

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

## The Messenger

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### From Pastor Steve's Desk

We often have questions of God, questions like: "Where are you? Why did You allow this? What kind of good can come out of this?"

God has questions of us, as well, not because He doesn't know the answers. He knows all things. The questions God asked throughout Scripture, in both the Old and New Testaments, were to get us to think, to repent, and to return.

God's first question was to Adam in Genesis 3:9: "Where are you?" All the other questions He asked of mankind were similar, as if to say: What is going on in your heart? Who are you listening to? What are you believing about Me that is not true?

Think for a few moments on the first questions God asked mankind (Adam) in the Garden. "Adam, where are you? I desire to be with you, to walk with you and to talk with you." When we are asked, "Where are you?" we typically think of location. We might respond, "I'm over here." Or "I'm at church." Or "I'm in the kitchen." But when God asked Adam He was not asking about location, but where he was at spiritually, emotionally, relationally. The question is more than about geography, but what is going on internally, in a person's heart and soul. It is the same as that which happens to you when you are trying to talk to someone and they might be looking at you and nodding in appropriate places as you talk, but you know they are not 'with you.' It seems strange that someone might be 'with us' in terms of geography—and yet 'miles away' in their thoughts. Adam was simply behind a bush; he was purposefully hiding from God—he wanted to avoid God because of his sin. That is what sin does—it makes us uncomfortable in God's presence, it causes us to want to avoid the One who made us, who loves us, who sent His Son to die for us to deal with those things we do (sin) which cause us to try to 'hide' from the God who is all-knowing, all-seeing, all-powerful and wants to spend time with us.

And so, God asks that same question of you today, "Where are you?" Are there things in your life that are causing you, like Adam, to avoid God? to want to hide from God? If there are, identify them and deal with them: Is there known sin in your life? Have you so busied up your life that you don't have time for Him? Anger? Bitterness? Unforgiveness?

### Church Events

**September 6<sup>th</sup>** – Community Labor Day Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Jamestown Park

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** – No Sunday School at St. Paul's; Mission Fest, Moniteau Church, 10:00 a.m.

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Church Board Meeting @ 6:30

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** – World Wide Communion

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## From Mary Kay

*My last faith story for family/newsletter for the church was quite lengthy, so this one will be shorter with a few things Steve and I implemented for various reasons into our parenting as we were raising our children.*

1) *I read in a Leadership magazine early on in our marriage a tip for ‘pastor’s’ families to help make Sunday mornings special, ‘set apart’ and not “even more hectic than other mornings because Dad is a pastor.” My application of this idea mainly centered on making a special breakfast including a pastry of some kind that was reserved for Sunday mornings or Christmas morning. This seemed to get the whole family off to a good start Sundays. So much so that during their high school years, our kiddoes were the only ones who showed up at church following late Saturday night functions. I made a point to tell our high schoolers that they could be excused from Sunday morning church following their Senior Prom which was always all night long ending in breakfast before the kids all returned home. Our youngest son, James, played drums for worship and the worship team goaded him into coming that after-prom Sunday morning!*

2) *As I was growing up, I had thought it only fair that since there was a Mother’s Day and a Father Day, there should be Children’s Day. Once our oldest children were in school, Steve and I instituted “Children’s Day” as the last day of school. At school this roughly 8<sup>A</sup>-11<sup>A</sup> half day consisted of cleaning the classroom and sending home with the children their leftover desk supplies. We started with Children’s Day being a lunch out at McDonalds or a cookout with campout at the Lakes. Through the years, Children’s Day grew into some really special trips taken over a 2-3 day period. I believe we had a few times that a college student child came back to go on our “Children’s Day” celebration trips. It was such a great success!*

3) *As our children reached their teens, we began to hear tales of what other parents bought for their children . . . with the hope being (I’m sure) that we would comply. Although I am a major “rule-keeper” in personality, I have been non-compliant with cultural traits I didn’t find helpful for teaching*

*our children how to maneuver life responsible. Therefore, there began a list of things we, as parents, would not pay for. We refused to pay for our children’s dates, tats or body piercings other than single ear piercings of ear lobes on our daughters. This decision by us often simplified decision making for our children, I think. For instance, there was often a lot of ‘dating’ going on at very young ages, but all of this had to be financially subsidized by parents because children had no money. In our family, if it was a ‘date’, Mom and Dad were not going to pay for it.*

*I need to add a funny story here that I believe demonstrates something very sweet about a developing, changing and flexing parent-teen relationship. Our youngest daughter is, among other things, quite an artist. Through high school and into college she loved dreaming of and designing all manner of paintings, pictures, murals and tats—mostly sleeves or half-sleeves. She would show me her designs and we would dream together . . . but I inevitably ended up saying something to the effect that tats were expensive and she could do whatever she wanted when she had the money to pay for it. This daughter also was very involved in CRU (Campus Crusade) in college and went to their big Christmas Conference in Denver several years running. One year she did much of the planning and money raising to their large group of kids from her college to go to DCC, but had no funds left to pay for food for herself for the week—so ‘mama’ gave her \$100 for food. I discovered, after the fact, that she spent enough of that money to buy bread and a jar of peanut butter which she ate once a day on the trip, so that she could use the money her parents gave her to have the reference of her favorite verse tattooed on her wrist. I believe the fact that she managed to get her parents to pay for her tat gave her more pleasure than the tattoo itself?*

## Memory Verses for September

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.

