

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

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## Pastor's Pen

We support the Dettman's Ministry—this month I wanted to highlight what God is doing that we are a part of through our giving and prayers. They use 'Name' instead of a country's name.

### **God is Moving in NAME**

Last semester, we had the incredible privilege to see God work in amazing ways in our city. We shared the Gospel with over 250 students, and we saw six of those students decide to follow Jesus. That is HUGE anytime, anywhere, but it is unheard of during the first semester on campus, especially in the NAME region. We have been blown away by God's lavish love and faithfulness. Take a minute now and praise God, give a shout, do a little celebratory dance (we do!). We serve a living God who is pursuing you and me and his children everywhere, and lives are being changed because of it. We began following up with our new brothers and sisters and saw some of them take awesome steps of faith, including sharing their faith with their friends. We developed many relationships with others that are interested in the truth of His Word, and we'll have opportunities this next semester to continue to share Jesus with them. We also grew in love and unity as a team, as well as in our confidence and ability to share the love of God with others. We also wanted to share with you a glimpse of how God is working throughout the greater NAME region. At our conference, we had a few days to connect specifically with those working in NAME in order to encourage one another, share stories of struggles and victories, and help one another overcome obstacles we were facing. As part of this time, every team was asked to share how the work was going. We learned that this last semester in our region, our teams were on 85 campus, had spiritual conversations with 2,570 students, shared the full Gospel with 1,609 students, and saw 34 students decide to follow Jesus! God is moving in amazing ways, and we can't wait to see how He continues to build His church in NAME this year!

## Church Events

March 1 – World Day of Prayer; Prairie Home Methodist Church 1:00 PM

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# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> World Day of Prayer; Prairie Home Methodist Church 1:00 PM	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Kevin Anson, Lucas Heimericks	<b>6</b> Ash Wednesday Service; Moniteau Advent 7:00 PM Isaiah Heimericks	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Norma Porter
<b>10</b> Salvation Army Offering	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Connie Souden	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Communion  Family Night (talent night) 6:00 pm	<b>18</b> Church Board meeting 6:15 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Matt Oerly	<b>21</b> Kolby Anson	<b>22</b> Sara Rohrbach	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Ryan Nott	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Christian Derendinger, Tim Fowler, Nikki Gentsch	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Carol Oerly	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Dana Knierim
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## Coming—where are we going?

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at Moniteau. During the period between Ash Wednesday leading to Easter we will be looking at Jesus 'last words' to His disciples, John 14-16. Someone has said, "Last words are lasting words." These words of Jesus set his disciples and us in a life changing, world changing mission. Take time to read through these passages and pray through these passages.

## Becoming

Middle School Youth Group Update

We are focusing on a very simply set of truths.  
 God is awesomely great  
 God wants to spend time with you

The question is, "Do you want to spend time with Him?"

Focusing on His greatness, we are desiring to encourage our teens to learn to spend quality time with Him in prayer and reading His word. We learned about the God who is big enough to create all things and yet He gives His attention to us. We learned about the human eye and contemplated the verse, "The one who formed the ear, does He not hear? The One who made the eye, does He not see?" Ps. 94. On February 13<sup>th</sup> we had a movie and pizza night and enjoyed the movie, "I Can Only Imagine" seeing how God is able to transform lives, restore relationships and accomplish more through our lives than we could imagine.

We need:

1. Prayer warriors that will pray for the workers and for the teens.

2. Workers—we are always looking for people who want to make a difference in lives. If God is laying that on your heart, perhaps you should consider working with the Middle School Youth Group which meets Wednesday, 6:30-8pm

## **WWJD**

The harsh winter weather has not been kind to WWJD this month, as we have missed a couple of Wednesdays because school could not be in session. The children continued to enjoy a great breakfast and worship time on the days we could be together.

On February 6, adult leader Karen Jones introduced the children to Elisha, a faithful disciple of the prophet Elijah and his successor. The King of Syria had sent a large army to surround the city of Dothan in order to capture Elisha and take him prisoner. As the army began to move in to capture him, Elisha prayed to the Lord to blind the eyes of the Syrian soldiers. God heard Elisha's prayer and the army lost their sight. Then Elisha led the blind soldiers into the center of the city where the King of Israel was and prayed for God to give them back their sight, which He did. Elisha then told the king to feed them and let them go back to Syria where they could tell what Israel's God had done.

Elisha showed Israel's enemies of God's kindness. God also wants us to show kindness to everyone around us and be a people of peace.

On February 13, the children finished some valentines' cards and played some games before breakfast. They then heard the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who were loyal to God no matter what. God saved them from a fiery furnace and everyone who saw it also saw God's power.

## **Confirmation**

We have a confirmation class at Moniteau Advent with 7 young people. We meet on the second and fourth 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 every day, prayer, fellowship and witnessing. We are memorizing verses for each of those areas 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.

## **High School Youth Group**

Youth group has had a great start to the semester. We are continuing to push through the book of James and are down to the last few weeks.

I'm looking forward to this upcoming week as we will have three college students give their testimonies at youth group. All three of them live at the Christian Campus House which is a campus ministry that provides weekly worship services, bible studies, mission trips, and housing. These college students are like scouts that have experienced life after high school and are coming back to report on their experience and things they did right and wrong. This will also be a great opportunity for the youth of Jamestown to ask questions about this huge transition that is about to come in their life.

