

St Paul's Evangelical Church

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Pastor's Pen

This month is a guest article from Mary Kay. In it she shares how she became a Christian and also the importance of being sensitive to what God is doing in the lives of our children.

"When I was still quite a little girl and only seven years old, I went with my parents, brothers and sisters to a church service every night of one week. There was a missionary speaking each night who spoke about Jesus. I don't remember all that he said, but at the end of each night's sermon the speaker said: "If anyone here would like to trust Jesus with all their life, raise your hand and I will help you to do that." I was completely filled with a longing to know and trust Jesus...so I raised my hand...and nothing happened. Every night that week, Monday through Friday, I listened to this missionary speak about how God loved me and to show that great love, He sent Jesus...to love me, to help me, to save me...and every night I raised my hand so he could tell me how I could trust Jesus...and nothing happened. On Friday night the speaker recognized that the same little girl raised her hand every night and he spoke with my father explaining how though he thought I was too young to understand, I had raised my hand every night. My father knew I was a very shy and timid little girl, and he knew I would only have raised my hand if Jesus was calling to me. After we were home that night, my father talked with and prayed with me to help me start on an entire lifetime of loving and trusting Jesus. I was only very little when I began to trust Jesus, but knowing, loving and trusting Jesus through my whole life has been the greatest gift EVER from God!"

Take time to pray for God to work in the children, through the Sunday School, WWJD, the Middle School Youth Group and also the High School Youth Group. Pray and ask how you can be a part of what God is and wants to do.

Church Events

April 5-7 – Youth Christian Weekend
April 13 – Children's Easter party at 10:00am
April 14 – Palm Sunday
April 15 – Board Meeting at 6:15pm
April 18 – Maundy Thursday Service at St. Pauls at 6:30pm, meal at 7pm
April 19 – Good Friday Service at Moniteau at 7pm
April 21 – Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am
April 21 – Church with communion
April 28 – Nursing Home
April 28 – Family Night at 6pm

Family Night: Jenice Taggart, Gary and Paulette Reynolds, Denny and, Glenda Dietzel, Norma Porter, Gary and Geraldine Taggart, Mark and Lisa Rohrbach, Lucas and Christy Heimericks

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Jesse Rohrbach, Jason Gatlin	2	3	4	5 Youth Christian Weekend	6 Youth Christian Weekend Caroline Heimericks
7 Youth Christian Weekend Chester Marshall	8	9 Cody Baumert, Chayce Klund, Kinzie Haile, Taylor Baker	10 Corbin Schaffter	11 Hope Anson	12	13 Children's Easter party at 10:00am Denny Wittenberger
14 Palm Sunday Chris Schoenthal, Bob Souden, Kim Nott	15 Board Meeting at 6:15pm	16 Joel Gorman	17	18 Maundy Thursday Service at St. Pauls at 6:30pm, meal at 7pm	19 Good Friday Service at Moniteau at 7pm Walter Strein	20
21 Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am Church with communion	22 Melanie Marshall	23	24 Leslie Anson, Tanner Gentzsch	25 Steve Derendinger	26	27
28 Nursing Home Family Night at 6pm	29	30 Melody Croy, Lisa Rohrbach, Dorothy Schoenthal				

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Children's Easter Party will be held Saturday April 13th at 10:00 a.m., in the basement of the church. There will be snacks, crafts, story time, and an egg hunt. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, cousins; all kids are welcome! Candy needs to be brought and left in the kitchen by April 10th (Wednesday) so that eggs can be filled. If you have any other questions, please contact Holly Bieri (573-694-1899) or Nancy Haldiman (573-690-8528).

Special Thanks

Special thanks to all who sent get well wishes, cards & prayers while I was in the hospital and nursing home. I may still have a few rough days ahead, but mostly consider myself to be on the mend. God Bless all of you. Barbara

Coming—where are we going?

Between Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Easter (April 21) we are looking at the last words of Jesus specifically to His disciples. They begin in the Upper Room, having washed the disciple's feet and instituted the Lord's Supper for the church to remember His sacrifice. In John 14-16 we hear his last instructions and thoughts to His disciples (and to us) before going to the cross. There will be opportunities, as we approach Easter, to gather together, to remember both His sacrifice for our sins and His resurrection. Plan to come and prepare your hearts for Easter.

Middle School Youth Group Update

WWJD

We just finished our series on James with a great discussion on prayer and the power our prayers have. The example James uses is Elijah and how he prayed for rain to stop and it did! For three years! Then he prayed for rain and it did. James makes the point that Elijah is human just like us. Just because he's a character in the bible doesn't mean his prayers can have more power than ours. Often times I don't believe my prayers are that powerful and I think that takes glory away from God. Pray for the youth group, myself, and all of us that we would make a habit of prayer and take everything that's on our hearts to God. Pray also that we would all truly believe our prayers have the power to do miracles for God to be glorified.

