

St Paul's Evangelical Church

The Messenger

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From Pastor Steve's Desk

November is a month for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving should not be just one day a year. Rather it ought to be a way of life. We ought to have the good manners to stop, recognize what God and others have done for us (and daily do for us) and make an effort to say, "Thank you!" It is interesting that thanksgiving is a lost (to some) art. There is a story of the LORD Jesus healing 10 lepers (giving them their lives back) but only one took time to seek Him out and say, "Thank you, LORD." (The story is recorded in Luke 7:11-19.) But before we are too critical of those that did not return to thank the LORD, look at your own life. I know that often I have prayed for something, for myself, for a loved one, for a friend and when God grants the request, I may have already forgotten that I had asked. The one leper sought Jesus out, threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. (Luke 17:16). The example is: Thanksgiving recognizes something that God has done, seeking Him out (not in a cursory way), a falling at His feet in humility, and a verbal "Thank You, LORD." The truth is that, too often, we take God's gifts and goodness for granted. Those things that God does, which are to draw us in love to Him, are quickly forgotten.

My son Seth and his family started a tradition. They bought a basket and a bunch of river stones. Whenever God did something special, when He answered prayer or provided or protected, when the family came home, they took a stone, wrote on it what God had done and the date and put in the basket. As the basket filled with 'written on' stones, it became a testament of God's faithfulness. For me, I journal my prayers, so that I have a record of what I have asked (and keep asking until God answers). Sometimes, He answers right away. Sometimes, He gives something better than I had hoped or asked for. Sometimes I have to learn to wait. But I am told to ask and then to see how God answers and then give thanks.

In the story in Luke 17, all the lepers that asked were healed of leprosy, but the one that came back to give thanks received more than the others. Jesus said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." He had already been healed of his leprosy, but his faith (displayed in thanksgiving) made him 'well.' I take to mean more than just the physical healing, but spiritual wellness, emotional wellness. In every way, he was made well. But he would not have experienced that total 'wellness' if he had not taken time to say, "Thank You, LORD."

Church Events

November 1st – Moniteau/St. Paul's Evangelical Council Meeting at 4 p.m. at Moniteau

November 15th – Family Night

Host/Hostesses

*Ryan and Chris Rutledge
Mary Kay Watson
Ted and Sara Rohrbach
Denny and Judy Wittenberger
Natoma Elliott

November 16th – Church Board Meeting @ 6:30

November 22nd – Communion

November 25th – Thanksgiving Service at Grace UMC

November 29th – 1st Sunday in Advent

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Faith Story of Mary Kay

I have been writing about experiences and thoughts I have had in raising our children, especially through their teen years over the course of this year. I have been, at some of our children's request, keeping myself restricted with contact outside of immediate family in order to be able to be present in their homes to help with the addition of our two beautiful 2020 granddaughters. This has been my joy, and it has also been a learning experience for me. God has demonstrated clearly to me that what I have to offer our kids and our grandchildren is "my picture of Jesus"; There is nothing better or greater that I can give them than continuous glimpses of who Jesus is to me in my every day, my every moment. There is nothing more helpful for me to offer than my lifetime experience and anchor-solid confidence that He created them FOR His own pleasure, to belong to Him, and He DOES NOT make mistakes nor does He ever lose sovereign control over all things. I have had joy seeing Him at work in the lives of our adult children and in the lives of our grandchildren as I have observed the help, the peace, the strength and the perspective that He alone gives as I ask Him for wisdom, strength, grace, empowering of the Holy Spirit for myself and on behalf of children and grandchildren. It is a common thing that as people grow older and lose the strength, agility and even purpose they had when younger they also have the opportunity to re-evaluate their "work" and purpose to take on something new. Steve's joy in life is ministry as a pastor to the Church God has placed him with...and our two beautiful churches and the community of and around Jamestown are such a delight to and perfect "fit" for him in these years of his life. I have known, really my whole life, that my heart lay in what "family" God would give me. I loved nursing for a time, and God used it to do great things in me and for our family. I have lost all desire to continue professionally as a nurse, but my desire to "pass on" the faith in and love for Jesus He has given me grows continually. It is my passion. There are things about being "the pastor's wife" and "the pastor's kids" that are fairly unique to wives and kids of men called to pastor churches. I have lived this "role" long enough to realize I am uniquely positioned to care for our children in a way that "speaks to" their--also unique--situations. As we all move forward into the Holiday Season and beyond that into next year, in the uncertainty and change COVID-19 has brought to our world, I find it a privilege and challenge to be "mom" and "grandma" to our family as they need, and to find my place among you all in Jamestown. I hope to continue to connect with our church families through writing in the Newsletter. I hope to be able to participate with you in worship and fellowship in person more often than I've been able to in 2020. However, know that ALL of you--church family, Watson--family, are continuously in my thoughts (and Steve's), in my prayers (and Steve's). You--all of you--are our heart and joy!