## A Call to Prayer

Someone has said, "God's work done God's way will never lack God's resources or God's blessing." That is true—but it is important to know that "God's Way" always requires us to pray first and then to respond in obedience to God. It begins with prayer—we can do a lot of things beside pray, but we can never do anything until first we pray. With that in mind, I want to invite you to join me in a single, focused prayer based on Jesus' saying, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the LORD of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." Mt. 9:37-38. I believe that as Jesus looks at Jamestown and the surrounding area He sees a harvest of souls. We asked that you be praying for laborers last month--now begin to pray for opportunities. As you pray, you will begin to see the need, the hurts, the brokenness in people and understand that Jesus alone can 'fix' things. With increasing clarity we will see opportunities to tell others what Jesus means to you, what Jesus has done for you, how He helps you get through the day.

Join me as we pray for our community, for God to do a mighty work.

Will you join me in prayer, remembering, "God's work done God's way will never lack God's resources or God's blessing." And God's work begins on our knees in prayer. Join me.

### From Our Missionaries—the Dettmans

Hello family and friends,  
We pray this email finds you well and you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer. Like most of you, our summer has looked different than what we anticipated, but we praise God that He is in control. We were able to take some online Bible classes, and during my (Nick) class I spent a lot of time studying and reflecting on the story from Mark 4 about Jesus calming the storm. What a blessing to know that whatever unexpected, overpowering storms we experience in this life, the Almighty Creator God who spoke the universe into existence offers to travel with us through them and give our hearts a "peace that surpasses understanding". We're praying that you all experience His overwhelming peace in the midst of this difficult time! Please let us know how you're doing and other ways that we can be specifically praying for you!

---together for His glory, the Dettmans

## Mission Fest, Sept. 20

The joint boards of Moniteau and St. Paul's have decided to host the mission fest at Moniteau Advent this year (next year at St. Paul's). There will be a meal after the morning service at Moniteau. The desire is to give the maximum opportunity for those in attendance to interact with the mission speaker.



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

This year's mission speaker will be Kendall

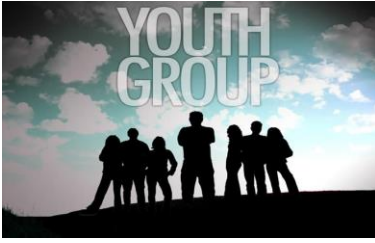
Ponder representing Voice of the Martyrs. There are different kinds of missionaries—there are missionaries that take the Gospel to those that have never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus' death and resurrection for our sins—the Dettmans are a part of this group. There are missionaries that not only take the Gospel, but do extensive discipling and training—Healing House is an example of this. There are mission organizations that provide support for those that are serving in remote areas—Missionary Aviation Fellowship is an example of this. There are mission organizations that focus on reaching those in college—Campus Crusade, Navigators and Intervarsity Fellowship are examples of this. Among the various mission organizations, taking the Gospel literally around the world, Voice of the Martyrs is somewhat unique.

Voice of the Martyrs recognizes the responsibility that Christians have to one another. We have brothers and sisters who have trusted Jesus for salvation and are suffering for their faith. VOM helps us know how we can care for them.

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we will have the opportunity to hear about brothers and sisters in the faith, of their willingness to suffer for Jesus and, if necessary, die for their faith. We can support and care for them by our prayers, financial and in other ways. Come and join us as we learn how to care for brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

If you desire to learn more about brothers and sisters that are suffering for their faith, go to Youtube.com and search under "International day of prayer for the persecuted church" or "Persecuted Church - Francis Chan"

Check our Facebook page and webpages, we will be posting links for you.



## 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. Pray for the school, for teachers and for the youth groups. We are tentatively planning to begin the Senior and Middle School Youth Groups September 30. Please check the Facebook page and webpages for updates.

### Senior High

Ben, Kim, and I have done a lot of thinking and praying as to how we want to approach the upcoming school year. On the one hand, we want to keep everyone safe and don't want to seem as if we aren't concerned about the fluid situation around us, but at the same time, we feel Youth Group is a very valuable time to minister to the kids in our community. Obviously, we want to see youth group return to its normal time, setting, and format as soon as possible. Dr Guitard, the superintendent at Jamestown School, has asked that we delay the start of youth group a few weeks

to see how things go at the school. Dr. Guitard has been great to work with and the school staff (especially coaches) have been very supportive of all we do and are more than willing to adjusting their schedules if we ask.

