

# St Paul's Evangelical Church

## The Messenger

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### From the Pastor's Desk

November is the month we set apart for a time of thanksgiving. Typically, the harvest is in and preparations have been made for the winter months. It is a time of looking back over the year and taking note of God's faithfulness to creation and to His children.

The psalms say, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." (Ps. 100). We are to come having done some serious thought and preparation. We are to have thought about His care, provision and protection. That is not to say that we haven't faced hard things over the past year—we have, there have been disappointments and deaths, discouraging times and uncertain times. But the eyes of faith see events differently—they recognize the sadnesses but reach out in faith for the Father's comfort; they experience the weariness of life and yet reach out in faith for the Father's strength; they struggle with the confusion of life but reach out in faith for the Father's wisdom; they see the brokenness that sin has caused in our world but reach out in faith and anticipation that Jesus will come one day, perhaps soon, to set all things right. The believer profits from the hardships of life because it leads him into a closer relationship and trust of the Father and Son and Spirit.

As you look back over the last year, take time to prayerfully and thankfully look at each of the major events. Pick each one up, like you might pick up a pebble or stone. Hold it in your hand. Feel it and then look through the eyes of faith asking, "What did my Father do in me or for me when I faced . . . ?" "What did He want to teach me or to produce in me when I faced . . . ?"

James reminds us, "Count it all joy, my brethren, when you experience various trials of your faith, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance/perseverance." James 1:2-3 It is not the easy times or the comfortable times that transform us and make us better, more loving, more godly individuals—it is the challenging times that form us, that cause us to evaluate our priorities, that grow our faith, that make us more sensitive to those around us, that makes us more caring and generous. When you can give thanks, not only for the fun things, the comfortable things, the pleasant things but also for the challenging things, the hard things, the things that stretch you, then you truly have developed an attitude of thanksgiving.

*"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more.  
If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never,  
ever have enough."*

#### Church Events

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Evangelical Council Meeting at Moniteau – 4 p.m.

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – Church Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Family Night @ 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Community Thanksgiving Service; 7 p.m.; Assembly of God Church

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – First Day in Advent

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## From Mary Kay

Going on with my thoughts about God's purpose for women, I want to touch on sin's general effects on God's perfect creation. In short: sin kills everything it touches. If we keep that in mind, I believe it helps us sort through the chaos that life often presents. I am speaking of sin in its general sense, the sense that Adam and Eve disobeyed God's one command to them that they were not to eat of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil and they ate its fruit. This act on their part released upon all mankind sin--the propensity to refuse to obey One who had the right to mandate obedience. This is why I could look at my own new-born babies and now my new-born grandbabies and know they each desperately need a Savior to cleanse them from this propensity to sin and its resultant death, and to empower them to live free from sin's bondage. And Praise be to God that He had in mind His solution, His Help even before He created mankind. With this in mind, I want to look back at Genesis and see how sin, and its curse, was specifically applied to women. Genesis 3:16 says: To the woman He (God) said: I will greatly increase your labor pains... Imagine...in the original creation birth was not going to be painful...painful birth for woman was one of the ways sin broke things. I mean, this isn't exactly something I've ever heard spoken of, I've never heard Steve or any other preacher even mention this, but having "birthed" five children I kind of like to dwell on this thought a little bit...what would that even look like??? The second part of the curse to women says this: You will want to control your husband, but he will dominate you. (ESV) Besides a fear of the pain of childbirth, I think one of the biggest struggles most women have is giving up their independence and intentionally sublimating their own will potentially to a husband who may feel he has the right to "rule over her." I want you to remember here that God's curse upon the man has to do with how hard he will toil to make a living and ultimately will return to become part of the dirt he worked (hopelessness). God's curse upon man because of his sin was not about man's relationship with woman. Man is sinful...he messes up his relationship with women naturally by his own sinful self. There is MUCH in the scripture that we can each look to to help us understand how God desires each of us to pursue His best for our lives...and mutual, purposeful submission to one another is part of that regardless of whether we are male or female. But SIN's direct impact upon womankind is that she will WANT to control her husband...but he will dominate her (also hopelessness). Let's quickly look back on God's purpose for woman in order to see how God's purpose in creating woman might be affected by the curse sin brought. God's purpose was two-fold: 1. Woman was to be a companion who corresponds to man and 2. Woman was God's creation intended to make good the one thing He saw of all His creation which was "not good." This tells me that what God sees as my responsibility as a woman has purpose both in answering the question: How did God make me specifically to be a companion who corresponds to the man God gave me? and How did God make me specifically to enable me to make "good" the "not good" of His creation of man? I have done considerable thinking, reading, and asking questions of women I know on this subject, and am coming to some beautiful conclusions. Over the next few months, I hope to write in more depth about these. I will leave you with this one thought for now: The Sovereign God created each one of you to fulfill His purpose. He created you specifically and just exactly as He wants you to be (given His Savior for us has redeemed you from the sin problem) to be a corresponding companion and to play your part in making good what was not good in His original creation.