Please pray for the youth group. Pray for Ben, Kelly, and myself as we try to shepherd the flock. Pray that the Spirit would lead our discussions and cause us to act on our faith.

## St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting

February 18, 2019

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board met on Monday, February 18, 2019. Present were Don Gerlach, Ted Rohrbach, Barb Oerly, Mark Rohrbach, Debi Baumert and Pastor Steve Watson. Lisa Porter was absent. 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 January 13, 2019, meeting was reviewed. Ted made a motion to approve the minutes and Debi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

### Old Business:

- \* Church website calendar entries – Add VBS dates of July 15 – 18, 2019.
- \* Church record book – No new entries.
- \* Stewardship report – Ted gave an update on stewardship committee activities and possible plan. After the board reviewed it was decided to table for additional discussion. The board feels we need to understand the scope of the repair work needed in the church before moving forward.
- \* Care pack program – No update.
- \* Homeless Ministry – No update.
- \* Sunday School rooms – Board members need to make an announcement in Sunday School that teachers need to place a sticky note where they want bulletin and white boards and cork strips placed in their classroom. Don will be getting those put up soon.

### New Business:

- \* Approval of bills – Ted presented several bills that need to be paid. Barb made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- \* Update on church walk through – The board discussed a list of items identified in the walk through. It was decided that once we have more information about the lights and organ, we would need to have a short congregational meeting to discuss some of the proposed ideas. The board agreed that the congregational meeting would follow church on Sunday, March 17.
- \* High school youth group white board – Pastor Steve proposed the purchase of a second mobile white board for use by the HSYG. It is something that Seth Rohrbach and Pastor Steve believe would be beneficial to the group. Barb made a motion to purchase the white board out of the general funds and Debi seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pastor Steve will get it ordered.
- \* Address list for messenger – Barb is going to request a copy of the address lists for the messenger from Hailey Croy. It needs to be reviewed for possible updates and additions.
- \* Comprehensive list of church helpers – The board is going to work on a comprehensive list of people that take care of things in the church. The board is aware of who takes care of many of the duties around the church but there are many other things that get done and the board is not always aware of who does them. Each board

member will compile a list of what they are aware of and will discuss at the next board meeting. The goal is to have one list, with all duties included, for reference.

\* Youth Christian Weekend in Branson – For several years youth from the church have went to YCW with New Hope. Barb reported the dates this year are April 5 – 7. Jamie and Carrie Russell, from New Hope, coordinate the trip.

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 will be taking some time during the first part of March to travel and handle some of his brother's affairs. He will be gone a couple days during the week. There will be no conflict with a Sunday service.

\* Lenten services – Pastor Steve shared that Pastor Russell Cobb extended an invitation to St. Paul's congregation to attend Lenten services at California UCC. Pastor Steve communicated that St. Paul's joins Moniteau Advent for Ash Wednesday service and St. Paul's hosts a Maundy Thursday service.

Next board meeting will be Monday, March 18, at 6:15 pm.

Ted made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Debi seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Oerly

Secretary

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## **2019 FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 2019 - NONE (Will hold for future events)**

### **FEBRUARY 2019**

\*Harold and Mary Haldiman  
Noland and Lisa Porter  
Ben and Kimberly Marshall  
Don and Elaine Ernst  
Will and Kirstyn Conley  
Ercell and Sharon Wegener

### **MARCH 2019 (Talent Night)**

\*Jesse and Kelly Rohrbach  
Barb and Dason Klund  
John and Karen Jones  
Patti VonderHaar  
Tony and Trisha Meisenheimer  
Barry and Heidi Eschenbrenner

### **APRIL 2019**

\*Jenice Taggart  
Gary and Paulette Reynolds  
Denny and Glenda Dietzel  
Norma Porter  
Gary and Geraldine Taggart  
Mark and Lisa Rohrbach  
Lucas and Christy Heimericks

MAY 2019 - NONE

School Activities

### **JUNE 2019 (Sunday School Picnic)**

\*Bob and Lisa Marshall  
Lashley and Joyce Rohrbach  
Keith and Ana Maria Hendrix  
Tim and Amber Wilson

\* denotes lead host family each month

**JULY 2019 - NONE**

### **AUGUST 2019 (Softball/Ice Cream)**

\*Barb Barbre  
Nicholas and Teresa Schoenthal  
Charles and Neta Dishion  
Barry and Sandee Eschenbrenner  
Jennifer Long  
Joel and Alison Gorman

### **SEPTEMBER 2019 (Mission Fest)**

\*Kathy Reimler  
Carol Oerly  
Mark and Marcy Oerly  
Rusty and Leisa Hees  
Seth and Lyndsey Stauffer  
Stephen and Barb Oerly

### **OCTOBER 2019 (Fall Walk)**

\*Mary Lou Bieri  
Gary Schoenthal  
Bryan Schoenthal  
Steven and Courtney Borts  
Don and Sandy Gerlach  
Eric and Holly Bieri  
Larry and Susan Borts

NOVEMBER 2019

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

### **DECEMBER 2019 (Annual Meeting/Noon)**

\*Darren and Nancy Haldiman  
Kirby and Debi Baumert  
Larry and Sue Ann Reynolds  
Doug and Jackie Cowgill  
Danny and Brenda Haldiman