Mission Fest, Sept. 20



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

We desire to broaden our view and understanding of what God is doing in the world. The

Apostle's Creed says, "I believe in the one, holy, universal church . . ." As we continue to have bulletin inserts each week, we are reminded of brothers and sisters around the world, throughout the ages who have been faithful to Jesus despite persecution. These stories that have meaning to us—these are members of our 'family' and we rejoice and pray for them. As you read of the lives of people just like you, entrust yourself to His care and be willing to do what He asks you to do for Him.

Memory Verses for November

Be working on this important verse from Psalm 107:1

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings.

Healing House

“The Lord is the Boss” Evangelist and Musical Minister, Dillon Loving, shared his testimony at the Friday night, August 21, Celebrate Recovery and ministered through his original Christian hip-hop music on Saturday evening, August 22 at Riverside Park. Dillon shared his remarkable testimony of redemption, from growing up in crack houses and foster care, to losing three family members to addiction and being sent to the penitentiary. Dillon surrendered his life to Jesus in 2014 in a jail cell and was delivered from everything that once had him bound. He began preaching and producing God glorifying hip-hop music. His video “The Lord is the Boss” became popular in 2017 and helped open opportunities for him to share the Gospel of Jesus. See www.lovingmusic.com and Dillon Loving Facebook page to learn more and enjoy his music.

Redemption Inside The Walls (RITW) Faith over Fear - September 19, 2020 Michael W. Smith Feature Artist

A crisp, fall night welcomed the worshipers Saturday, September 19, at the Cole County Fairgrounds for a wonderful evening of praise, worship and sharing in support of the community. According to www.redemptioninsidethewalls.com (RITW website), the event’s purpose is to reach out and unify the Christian community and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those that do not know Him. The crowd enjoyed two opening musical artists beginning at 5:00 p.m. before multiple Grammy and Dove award-winning Michael W. Smith performed current and past favorite songs of praise and worship. Several attending dedicated their lives or renewed their hearts to the Lord at the end of the evening.

The Healing House and New Beginnings had the privilege of offering support by volunteering at this and previous events. Men from the Koinonia House started early in the day working on the set-up. Others helped with taking tickets, working in the merchandise booths and serving on the prayer team. Everyone stayed to help tear down and clean up afterwards. This year, organizers chose to donate the event proceeds to The Healing House efforts to expand offerings for mothers with children. It was a beautiful time of united prayer and praise to the Lord our God

News from the Dettmans

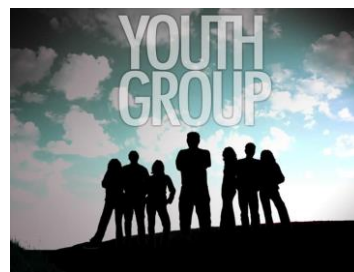
Hello family and friends,

We hope you are enjoying the changing of the seasons as we get deeper into Fall. Here in Southwinds the seasonal change is marked by the rains which brings the temperature down. We've had quite a few days with heavy rain so far this Fall, which has led to flash flooding because of the poor drainage. Oftentimes when there's a forecast of heavy rain things shut down and people don't want to go outside because it's difficult to navigate the streets.

