



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

Worship service—9:00 am
Sunday School—10:20 am

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From The Pastor's Desk

We really don't know what the future holds. It looks as if inflation is going to continue eating away at purchasing power. It might be that a new strain of covid or some similar disease will sweep across the world. It might be that the war in the Ukraine will spread, that supply of food and fuel to Europe will diminish. It might be that major portions of the world will suffer from draught and consequent famine. I am tempted to think about 'everything that might go wrong' believing in Murphy's Law: If anything can go wrong it will and at the worst possible time. We see a lot of suffering and death, disease and problems all around us.

But, we are Christians and we believe in a God of infinite power and knowledge. And we ask, "In all the suffering, where is God? Why does God allow evil and suffering to continue?" It is a question that unbelievers ask those of us that believe and assume that it is proof that God either doesn't exist or that He doesn't care. But then we look at the cross of the LORD Jesus. We still do not know the answer for why God allows suffering and evil to continue, but we do know what the answer isn't. It is not because He does not love us.

God loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son to suffer and to die in our place, to pay for our sins. It is interesting that He did not choose to escape suffering for His Son. It is interesting that Jesus didn't escape evil, but on the cross was a victim of evil. We don't know exactly how to put the pieces together for we somehow believe that if God truly loves us, He will protect us from suffering and evil—yet He truly, eternally, infinitely, unchangeably loved and loves His Son and yet allowed (and even sent) His Son, the LORD Jesus to suffer and to experience the darkest evil of the cross.

We may not know the answer for why God allows suffering and evil (for a time, for one day He will set everything right), and yet we know that He loves His children. Faith requires us to trust Him, not understand all things. If we understood, we wouldn't have to trust (at least not in the deep way we are called to trust in Him). There is a story of a young child, well loved by his parents. His parents one day took him to the doctor, who examined him and all was well. Then the dad took his son and laid him on his lap. The doctor took a sharp 'thing' and stabbed his little 'behind' and the child cried.

If the son could talk, he might have said, "Dad, you told me that you loved me. Why did you allow this man to hurt me? And even worse, you seemed to be a willing participant." He didn't realize at the time of the pain, that he was getting an inoculation that would one day potentially save his life.

Memory Verses for August

Be working on these important verses:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD. Romans 6:23

But God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Be working on these verses as a family.
Blessings.

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Please call to share a need, set up an appointment or request a visit.

Prayer Requests

David Wittenberger
Joyce Zimmerman
Laura Buckley
Kenny Burlingame
Paul & Shirley Baer
Charles Eschenbrenner
Russell Gerlach
Shirley Frieling
Tagen Higgins
Family of Tammy Korte
Jarrett Thompson (part of foot/leg removed)
Kent Riley
Lashley Rohrbach (knee replacement)
Chris Schoenthal
Confirmation Class & Pastor Steve
Our country and leaders

We have **PRAISES** for God's protection for Avery Coffelt who was involved in an accident recently.

Our Missionaries—Dettmans

Nick Dettman is planning to come and be with us to catch us up on his ministry, August 21st. He will be at Moniteau sharing at 9:30 and at St. Paul's for the morning worship service. He will be coming in on Saturday and leaving on Monday. If you would like to connect with him, we can arrange it. The boards will be making plans for housing and food.

Sermon Series

Through the summer, we will be looking at individual psalms. There are 37 praise psalms, 56 lament psalms, 6 trust psalms, 9 wisdom psalms, 8 thanksgiving psalms and 17 that are classified as hymns. The psalms are a rich source of worship and praise. Join us. If you are not able to attend on a Sunday, be sure to check out the sermons on the websites home page: Stpaulsjamestown.org or moniteachurch.org.

Good Books

I have been recommending several books for your to consider reading. I had a teacher that said, "Readers are Leaders." To read good thoughts from deep thinkers helps us to be better Christians. Last month I recommended "Talking to your Kids about Jesus" by Natasha Crain. I purchased 20 copies and gave them to people that would make a commitment to read it. This month I ran across a gem, "Prayer in the Night" by Tish Warren. It was selected as one of the best Christian books of 2021—and having recently finished it, it is worthy of that recognition.