## **Simple Ways to Share the Gospel**

Our middle school youth group has been looking at self-image (we all struggle with our self-image). The Bible has a solution to a poor self-image that leads to sharing the Gospel.

We said, because each individual is a unique creation of God, each person is incredibly valuable to God—and so that is why He sent His Son to die on the cross, to redeem us.

We often struggle with our self-image because we compare ourselves with others—but Jesus never compares us to one another, He invites each one to come as he/she is to trust in Him. We all come the same way to God the Father. All must come through the LORD Jesus, His death and resurrection.

We often struggle with our self-image because of sin in our life—we feel guilt and shame. Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He took our guilt and He experienced our shame. We can be forgiven, cleanse and put back together when we trust in Him alone for salvation.

The Japanese have an art form called Kintsugi. When a bowl or piece of pottery is broken, rather than throwing it away, the pieces are put back together with gold creating a piece of art. Sin breaks us in a number of ways, but Jesus is able to put our lives back together, not with gold, but with His blood and He makes us a work of art, a testimony to His grace.

## **Update on the Jesus Storybook Bible**

One of our board members was giving a woman a tour of the church recently, and she had a young girl with her. After being introduced to the young girl, Pastor Steve went into his office and picked up a copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible and presented it to the young girl, explaining to the mother that we love children and we love Jesus and our prayer is that young people might hear His stories and learn to love Him as well. If you know of a young person that perhaps doesn't know the stories of Jesus, you are welcome to go into Pastor Steve's office (or in the sanctuary in back) pick up a copy and give it away. Please let pastor Steve know and rejoice in your gift.

Also, there are copies in back of "Parent Life Magazine" to give to a friend. On the first page it has a very good and simple Gospel presentation

## **Sermon Series--Advent**

After we finish our series in 2 Peter, we will be focusing upon Thanksgiving, looking at several passages about how a thankful heart changes us.

With December just around the corner, we will be needing readers for Advent (one for each week of December). If you would like to be a part of Advent, please let the pastor know.

## **Our Missionaries—Healing House**

What we're learning... On September 5, The Healing House and New Beginnings residents began a 10-week course from Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) called, "Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World." This program encourages participants to build resources and create a plan for getting out of poverty and "getting ahead." Through group activities and discussions, participants investigate: Causes of poverty, Hidden rules of class, Resources to improve life situations, and Strategies for writing our own futures. "Getting Ahead" participants receive: Workbook and meeting materials, Cash stipend to cover transportation and childcare needs, Snacks during class, Support through the entire 10 weeks from the CMCA Resource Coordinator, and A graduation upon completion of the class, including certificate.