We have much to praise God for in the midst of everything going on. Our intern team arrived safely and everyone is now settled into their places, and they've been going out and meeting with students. Personally, we've had a lot going on, from welcoming and orienting the new team to renewing our residency to looking for a new place to live. Please pray for us that God would sustain us and provide for us, and let us know how you're doing so we can be praying for you as well!
together for His glory,

the Dettmans

Youth Groups



quantities of Mountain Dew.

The High School youth group has been meeting for several weeks and is studying various topics in the book of Proverbs. They can always use your prayers and

The Middle School youth group will begin Nov. 11, 6:30-8:15 pm. We invite all Middle School teens to come and join us—we are going to be looking at heroes of the Bible. We can use some help with food for the Middle Schoolers. Often they come from school and don't have time to eat. If you would be willing to help once a month (or more), please let Pastor Steve know. Text him at 319-640-7009. We also need your prayers, support and encouragement.

Senior High

Youth Group has been off to a great start with large groups every week and several new faces this year. We have been studying the book of Proverbs and covering topics like wisdom, friendship, honesty & integrity, and diligence.

One thing we are working on is a Mission Trip for the summer of 2021. Currently we are in the process of getting initial deposits submitted and getting a count for the total number of kids going. With this being a new experience for many of the youth, please pray for them and pray they would step out of their comfort zones and go on this life-changing trip.

Former Youth Group Member in Training

Joshua Nott is currently in Georgia training for the National Guard. He will be in Basic until December 11 and then may be home over Christmas until returning in January. Words of encouragement would be appreciated and can be sent to the following address (but he has asked that we send only letters in plain envelopes and nothing large or flashy):

Roster #323, Nott, Joshua
A Company, 2nd BN, 58th IN REGT
198th Infantry Brigade
5480 Roush Drive, BLDG 3210
Fort Benning, GA 31905-4755

Care Pack Program

St. Paul's is providing food again this year for the Jamestown School Care Pack Program during the months of December, January and May. We will be collecting food from now through the end of December. Food should be child-friendly and easy to open. Such items include single serving ravioli, snack sticks, mac & cheese cups, cereal bars, fruit snacks, fruit cups, poptarts, peanut butter crackers, pudding cups, juice boxes and more. A tote is located in the church basement. Monetary donations can be made with Care Pack being written

in the memo. Thank you for continuing to make a difference in the lives of these families.

Thank you! Heidi

Good Books

You might encounter a good book, buy it, read it and then it sits on your shelf. It is too good to throw away and it collects dust. If you have a good book that has especially helped you in your walk with the Lord Jesus and would like to make it available for your brothers and/or sisters in the church, please bring it into the pastor's office with a brief note including your name, how it helped you in your spiritual life and whether you desire the book to be returned to you. When you find a book that helps you, be assured that it will also help others.

Sharing Your Story

It is encouraging to hear how God has worked in your life. If you would like to write a short article about how God has provided or protected, or led, or strengthened, please take the time and write it down. Send that part of your story to pastor Steve at ecmc.Steve@gmail.com to be included in the coming newsletters. The Gospel of Mark tells the story of a man that was delivered from demons. *"As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled."* (Mark 5)
When we tell others what He has done for us, it glorifies Him, it encourages others ("What He's done for others, He'll do for you" principle) and He uses it in their lives. If you don't know how to start that conversation try this: "I am just so excited, I have to tell somebody. You will never believe what the Lord did for me . . ."

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

October 19, 2020

The St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. for the monthly meeting. Those in attendance were Donald Gerlach, Debi Baumert, Mark Oerly, Lisa Porter, and Pastor Steve Watson. Mark Rohrbach joined via telephone. Pastor Watson offered a prayer before the meeting started.

Donald Gerlach brought the meeting to order.

The September minutes were not available for review, so they will be approved at the November meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Mark Oerly moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Debi seconded the motion; motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Unfinished Business

Donald reported that the four spotlights were in and that he would contact Meyer Electric to have them installed in the front of the sanctuary.