NEEDY FAMILY PROJECT

The Needy Family committee met on July 14, 2022. To help out the shoppers, the suggestions made last year resulted in the need to modify the application for this Project. The committee re-designed the application for your Project. That application has more information and help for the shoppers, from the families.

Another suggestion was made to include the elderly and/or shut-ins that need help. As a committee, it was unanimously approved that this be included into your Project. We are requesting that the congregation and/or neighbors, submit anyone, young or old, for your Project. A committee member will deliver an application to that person or persons, and will go pick it up for this year's Project. We will need an address to go along with the name of the person or persons, and they are kept confidential.

We have contacts in Jamestown and Prairie Home Schools for your project and working on contacts in California School. If you know of contacts in other schools, please contact a committee member, and we will reach out to those schools.

We are looking ahead to the month of August to collect names and addresses for your Project for this year. The goal is to have the list finalized by September 1, 2022, so please let us know anyone needing help from your Project!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP LAST YEAR! YOU MADE A LOT OF WORK EASY AND VERY ENJOYABLE! LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR!!!

Susan Powell
Claudia Taylor
Dale Taggart

A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together! Amen!



MONITEAU EVANGELICAL ADVENT CHURCH BOARD MINUTES – JUNE 2022

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on June 27, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Mark Baepler. Also present were Pastor Steve Watson, Kathy Gerlach, Kevin Coffelt, Diana Watson and Paul Fennewald. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. He noted a representative from Samaritan's Purse will be at St. Paul's Board meeting on July 18th, and we are invited to come and listen to that.

Confirmation Class is up to 17 now. Asked for continued prayers for the class.

Nick Dettman will be coming for a visit in August.

Pastor Steve's son is being deployed by the Air Force to Africa; prayers asked for him.

Secretary's Report:

The May meeting minutes were submitted for review. Diana made a motion to approve the minutes; Paul seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for May was presented for review. Income for the month was \$6,060.67; expenses were \$5,661.34; total assets \$107,294.73. Kathy made a motion to approve; Diana seconded. All in favor. Current expenses were reviewed, including invoices received for parking lot gravel. Kevin indicated he needs to review the tickets and confirm they had the cemetery and church portions separated correctly. He will get with the cemetery board once that's done. He will also be submitting a bill to the church for reimbursement for the fuel cost. Paul said he was getting information about possibly setting up online access to the bank account, what's involved, and keeping with a limit of up to \$500/day.

Old Business:

Records Retention Policy as presented at the last meeting has been reviewed by all board members. Kathy made a motion to accept the policy; Diana seconded the motion. All in favor. This policy will be posted on the Cloud and current documents will be loaded on there and older documents will be added as time allows.

Basement sound system is on hold.

The Families in Need proposed policy has been reviewed by board members. Discussion on some changes to be made and some to consider making to the document. Paul will update the proposed policy so the board can review again next month.

New Business:

Family Fellowship ideas were discussed. It was proposed we try having a hymn sing sometime, with a tentative date set for October 2nd.

Nick Dettman will visit at both church on August 21st to update on their ministry. Unsure where he will be staying at this point.

We have the opportunity to host the The Magnolia Ramblers at our church July 17th at 6:00 p.m. Paul made a motion to proceed with having them come; Diana seconded. All in favor. We will have ice cream afterwards to provide a time of fellowship, and see if we can get some donations of desserts.

Kathy asked if we had any adults or teenagers going to Camp Aurora as counselors from either church that may need supplies, or help with providing things. Emma and Kai are going to be counselors. Clark Rohrbach will be going from St. Paul's. No one was aware of any needs but would pass that along if they heard of anything.

