Apostle's Creed is a good, historic and faithful expression of our Christian faith and use it regularly in our worship service.
- ▶ We believe in two sacraments—baptism, which is a visible expression of our union with Jesus in His death, burial and resurrection indicating that we are to walk in 'newness of life' (Rom. 6:1-11); and, the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) which reminds us of the cost He paid for our redemption, (Matt. 26:26-29). We practice both adult and infant baptism. We invite all believers to share at the Lord's Supper.
- ▶ We practice confirmation of youth to help them understand by the Bible their relationship to the Father through Jesus and their responsibility in the church and to the world.
- ▶ We support and encourage the family, believing God ordained and blesses marriage between a man and a woman. (Gen. 2, Heb. 13:4)

Notes from Mary Kay

Over the past months I have encountered many women and situations which "nag" in my head. I hope you can understand that...when someone or something comes up to the forefront of your mind every way you turn, no matter what you are doing. When this becomes a "theme" in mine, I believe it is GOD's Spirit prompting me to pray. A number of you reading this are among those I am continually praying for...and NOT that I drop everything I'm doing, go to my knees and pour out my heart to the LORD. In fact, most often, if you were watching you would believe nothing out of the ordinary is happening. God's Word says that His Holy Spirit intervenes with "sighs too deep for words", so what may look like nothing is, in fact, a deep spiritual communication between GOD (the Father) and GOD (the Spirit) within my soul and thoughts. In my Bible study journal I often will write names, groups, or initials of those brought to mind...and a passage of scripture that the LORD gives me in respect to these. Sometimes the scripture is "pieces" here and there...because often when my life is pressed by many things and multiple roles I am fulfilling, 'small prompts' translate more quickly for me; and Psalms-written as a book of songs to be used to music for worship 'stick' in my brain best. So, throughout May and June, and I suspect, July these are the things I am praying for you (widows, young moms struggling to juggle children, relationships, work, etc., women of any age on their own, empty nesters...or soon to be, women well into midlife (and this I refuse to define more specifically!))

- That you do not fret because of the evil in the world (in your world, and*
- That He will protect you from the evil one.*
- That you trust in the LORD and because of that are able to do good in your world.*
- That you will DELIGHT yourself in who our great GOD IS!*
- That you commit your way (who you are, what attitudes you display, where 'go', what you 'do' and how you do it) to the LORD.*
- That you are able to 'be still' before the LORD and wait with patience as He works.*
- That you can refrain from giving in to anger when it builds; that you are able to turn away from who or what makes you feel angry in order to choose to focus on trusting GOD to be in control of your life...and in this way choose what Jesus called LIFE! Maranatha! Come quickly Jesus!*

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>DeAnn Strother</i>	2	3	4 <i>Larry Borts, Dwayne Croy</i>	5 <i>Connor Gorman, Phillip Marshall, Alden Rohrbach, Ercell Wegener</i>	6	7 <i>Ben Marshall</i>
8 Food Pantry Offering Communion <i>Jeff Reimler, Don Ernst</i>	9 <i>Alyssa Reynolds, Amanda Selby</i>	10 <i>Corrina VonderHaar</i>	11 Board Meeting 6PM	12 <i>Piper Cain</i>	13 <i>Gary Marshall, Gary Reynolds</i>	14 <i>Olivia Meisenheimer, Reed VonderHaar</i>
15	16 Vacation Bible School	17 Vacation Bible School <i>Dalton Imhoff</i>	18 Vacation Bible School <i>Bryan Schoenthal</i>	19 Vacation Bible School <i>Donna Gentzsch, Alicia Glenn, Tony Meisenheimer</i>	20 <i>Susan Borts</i>	21 <i>Mary Lou Bieri</i>
22 <i>Sue Ann Reynolds</i>	23 <i>Gary Taggart</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Jessie Birkman, Michelle Marshall</i>	28
29 <i>Gary Schoenthal, Hadley Clay, Hayden Clay</i>	30 <i>Violet VonderHaar, Kristy Gatlin</i>	31				

Where we are going

July 1—Steve will be gone, Pastor Russell will be here
 July 8—Find Rest in the Lord, Matt. 11:28-30
 July 15—Unanswered Prayer? Time to listen, 2Cor. 12:9
 July 22—What delights your heart? Ps. 37:4-5
 July 29—Being the best you can be, Gal. 5:22-23

Folks Needing Our Prayers:

Elaine Ernst, Bob Marshall, Oscar Knierim, Dale Kuhn, Mary Kay Watson, Connie Reimler, Billy Porter, David Knierim, Truman and Hilda Schoenthal, Nadine Hickman, Norma Wood, Grayden Gatlin, Abraham Baepler, All Our Military Serving Our Homeland, Our Country, and Our

Friends and Neighbors in Nursing Homes and Hospitals,
WWJD and JCYG.

WWJD

WWJD finished a great year on Wednesday, May 16. We met 34 times during the school year with an average attendance of 40.

On May 2, Pastor Steve began devotion time by introducing a new song, "Amen, Praise the Lord." Following the song, he told the children that he was color blind and then put on a special pair of glasses which allow him to see bright colors. He also told them what the Bible does for us is like what his special pair of glasses does for him—as we read the Bible, we see the world better through God's eyes.

The children had a great time sharing their WWJD activities with over 20 guests on Visitor's Day, May 9. Including the children, guests, and volunteers, there were 78 who gathered for this amazing Wednesday morning ministry. During devotional time, a new puppet friend Romper the river otter visited with the children and guests. Romper came specially to talk about this summer's Vacation Bible School, inviting the children to experience the ride of a lifetime with God. All children present received a "VBS save the date card" and a magnet listing the books of the Bible.