New Mentoring Program for Healing House Women: Please pray for our residents and House Captains Healing House Jochebed House Jessica (Captain) Becky (Captain) Amanda, Brenda and her children Danica, Chastity Natalie, Raynon Heather B., Kami Kiara, Crystal Michele, Arminda Michelle Heather Bethel House Laurie (Captain) Lisa, Susan Melanie, Mercedes The Healing House and New Beginnings kicked off a mentoring program in July that pairs each Healing House woman with a mentor who can walk alongside her in her journey. Board member Mary Browning is coordinating the program and explained, "We currently have 20 women participating, some of whom have previously commenced the Healing House program. Psalm 139 is our guiding scripture. We have 13 participating mentors who come from a variety of churches and may mentor more than one woman." Mary and another board member are among those serving as mentors. Women meet with their mentors regularly and The Ark church hosts and facilitates a monthly Praise and Painting event for the women and their mentors.

## Memory Verses for November

Be working on these verses from Psalm 100:4-5

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving*

*And His courts with praise*

*Give thanks to Him and bless His name*

*For, the LORD is good*

*His lovingkindness is everlasting*

*His faithfulness to all generations.*

Be working on these verses as a family. Blessings

## 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 to the pastor's office with a brief note including your name, whether you desire the book to be returned to you, and how it helped you in your spiritual life. When you find a book that helps you, be assured that it will also help others.

## Senior High Youth Group

It's crazy to think, but the semester is already on the downhill slide. Ben, Kim, and I were mapping out the rest of the year this week, and we only have 4-5 more

discussion weeks left. Overall, it has been a great semester and our series on the Beatitudes has been very enlightening to me. Next week we will finish with the final Beatitude, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake."

Last week we took the youth to Midway Golf and Games in Columbia for a mid-semester fun night. The weather was great, and so was the fun and fellowship. Many of the youth enjoyed the driving range and trying to hit a golf ball as far as they could! Huge shoutouts to those who let us use their vehicles: Mark/Lisa Rohrbach, California Main Street Baptist Church, and Jennifer Schoenthal.

Another highlight of the semester was Kai Fennewald's baptism. Kai is a great young man and it was extremely encouraging to all of us to see him make the decision to follow Christ! It has also been a great talking point at youth group, and we have brought it up many times and discussed what that decision means.

Please continue to pray for us. God has greatly blessed the ministries of our church. We all need to make sure we take the time to give Him thanks!

--Submitted by Seth Rohrbach



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## **St. Paul's Evangelical Church Board Meeting**

Monday, October 18, 2021

The October Board Meeting was called to order by President Debi Baumert and opened with prayer led by Pastor Steve Watson.

Those in attendance were Debi Baumert, Mark Rohrbach, Ben Marshall, Nancy Haldiman, Mark Oerly and Pastor Steve Watson. Sandee Eschenbrenner was absent.

The September Minutes were read and had two corrections of 6 CD's instead of 5 CD's and was clarified Tuesday, November 23rd for Community Thanksgiving. The motion to approve with the corrections was made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Nancy Haldiman. Motion passed.