Looking ahead, we are just a few weeks from Easter. The three weeks leading up to Easter we are going to do a short study on Jesus' death, Resurrection, and the events that led up to it. I'm really looking forward to this study as this may be the first time some of the youth have actually read the Easter story. Please pray for Ben, Kelly, and myself as we prepare for this powerful study and pray the youth would get a better understanding of what the Easter story truly means.

Confirmation

We have a confirmation class at Moniteau Advent with 5 young people. We meet Sundays of the month in the afternoon and are looking at what we believe and building habits for the future—habits of reading the Bible daily, prayer, fellowship and witnessing. We are memorizing verses and are writing a personal doctrinal statement on the Bible, God (who He is and what He is like), Jesus, Salvation and the church. Please be praying for this time of formation.

Vacation Bible School

"To Mars and Beyond" will be held at St. Paul's/Grace UMC, Monday-Thursday, July 15-18 from 6:30-8:50 each evening for ages 4 through completed 6th grade. Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars and discover the wonders of God's universe. Information on registration, etc. will be in the June newsletter.

Finally, the weather has improved! The children were able to enjoy activity time, great breakfasts, singing, and learning about the Bible through great stories all of the Wednesdays in March.

Puppet Lily the Lion joined us to share a great Bible story from chapter 6 of the book of Daniel in the Old Testament. She told of her experience of being in a dark cave when Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. But God protected Daniel from the lions and did not let them harm him. And today we can believe that God is still watching over us and protecting us from danger. We can trust that God will take care of us.

We also heard the Jonah story from the great fish's point of view. (Having Jonah sloshing around inside him was very uncomfortable.) The fish was glad when Jonah listened to God and went on to Nineveh. He reminded us that we should listen to God as well.

Adult leader Karen Jones focused on the ministry of Jesus in Capernaum, which was occupied by Rome. Karen told of the Roman soldier who asked Jesus to heal his sick servant. The soldier told Jesus it was not necessary to travel to actually see the servant because he knew that Jesus could heal only by speaking. Because of the soldier's faith, Jesus healed his servant—all it took was His word. This healing showed the love and power of Jesus, a love and power that still exists for us today.

Pastor Steve told of Jesus feeding the multitude, from Matthew 14:13-21. He explained how Jesus took 5 loaves of bread and two fish, blessed it, and then used it to feed 5,000 people. And when everyone was full, there were 12 baskets of food leftover. Even today, if you put what you have in the hands of Jesus, it will be sufficient for you, with some left over to share with others.

--Submitted by Susan Borts, Adult Leader

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting
March 18, 2019

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, March 18, 2019. Present were Don Gerlach, Ted Rohrbach, Lisa Porter, Barb Oerly, Mark Rohrbach, Debi Baumert 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 February 13, 2019, meeting was reviewed. The board agreed that the comment regarding the white board needs to be updated. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes and Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Old Business:

- Church website calendar entries – No new entries.
- Church record book – Connie Reimler's death will be added. A request was made by Holly Eschenbrenner Gatson for a letter of transfer. Pastor Steve will write and send the letter to Holly.
- Stewardship report – No update.
- Care pack program – This should be done for the current school year.
- Homeless Ministry – Pastor Steve will talk to Sandee Eschenbrenner to see if the ministry will continue through the summer.
- Address list for Messenger – This is still being worked on.
- Comprehensive list of church helpers – The board is working to put a comprehensive list of all church helpers. Once the list is done it will be shared with church members for input.
- Congregational meeting update – Don will start looking for companies to solicit bids from on the electrical work that needs to be done in the sanctuary. Once we have bids, a congregational meeting will be held to discuss all elements of the remodel. Ted spoke to a member of the family that donated the organ. If the organ can't be repaired, they have given us permission to get rid of the organ. They do not want the organ.

New Business:

- Approval of bills – Barb made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Debi seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Youth Christian Weekend in Branson – Barb will contact Jamie and Carrie Russell to find out how many children from our church registered to attend YCW and how many associated with youth group that do not have a home church registered. The board is willing to provide financial assistance to New Hope again this year.
- Copy machine – Barb asked Pastor Steve if he had any problems printing from the computer to the copier. He said that he has and usually turns copier off and back on and then it works.
- Democrat – Barb will complete the form and get to the Democrat with information about the church's Easter services.
- Facebook – The board is trying to locate anyone that might have admin rights to the St. Paul's Evangelical Church Facebook page. Please let us know if you are or are aware of anyone that might be. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Evangelical-Church/1019495711431628>
- Offering box – There was a suggestion that an offering box be placed in the church. At this time, offering will continue to be taken as we do. There are envelopes in the back of church for anyone that prefers to use them.
- April Family Night – April family night is on Easter Sunday. The board agreed to move family night to April 28. We will play volleyball at the school and games at the church. The board will reach out to the April host committee to make them aware of the date change.

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, local and traveling visits, phone contacts and mileage detail.
- Personal time out – Pastor Steve requested a day of vacation on Friday, April 12.

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

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly
Secretary