We have decided to delay the start of youth group until September 30th. I should note, however, that this date is very tentative and will depend on how things go at the school but we want to go ahead and set a target date so the youth and parents know we are planning to have Youth Group this year.

Please pray for the youth in our community. Pray for our school as they try their best to take what safety measures they can. Pray that there are no issues and Youth Group can start on our target date and last all year long.

---submitted by Seth Rohrbach

### WWJD

Like senior and middle school youth groups, WWJD has also decided to postpone beginning our Wednesday morning children's worship. Hopefully we will be able to resume the first week in October, but that decision will be dependent upon how things go within our community and school. Please check e-mail for registration and workers' schedule updates.

---submitted by Susan Borts

## St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

August 17, 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, Mark Rohrbach, Lisa Porter, Mark Oerly and Sandee Eschenbrenner.

The Secretary's Report was presented and, after a name correction, was approved. Motion to approve was made by Debi Baumert and seconded by Lisa Porter.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. Motion to approve was made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Debi Baumert.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Don informed the Board that the spotlights ordered for the front of the church have still not arrived. He also advised that he still has not received any responses from the contractors contacted regarding the repairs needed on the overhang and fascia board. He will try contacting Greg Buschjost this week.

2. Pastor Steve said he has been contacted by Church Mutual Insurance who will be supplying information regarding water detectors. These detectors provide an alert to any dampness or water in unwanted areas before damage can occur. After discussion, the Board decided to table any decision until the information is received.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mark Rohrbach presented the August bills. Motion for payment of same was made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Debi Baumert.

2. The Board has received notice from the Post Office regarding renewal of our Post Office Box. The motion to renew same was made by Debi Baumert and seconded by Mark Oerly.

3. Also, due to the fact that our church letterhead provides both the Post Office Box Number as well as our actual location address, our mail is addressed in both manners. Thus, it was decided to put up a mail box in order to accommodate either address. Don volunteered to handle the purchase and installation of same. The motion was made by Mark Rohrbach and seconded by Debi Baumert.

4. Seth Rohrbach came prior to the meeting starting to advise that, due to a request from the school, the High School Youth Group will not begin meeting until the end of September. This timeline is tentative and will perhaps be reconsidered at that time. We also remind the congregation that WWJD and the Middle School Youth Group are delaying their starting dates. This, too, was due to a request from Jamestown School.

5. The Board has received several comments regarding the cleaning done by Atkins. Don agreed to follow up with them in order to improve the situations in question.

6. The Board also again discussed the arrangement of furniture, etc. in the altar area. Due to the fact that our church attendance is lower than usual, we have decided to delay any decision. We have received several remarks approving the current arrangement.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report including mileage, some expenses and upcoming August sermon topics. He continues to make some house call visits as well as telephone calls to shut-ins.

Don announced that our next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 21st at 6:30 PM.

After completing the Board's business, we then had a prolonged discussion regarding the Corona Virus situation. This discussion was prompted after receiving a letter from one of our concerned members who feels we are not being vigilant enough in regard to how easily and quickly this virus can spread. Although we, too, are concerned, we do not believe we have the authority to mandate any restrictions. (If you recall, when we first returned to church in the basement, we provided masks and suggested social distancing. We felt that was about the limit of our authority.) As our discussion continued, we came to the conclusion that we had no good or final answers regarding this matter. It's a personal decision and we honor that. No name calling, no finger pointing, etc. Should more members want to voice their opinions or offer more suggestions to improve this impossible situation, we are available. Our wholehearted suggestion is for all of us to continue to pray for God's protection over all of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sande Eschenbrenner

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 6th	Community Labor Day Worship Service/9:30/Jamestown Park
Sunday, September 20th	Mission Fest at Moniteau Church/10:00 AM
Monday, September 21st	Sept. Board Meeting/6:30 PM
Sunday, October 4th	World Wide Communion

NOTE: No Sunday School at St. Paul's on September 20th  
No Family Night at St. Paul's on September 20th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>*No Family Night at St. Paul's this month.</b></p>		1	2	3	4 Diane Fowler	5
		<p><b>6</b> Community Labor Day Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Jamestown Park</p> <p>Andrew Nott Patti VonderHaar</p>	<p><b>7</b> Labor Day</p> <p>Charles Dishion</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Neta Dishion</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Anna Hees</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Kirby Baumert Ted Rohrbach</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Morgan Walters Lauren Imhoff Christen Haile</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Stephanie Birkmann</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Barb Oerly</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Stacy Scheidt</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Sigrid Nott</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>*No Sunday School at St. Paul's</p> <p>Mission Fest at Moniteau Church at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Church Board Meeting at 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b> Start of Fall</p> <p>Keeley Klund</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Bill Birkmann Argo Stauffer</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Paulette Reynolds</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Vicki Reimler</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Rusty Hees</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>World Wide Communion</b></p>		