New Business

The bills were presented for approval. Debi moved to approve the bills and Lisa seconded the motion; motion carried. The bills were approved.

Donald and Lisa will be going off the board this year. Donald reminded the board that a search for two new board members was needed.

Updating Memorial Plaque – The plaque has not been updated in several years. Lisa offered to have the names and dates engraved if someone would provide her with the names. Debi doesn't have access to previous information regarding memorials given on behalf of a member. She will go back through her books and make a list of what she has. She said Susan Borts would have records from her time on the board and she could get those as well. Lisa will look through the church history/record book for deaths recorded and maybe that will jog someone's mind whether a memorial was given.

The Every Child's Hope offering for Christmas Eve was discussed. Pastor Watson reported that he received material from Every Child's Hope, but after looking through it, he found nothing spiritual in it. Debi did some research and suggested Samaritan's Purse. Pastor Watson further explained Samaritan's Purse. After further discussion, the Board thought it might be a good option for the Christmas Eve offering.

Mark Rohrbach brought up the Christmas Program and asked whether someone was working on one. At this time, the board did not feel it was necessary to cancel the Christmas Eve Program. There was a suggestion of possibly singing hymns rather than doing a Christmas Program. This would alleviate the possibility of someone involved in the program getting sick or quarantined at the last minute. However, since the Sunday School is in charge of the Christmas Program, Debi will mention it to Kirby Baumert and Leisa Hees.

Debi reported that the total for the Fall CROP Walk so far is \$12,380. Senior Housing will receive \$4210, Community Building \$4460, and the Pool \$3710.

Pastor's Report

Grace Methodist Church will host the Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. David Griffith, retired pastor, will be preaching. New Hope and Jamestown Baptist Church are not participating.

The Atkins cleaning service is not getting the church basement clean. Donald will call Atkins and notify them that if the basement doesn't get cleaned to our satisfaction, we will be canceling their service.

Pastor Watson has been trying to touch base with people, but some still do not want in person visits. He is trying to make phone calls.

On November 11, 2020, the Middle School Youth Group will start meeting.

Pastor Watson attended an Evangelical Association meeting in Millstadt, IL. He will divide the mileage cost between St. Paul's church and Moniteau Advent church for reimbursement. He will also be participating in a seminar online (Post Covid & Digital Ministry), presented by Dallas Seminary in the first part of January 2021.

Debi moved to adjourn the meeting and Lisa seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be on Monday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. The Board recited the Lord's Prayer upon Adjournment. --Respectfully submitted, Lisa Porter, Acting Secretary

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Moniteau/St. Paul's Evangelical Council Meeting at 4 p.m. at Moniteau	2 Lori Porter	3 Election Day	4 HS Youth group 6:30-8:15 Darrell Knierim	5 Stephen Derendinger Glenda Dietzel Liana Kuhn Jenice Taggart	6 Bob Marshall	7 Colton Glenn
8 Christy Heimericks	9	10	11 Veterans Day Teen/HS Youth groups 6:30-8:15 Debbie Birkmann	12 Geraldine Taggart	13 Zach Reimler	14
15 Family Night 6 p.m.	16 St. Paul's Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Seth Rohrbach	17 Lucas Knierim Katherine Rohrbach Rynley Gatlin	18 Teen/HS Youth groups 6:30-8:15	19 Sterling Cassil Ginna Meisenheimer	20	21 Emily King
22 Communion	23	24	25 Teen/HS Youth groups 6:30-8:15 Thanksgiving Service at Grace UMC Don Marshall	26 Thanksgiving Day Hilda Schoenthal	27	28
29 1st Sunday in Advent Marcy Oerly Eli Marshall	30 Misti Reynolds Olivia Oerly	Family Night Hosts/Hostesses: *Ryan and Chris Rutledge Mary Kay Watson Ted and Sara Rohrbach Denny and Judy Wittenberger Natoma Elliott				