The September Treasurer's Report was presented by Mark Rohrbach. The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, with corrections from the MS Youth Group to Bible School Line 31 to 33, was made by Ben Marshall and seconded by Mark Oerly. Motion passed. Mark advised that four (4) Certificates of Deposit are coming due on October 22, 2021. The Board decided to consolidate these certificates and renew at an interest rate of .4%. This motion was made by Nancy Haldiman and seconded by Ben Marshall. Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Photo Directory: Nancy Haldiman brought the Board up to date on the new directory's progress. There were narrations brought for the book and discussed for submission. All submissions have been turned in and Kelly Cobb is working on book order. There are some photos that are being reprinted and Nancy is working with Aaron to get these back to members. Print preview will be coming and will be updated as progress continues.
2. Storage Cabinet: A \$1750 deposit to the Baer Brothers is needed for the new storage cabinet and a motion was made by Nancy Haldiman and seconded by Ben Marshall to pay the deposit. Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. October Bills: Mark Rohrbach presented the new bills for October. The motion to pay same was made by Mark Oerly and seconded by Nancy Haldiman. Motion approved.
2. Family Night Schedule is being updated for the 2022 year. Those that have asked to be removed have been removed and other members are being added.
3. Cleaning bids are being obtained and we continue looking at options.
4. The basement floor is waxed yearly and it's that time of year again. A motion was made to have Atkins wax the floor by Mark Rohrbach and a second by Mark Oerly. Motion passed.
5. Some of the basement lights have burned out and need replaced. Debi is going to buy replacements.
6. The knob on the roaster pan is broke; Ben is going to research and try to find a new knob.
7. Confirmation will be discussed at the Evangelical Council meeting in November.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- \*The new projector screen is located in the Youth Group room by the sanctuary door. Please use as needed, there are no directions. It's easy to use and like lunch meat always ready.
- \*We would like to thank Gary Taggart, Gene Cassil, Larry Borts and Steven Borts for frying the fish for the Fall Walk. Also to Bryan Schoenthal for pulling the trailer, Mark and Marcy Oerly for organizing the walk and donating cookies along with Lashley and Joyce Rohrbach and Darren and Nancy Haldiman for hosting the break.
- \*November Family Night will be Crokinole/Carrom games. Come with fingers taped up and ready to play.
- \*We also remind everyone again that we continue to look for those who would supply our Special Music on Sundays. The calendar is posted on the bulletin board at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- \*A special thank you to Mary Lou Bieri and Leisa Hees for all the work they have done on the front of the church with the flower arrangements and making it look beautiful. It's appreciated!
- \*The John Taggart family made a donation to the church for kitchen uses.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report including visits, calls and mileage. A Middle School Youth Group curriculum will be developed and shared with the board to know what is going on with the youth group and can help answer questions about it. Trenton Barbour has joined the ministry team. WWJD has grown to about 25 students and will continue through the semester. Thanks to all the helpers who make the youth groups run on a weekly basis; it is a team effort.

Debi advised that our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 15th at 6:30 pm. The board recited the Lord's Prayer and Ben Marshall moved to adjourn, Nancy Haldiman with the second and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ben Marshall, Acting Secretary

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Sunday, November 7 <sup>th</sup> | Evangelical Council Meeting at Moniteau/4 PM |
| Monday, November 15th            | Church Board Meeting starting at 6:30 PM     |
| Sunday, November 21st            | Family Night starting at 6:00 PM             |
| Tuesday, November 23rd           | Community Thanksgiving                       |
| Sunday, November 28th            | First Sunday in Advent                       |

#### November FAMILY NIGHT HOSTS:

- \*Mary Kay Watson
- Ted and Sara Rohrbach
- Denny and Judy Wittenberger
- Natoma Elliott

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Youth Groups Meet	4	5 Stephen Derendinger Glenda Dietzel Liana Kuhn Jenice Taggart	6 Bob Marshall
7 Evangelical Council Meeting at Moniteau 4 p.m. Colton Glenn	8 Christy Heimericks	9	10 Youth Groups Meet	11 Debbie Birkmann	12 Geraldine Taggart	13 Zach Reimler
14	15 Church Board Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Seth Rohrbach	17 Youth Groups Meet Lucas Knierim Kathrine Rohrbach Rynley Gatlin	18	19 Sterling Cassil Ginna Meisenheimer	20
21 Family Night 6:00 p.m. Emily King	22	23 Community Thanksgiving Service Assembly of God Church, 7 pm	24 Youth Groups Meet Kate Reimler	25 Ron Marshall	26 Hilda Schoenthal	27
28 First Sunday in Advent	29 Marcy Oerly Eli Marshall	30 Misti Reynolds Olivia Oerly	<b>Family Night Hosts/Hostesses:</b> <b>*Mary Kay Watson</b> <b>Ted &amp; Sara Rohrbach</b> <b>Denny &amp; Judy Wittenberger</b> <b>Natoma Elliott</b>			