Dates to Remember:

July 10 – Communion

July 11 – Men's Fellowship

July 25 – Church Board Meeting

July 31 – Special Offering for Salvation Army

August 8 – Men's Fellowship

August 14 – Communion

August 14 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice

August 21 – Family Fellowship

August 22 – Church Board Meeting

Adjournment:

Paul made a motion to adjourn; Kevin seconded; all in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary

Simple Ways to Share the Gospel

Someone asked, "Can a follower of Christ accept Christ's offer of salvation for himself and refuse to pass it on? Sharing the Gospel is no more complicated than to simply tell others of your experience of Christ's love, so that they might share it. From time to time you will encounter stories of someone being rescued (saved) from a car wreck, from a burning building, from some deranged gunman, from a catastrophe at sea. Each one of those provides a picture of what Jesus' death on the cross meant for us. Tell that story, and then add, "It reminds me of what Jesus did for me . . ."

When you replace
"why is this happening to me" with
"what is God trying to show me,"
everything changes.

Confirmation

This summer we have 16 teens involved in confirmation. We will be learning:

- 1) The story of the Bible
- 2) Basic habits of the Christian life
- 3) Memorize select passages of Scripture including the 10 commandments and the Roman Road (a Gospel presentation)
- 4) The doctrine of the Bible—that it is trustworthy
- 5) The doctrine of God—what He is like
- 6) The doctrine of Salvation—how is a person saved
- 7) The doctrine of the Church—what is the church and what is your part in the church.

Each teen will be writing their own statement of faith (what they believe). Please be praying for these teens. Confirmation can be a transforming time or just another thing that is 'checked off.'

WWJD

The summer time is a time when some of our programs take a break—WWJD is one of those. But it is also a time when the Holy Spirit calls people to think about 'stepping out' in faith and becoming a part. Will you join with us in praying that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest field (Mt. 9:37-38). It doesn't seem possible, but we will be beginning school this month and shortly thereafter begin WWJD. We need your prayers, your help, your support. We are presently recruiting people to cook (we would like to have enough volunteers so that there will be three in the kitchen and that no one will have to serve more than once a month, unless of course they want to). We could also use a few who would be willing to prepare and present a lesson to the WWJDers.

Food Truck Party VBS

St. Paul's Evangelical, Moniteau Evangelical Advent, and Grace United Methodist churches hosted Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 11-14, from 6:30 until 8:55 p.m. each evening. Seventy-four children were registered with an average attendance of 70 and over forty adults and teens volunteering as leaders and helpers throughout the week.

Each evening, the children gathered for an opening assembly and were joined by a cupcake puppet named DJ. They shared thoughts about God and worked on learning the week's Bible verse, "Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11. Following the opening, the children enjoyed craft projects, science experiments, outdoor recreation, music, snacks, and stories from the Bible.

On the first night, the Bible story came from the Book of Exodus, chapter 16. The children learned about how God provided quail and manna to the Israelites in the desert and that "God is great!" While learning about a widow, her son, and the prophet Elijah from 1 Kings, chapter 17 on the second night, they saw a miracle from

God when the flour and oil didn't run out and discovered that "God is good!" The third night brought the story from Daniel, chapter 1 of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who chose to honor their God by refusing to eat the King's special food. Daniel and his friends taught the children that our food comes from God no matter how we receive it and that we should "Let us thank God for our food!" The last night they learned a Bible story from John 21, when Peter and some other disciples go fishing after Jesus died. From this story the children learned how God has given us all the call to love and care for God's people and to trust Him to provide what we need from day to day to carry out this work.

Each evening concluded with a closing assembly, where DJ Cupcake helped the children review what they had learned that evening and practiced their Bible verse. This year's mission offering project was Heifer International. Thanks to the generosity of the children and their families and friends, \$1,250.00 will help this organization to work with people all around the world to end global hunger and poverty.

Parents, grandparents, and friends were invited to join the children in the final closing assembly on Thursday. The children sang the songs they had practiced during music time and members of the grades 5-6 class shared a summary of what was learned during story time each evening. Certificates of attendance were presented by the leaders of each of the four classes.

