



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

Worship service—9:00 am
Sunday School—10:15 am

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From the Pastor's Desk

Lord willing, on April 15th, in the morning service at St. Paul's we will welcome 12 young adults who have completed a confirmation program. It has been a joy to get to know them and to see God working in their lives. It was a joy to give them Bibles (provided by through the Chester Marshal Memorial) and see them begin to read and understand. It has caused me to think about what is truly important and life changing to build into the lives of young (and older). How do you prepare an individual moving toward adulthood to live a life that honors Jesus and will be blessed.

I remember my own confirmation. Rev. Adams taught the class and I really don't remember anything about it, except there was a girl, a year older than me, Mary Beth. I remember her because shortly after the class, she was riding a horse, was thrown and died. She is the first person that I knew that died and it left a lot of unanswered questions for me.

Although I was baptized as a baby and confirmed as a young teen, it wasn't until I was nearly twenty that I came to saving faith in the Lord Jesus. It was during the Viet Nam war. People that I had gone to school with had enlisted or been drafted and some had died. I was a student in college at the time and had a very good chance of being drafted and sent—and it scared me because I didn't have any hope of salvation. I had probably heard about Jesus (having grown up in the church), but no one ever shared with me how I could put my faith in Him and experience the forgiveness that He offers, It was on a Thursday night, the third week of June at a youth camp that God opened my heart and understanding. I had realized I was a sinner and the evangelist shared that because God was holy, righteous and just, my sin had separated me from Him and made me guilty. The

evangelist shared that Jesus, on the cross, took the punishment that I deserved and He offers me forgiveness by simply trusting in His shed blood. That night, I put my trust in Jesus alone for salvation and He has changed my life.

As I look at these wonderful young teens that I have had the privilege to share with, to teach, to pray for, I know that whatever I have said is really insufficient to prepare them for all that lies ahead, but I know that with your prayers for them, with the godly examples that moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas provide, with the support and love of the church, they will have a great opportunity to build on what has been taught and walk with Jesus into adulthood.

Pastor Steve

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Monday Morning at St. Paul's

Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

What We Believe

We believe the 66 books of the Bible are the inspired, inerrant Word of God and is the basis of our faith and practice.

How did the Bible come into existence?

The Holy Spirit moved holy men to write what God wanted to communicate to men in a way consistent with their personality, times and culture, As such it is called 'God breathed' (that is coming from the mouth of God Himself, 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

How do we know that the Bible is 'the Word of God' (breathed by God) and consequently has authority?

We know the Bible is the Word of God by the testimony of the Lord Jesus, by the testimony of the Prophets and Apostles, by the testimony of fulfilled prophesy, by the testimony of the church and by the inner witness of the Holy Spirit in the believer's heart.

Where we are going

Leading up to Easter we learned that the resurrection of Jesus proves the grave is not the end, that those that belong to Jesus by faith will also be raised to share in His Kingdom. (1 Cor. 15)

Jesus did a lot of teaching in stories throughout His life and ministry. In the weeks following Easter, we will be having a series on different topics from stories that Jesus told to His disciples. The series will be called, "Have you heard the one about"

Come and join us as we look at the stories that Jesus told to teach about life.

April 8 The Resurrected Lord deals with doubt, Jn. 20

April 15 The Resurrected Lord deals with failure, Jn. 21

April 22 The Resurrected Lord gives us a job, Acts 1

April 29 The Resurrected Lord saves Saul, Acts 9

May 6 The Resurrected Lord will return, 1 Jn. 3

On May 13, we want to celebrate Moms. Come and join us.

Notes from Mary Kay

Reading Psalm 14 and Matthew 14 this am. Peace, quiet in our little apartment. Wind outside...blowing Steve's wind chimes...which sound amazing! Back to scripture...Jesus traveling, teaching, receives news of cousin John the Baptizer's death...and he "slips away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself" but the people hear and come and surround him...he feels compassion (not irritation/annoyance)...and he heals their sick. When it becomes evening, he feeds them all miraculously...then sends his disciples in the boat on their way, and he dismisses the crowd...then, finally he climbed the mountain to be by himself and pray "alone, late into the night." Jesus started this day wanting, needing to be alone, away...with His Father...but it wasn't time yet. He responded with compassion and care to all who surrounded Him...bringing their needs to him...then...Late into the night he lingered with His Father to have His soul tended...by communing with The Father.

Psalms 14...David writes "GOD sticks his head out of heaven. He looks around. He's looking for...one man...God-expectant...one woman God-ready." But he comes up empty. Instead He sees "Useless, un-shepherded Sheep, taking turns pretending to be Shepherd...treating people like a fast-food meal over which they're too busy to pray."

No matter how "interrupted" my day begins and goes...I want to view all that comes in this light...as from Him...receiving every "interruption" as His gift, His work. And I want, often, to linger long whenever I can to have my Father tend my soul in prayer and quiet communion.

**LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ITEMS
FOR MAY NEWSLETTER:
Monday, April 23**

MARCH BOARD REPORT

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met March 4th, 2018 Present were: Pastor Watson, Jason Wood, Nancy Baker, Justin Traub, Beth Fennewald and Cindy Wieberg.

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report:

February Secretary's reviewed Cindy made a motion to approve and was seconded by Beth, motion approved.

Treasurer's report:

Income \$2961.40 Expenses \$2356.09. Total Assets \$80,429.58 (Railroad Stock not included as it was not available at the time). Report was reviewed Jason moved to have report accepted. Steve seconded, motion approved.

Old Business:

There was a Congregational Vote on future support of Nick and Erica Dettman. A motion was made by Andrew Rohrbach to donate \$100 a month (\$1200. annually) and was seconded by Dixie Taggart after a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

There was no update on bids for the roof repair.

The Financial Peace Host Materials will be kept at St. Paul's in the Pastor's office.

New Business:

The school house is in need of 4 new windows along with interior woodwork repair and a cork board for Sunday School class.

There was a discussion on a "Lending Library" for the church books. It was decided that it would be good for the books to get some use and will likely get more donated for that use.

The April Board meeting will be held on April 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason D. Wood, Secretary



Clay Fletcher Family
Mary Kay Watson
David Wittenberger
Wetzig Family
Gary Taggart
James Harms (Karen Wood's father – hip surgery)
Helen Smart (Kathy Gerlach's mom/loss of husband)

Charles Frieling
Dettman Family
Grayden Gatlin
Norma Wood
Elaine Ernst

Jamestown Community Youth Group
WWJD

Our military serving our homeland, our country, our friends and neighbors that are shut-in's or in nursing homes and hospitals.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Karen and Jason Wood proudly announce the arrival of their precious grandson! Carson David Harms was born 2/13/18, 10:33 p.m., Mountain Time. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Devan and Heather Harms; great-grandparents are Dwayne and Norma Wood. Congratulations!

EASTER SERVICE

The Sunday School presented a play about Jesus' life. Emma performed a solo. The children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt and received a chocolate cross, a book, candy and a new bag to carry the treats home. The schoolhouse was warm and snacks were provided to showcase the new location for the older students.



Read: Matthew 27:33-38 & Chapter 28:1-11

It would be good to read all of Chapter 27, if you have time to do so. It speaks of Jesus' trial and ridicule and abusive treatment from the soldiers.

Jesus had to die on the cross and shed His blood for us, so we could be brought back into relationship with God. He was the final sacrifice. Through Jesus' blood being shed for us, our sins have been forgiven (washed away). Then, through His resurrection (coming back to life) we, too, can be raised to new life in Him. When we come to the Lord, He makes us new creations. We have Jesus' resurrected life in us.

Easter isn't at all about Easter bunnies and Easter eggs as such, though these things are nice to have at Easter time. I've heard it said that the Easter egg represents 'new life' – as a chicken hatches from an egg. It is okay to enjoy chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs at Easter time, but let us not forget the real meaning of Easter.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Justin Traub is serving as Communion Steward for the second year. He was baptized and confirmed at St. James Evangelical Church in Stony Hill, MO. In 2000 he graduated from Gasconade County R-2 in Owensville. He received his degree in Computer Information Systems from MSU in Springfield. Justin and Sarah were married on May 10, 2008 and have two children, Lizzie and John.

After moving to Jamestown in 2014 due to Sarah's job relocation, the family started to attend Moniteau Church. He currently works at MFA Oil Company in Columbia as a Senior Business Intelligence Developer. Justin has been a 4-H Shotgun Instructor since 2011 and a Small Engine Project Leader the past couple of years as well. He enjoys hunting, fishing, rebuilding ATVs and motorcycles, and is an avid movie collector. They currently reside in Boonville.

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Dear family and friends,

He is risen! Hallelujah! We pray you all had a great time celebrating our risen Lord this weekend, and that you were drawn closer to Him in your worship.

We have much to praise God for; we recently reached 100% of our support goal and bought our plane tickets! We leave April 11, and are in the last frenzied stages of getting everything packed and ready to move our family overseas in less than a week.

Please pray for us this week as you think of it; for our packing, preparations, travel, and settling in. And please let us know how you're doing and how we can be praying for you!

Together for His glory,

Nick & Erica

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On March 4, 2018 following the worship service, a special congregational meeting was held to discuss continuing to support Nick & Erica's missionary funding. A motion was made to continue to fund them for 2018 at \$1200.

THE COLORS OF EASTER

Cindy shared the "Colors of Easter" during the Easter service.

YELLOW is for the shining sun

GREEN is for the grass and trees

ORANGE is for the edge of night

PINK for the morning light

RED is for the blood of Jesus

BLACK is for the empty grave

WHITE is for the new life begun

PURPLE is for Your majesty