During devotional time on our last morning, the children sang several of their favorite songs and reviewed many of the 20 Bible verses that they have learned this year. Pastor Steve then discussed how the verses they have memorized remind them of God's promises when they need them. The verses we have in our heart can help us through the tough times.

Have a great summer and a great big thank-you to the 20+ volunteers who help in fixing breakfast, supervising activities, and providing the devotionals!

Vacation Bible School



"Rolling River Rampage" will be held at St. Paul's/Grace UMC, Monday-Thursday, July 16-19 from 6:30-8:50 each evening for ages 4 through completed 6th grade. Gathering and pick-up will be at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Experience the ride of a lifetime with God through cool crafts, fun games, neat science, great music, snacks, and, most important, stories about Jesus.

To register online, go to www.stpauljamestown.org, select "Ministries" and then select "Caring for Children." Finally, select "Vacation Bible School Learn More" and scroll down to click on the link to the online registration form. You will also find the registration link on the Facebook page "Evangelical Churches of Moniteau County." Please consider pre-registering online to enable us to be more prepared for the arrival of children on Monday. Registration forms will also be available in St. Paul's sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to the closing program on Thursday night, July 19, beginning at approximately 7:45 in the sanctuary at St. Paul's. Come listen to the children sing and tell about their experiences on the ride of a lifetime with God. Then join us downstairs afterwards for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

If you have any questions regarding VBS or registration, please call or text 573-338-1747 or e-mail them to sborts@hotmail.com.

Beth Moore Living Proof Live

If you have not purchased a ticket for the Beth Moore Living Proof Live on Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14, 2018, you still have time to purchase one. The cost is \$59.00. St. Paul's will cover half of the cost for anyone in the congregation. Your cost is (\$29.50). If you would like to go but just can't swing the cost, please let Lisa Porter or a board member know. We will make sure you get a ticket. This is an event you don't want to miss. If you know of someone outside the church that would enjoy attending, please share this information with them. If cost is an issue, the board will work with them as well. The event will be held at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia, MO. Additional information can be found at <https://www.lifeway.com/en/events/living-proof-live/living-proof-live-columbia>.

Please contact Lisa Porter, (660) 849-2900, for your armband to get in; and if you need handicap seating or a listening device, please let Lisa know as soon as possible. Anyone interested in carpooling should contact Lisa. There are no meals on Friday or Saturday. Women are encouraged to eat dinner before they arrive at the arena Friday evening and will be released before lunch time on Saturday. Concession stands will be open and available for purchase throughout the event. Outside food and drinks are not permitted in the arena. (cont.)

PLEASE NOTE:

*THE LIFEWAY STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OPEN DOORS EARLIER THAN PUBLISHED TIMES

*SEATING IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

*DOORS OPEN EARLY FOR ATTENDEES WITH SPECIAL PHYSICAL NEEDS, ALONG WITH ONE COMPANION

*THE WRISTBANDS WERE PURCHASED UNDER LISA PORTER WITH ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH, IF YOU LOSE YOURS BEFORE THE EVENT

Saturday, July 14

7:30 AM Doors open

8:30 AM Event begins

10:00 AM Break

10:45 AM Event resumes

12:15 AM Event concludes

The **Itinerary** for Friday evening and Saturday morning:

Friday, July 13

5:30 PM Doors open to attendees

7:00 PM Event begins

9:30 PM Dismiss

**St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting
June 18, 2018**

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, June 18, 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 May 21, 2018, meeting was reviewed. Susan made a motion to approve the minutes and Lisa 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 Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Church Record Book – Lisa needs to look at the book but it appears that some things are out of order and missing. Board discussed developing a form to complete every month that can be kept until the book is officially updated.
- Elevator Inspection – Elevator checked and inspected by Missouri Stairway Lift and State of Missouri on 6/27/18.
- Beth Moore Conference, July 13 and 14, 2018 – Lisa will finalize attendees and see how many tickets may still be available. She will also get the itinerary info sheet and make available to the ladies.
- Signage for Sunday School Rooms – Ben and Kim will get them put up.
- Camp Aurora Foster Outreach Special Offering – A little over \$3,600 was raised which exceeded the goal. Any funds that remain, after the registration is paid for the foster children, will be donated to Camp Aurora to use as they need.
- Service Project for Youth (Pavilion) – Walt Imhoff is going to do the power washing. Walt has supplies that can be used. Pastor Steve is going to talk to Noland about best paint to use.
- Rubber Cups for Pews – Susan will get them ordered. She is also going to order the new table that was discussed at a previous board meeting.
- Video Taping of Church – Ben will contact Don when he is ready to get this done.

New Business:

- Approval of bills – Susan made a motion to approve payment of bills. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Sam's Club membership – board will not pursue at this time.
- Downstairs bathroom supplies/restocking – Don will talk to Glenda about keeping them filled. And we will make sure to keep the necessary supplies.
- Upstairs water fountain is not cooling – Don will call Rehagen to come look at it. It also is wet underneath because of water flow.
- Flies/Staircase window – Received first month bill from Adkins. They are buffing the floors once per month. Don will call them about the flies in window seal.
- Window handle missing in sanctuary – Don will look at it.
- Ants in basement – Don will call Booth to come and spray.
- Picnic table – The picnic table needs new boards. Don will get the boards and fix.

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 Wednesday July 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly
Secretary

Dates to Remember:

July – No family night
July – Food Pantry month
July 8 – Food Pantry offering
July 11 – Board Meeting 6:00 PM
July 16 – 19 – Vacation Bible School
August 19 – Family night