Thank you to all who helped as organizers, station leaders, class leaders, and helpers throughout the week. Vacation Bible School is certainly a joint effort and would not be successful without the dedication of all those involved.

--Submitted by Susan Borts, VBS Co-Director

From Mary Kay

I have split the responses I received into three parts due to length and have edited some, but also want to share as much as I can because we often learn best from others who are walking with Jesus maybe a step or two ahead of us. From my friend who is working up close to 50 years of marriage, continuing from last month:

EMOTIONAL

Women tend to be more emotional than men which can be problematic. Most of my life I have been privileged to work in various positions in male-dominated professions. I quickly learned that an emotional only approach was not very effective in those situations. When it came to the marriage relationship, I also learned that being a good emotional thermostat was a key to problem solving and the family dynamics. The mother sets the emotional tone for the comfort level of her spouse and for the type of desired responses from her children.

HELPMATE

As wives, we are called to be a helpmate to our partner. I have the pleasure and opportunity to have done that daily for decades. Don't get me wrong, it is not always fun, easy, convenient or without stress, but it is always a bonding and learning experience. I began marriage as a quiet, insecure young woman. As a result of my willingness to help my guy, I have expanded my horizons so much and have learned and done things I never would have attempted on my own. I know the names, functions, storage locations and how to use hundreds of tools which is pretty handy - especially when the harvest crew is broken down 40 miles from home and needs help. I can run a multi-state business and make complex decisions even though I've never been formally trained to do so. I can shrewdly wrangle a deal, keep track of complicated finances, argue successfully with service and parts department employees (and car salesmen) and accurately shoot a gun. And yes, I have even operated a bulldozer - once, but that's a story for another time. All of those abilities were acquired as I helped my guy achieve our common goals. Without him, I would have been just another cream-colored flower on a beige wall. I look at marriages where the wife does not have a clue or even care to know about her husband's work or hobbies. How can you really experience closeness or truly understand his perspective without knowing how to help him with something that is important enough to him to take up the majority of his time?

GIVING

I grew up with few material things. Needs were often not met and wants were very seldom met. With that mindset drilled into your psyche, you learn to carefully manage and preserve what little you do have and are not prone to lavish or sacrificial giving to others. But I am married to an amazing bighearted man who has the gift of giving. With him, it is more than that: it is giving and giving and giving and giving. I remember the shock I felt when he first gave something away to someone who "needed" it more than we did. We truly needed that. What was he thinking? What were we going to do to replace it? And yet, our needs were always supplied-not our wants, but our true needs. The more he, which gradually turned into we, gave, the more we were given to give. And that just accelerated. God knew I needed that lesson over and over to break the bondage the past had held on me. And now, decades later, when my guy mentions something we need to give away, I immediately stop what I'm doing and make that happen because I know the Holy Spirit is tapping him on the shoulder at that instant. Like most lessons that loom large in life, there are multiple spin-offs, often unexpected. The practice of giving-especially sacrificially, prepares your heart for continuous gratitude. When you have truly learned how to give with a cheerful heart, without hesitation and without expecting in return, then you do understand that you are here on Earth

as the temporary caretaker of "things" which should only be used to minister to people. And with that kind of giving, you are so thankful for everything because you know the source and the purpose.

MAGNOLIA RAMBLERS



Alan Sibley and the Magnolia Ramblers performed at our church on July 17, and the turnout was amazing! The church was full and the crowd was ready to be entertained; and the Magnolia Ramblers were ready to do so. It was a fun evening with great music and lots of laughter. As you know, no event here is quite complete without refreshments. Several people stayed afterwards to help us consume 4 gallons of ice cream and desserts.

If you use Facebook, you can go to Kevin Lammers' facebook page to see videos of them at our church that evening.

Based on the comments received that evening and since then, we plan to invite them back when they return to Missouri.

