



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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## From the Pastor's Desk

My wife makes a cross stitch sampler for every grandchild that God entrusts to our family complete with name and birthday. Her mother made needle point samplers with name and birthday for our children. Mary Kay has continued the tradition. I have watched as she picks out just the right design and begins, counting the squares carefully, for you must begin in the right place. Carefully, square by square, crossing the stitches always in the same way, changing color floss, creating a design as unique and beautiful as the child it represents.

When we go on trips, she is carefully doing her cross stitch. When we sit at home, she works on her cross stitch. It seems so slow—and it is, one stitch at a time, never rushed, always pulled through under the right tension—until one day it is complete. Along the way, she stops to look at her work and will show others who will stop and look at this labor of love.

As I watch her and think about how much time it takes to bring the elements that will compose a beautiful sampler, one day to be framed and presented to the parents, I think of how God patiently and carefully 'knits us together.' Psalm 139 says that process began before we were born, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together . . . Your eyes

saw my unformed body." Then having formed our bodies, He forms our lives as we walk with Him. Through a journey of walking with Him, He is making us something truly beautiful and wonderful to one day give to the Lord Jesus—"We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus. . . ." (Eph. 2:10)

As Christians, having believed in Jesus for salvation, and walking with Him day by day, our lives are formed into something truly beautiful.

*Pastor Steve*

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Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

**LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ITEMS  
FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER:  
Tuesday, July 24**

*Notes from Mary Kay*

**What We Believe**

- ▶ We believe the 66 books of the Bible are the inspired Word of God, the Holy Spirit having superintended the writing by godly men. (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:21)
- ▶ We believe the one eternal God exists in three persons, equal in deity, differing in roles, revealed in Scripture as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Duet. 6, Matt. 28:18-20)
- ▶ We believe that God created all things perfectly, but that Adam (the first man) chose to disobey God bringing judgment upon himself and all of mankind. (Gen. 3, Rom 3:10-19)
- ▶ We believe that since sin entered the world by one man's disobedience, that God, out of love, would restore the world through One Man's obedience. That One Man is the Lord Jesus, eternally existing as the Son of God having become Son of Man through the virgin Mary. (Rom. 5)
- ▶ We believe man cannot earn salvation by good works but that God offers salvation by grace alone through faith in Jesus' sinless obedience and willing sacrifice to pay the debt of man's sins. Having offered Himself for our sins, He rose conquering death. (Eph. 2:8-9, 1 Cor. 15:3-4)
- ▶ We believe the Apostle's Creed is a good, historic and faithful expression of our Christian faith and use it regularly in our worship service.
- ▶ We believe in two sacraments—baptism, which is a visible expression of our union with Jesus in His death, burial and resurrection indicating that we are to walk in 'newness of life' (Rom. 6:1-11); and, the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) which reminds us of the cost He paid for our redemption, (Matt. 26:26-29). We practice both adult and infant baptism. We invite all believers to share at the Lord's Supper.
- ▶ We practice confirmation of youth to help them understand by the Bible their relationship to the Father through Jesus and their responsibility in the church and to the world.
- ▶ We support and encourage the family, believing God ordained and blesses marriage between a man and a woman. (Gen. 2, Heb. 13:4)

*Over the past months I have encountered many women and situations which "nag" in my head. I hope you can understand that...when someone or something comes up to the forefront of your mind every way you turn, no matter what you are doing. When this becomes a "theme" in mine, I believe it is GOD's Spirit prompting me to pray. A number of you reading this are among those I am continually praying for...and NOT that I drop everything I'm doing, go to my knees and pour out my heart to the LORD. In fact, most often, if you were watching you would believe nothing out of the ordinary is happening. God's Word says that His Holy Spirit intervenes with "sighs too deep for words", so what may look like nothing is, in fact, a deep spiritual communication between GOD (the Father) and GOD (the Spirit) within my soul and thoughts. In my Bible study journal I often will write names, groups, or initials of those brought to mind...and a passage of scripture that the LORD gives me in respect to these. Sometimes the scripture is "pieces" here and there...because often when my life is pressed by many things and multiple roles I am fulfilling, 'small prompts' translate more quickly for me; and Psalms-written as a book of songs to be used to music for worship 'stick' in my brain best. So, throughout May and June, and I suspect, July these are the things I am praying for you (widows, young moms struggling to juggle children, relationships, work, etc., women of any age on their own, empty nesters...or soon to be, women well into midlife (and this I refuse to define more specifically!))*

*-That you do not fret because of the evil in the world (in your world, and*

*-That He will protect you from the evil one.*

*- That you trust in the LORD and because of that are able to do good in your world.*

*- That you will DELIGHT yourself in who our great GOD IS!*

*- That you commit your way (who you are, what attitudes you display, where 'go', what you 'do' and how you do it) to the LORD.*

*- That you are able to 'be still' before the LORD and wait with patience as He works.*

*- That you can refrain from giving in to anger when it builds; that you are able to turn away from who or*

*what makes you feel angry in order to choose to focus on trusting GOD to be in control of your life...and in this way choose what Jesus called LIFE!*

*Maranatha! Come quickly Jesus!*

## JUNE BOARD REPORT

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met June 3rd, 2018 Present were: Pastor Watson, Jason Wood, Justin Traub, and Cindy Wieberg. Meeting was opened with a prayer.

### Secretary's Report:

May Secretary's report reviewed Cindy made a motion to approve and was seconded by Justin, motion approved.

### Treasurer's report:

Not available at the time of the meeting.

### Old Business:

A new cook stove was installed at the cost of \$528 after discovering the old one to be defective.

### New Business:

Jason and Justin are getting bids for contracting propane for the winter.

Jason made a motion to approve Blazing Needles for a monthly meeting without getting board approval each month. Justin seconded and was approved.

Vacation Bible School is July 16-19

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jason D. Wood, Secretary



Vacation Bible School hosted by Moniteau, St. Paul's and Grace Methodist Church in Jamestown will be held July 16-19, from 6:30-8:50 p.m., for children age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme is "Rolling River Rampage", experiencing the ride of a lifetime with God.

Registrations ahead of time are encouraged. If you need the link to do this online, contact Kathy Gerlach or Susan Borts (660-849-2188).



- Pastor Steve's brother, David, who is possibly nearing end of life and for his salvation.
- Kenny Burlingame – fighting a bad virus.
- Debbie Wetzig – recovering from surgery.
- Rain
- Larry Gatlin, Jason Gatlin's (from St. Paul's) father who has serious injuries from an auto accident.
- The Dettman Family – our overseas missionaries

Vacation Bible School  
Church Camp  
Jamestown Community Youth Group

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



We have been praying with the Wetzig Family for Kristyn to be able to be adopted by them. Recently, a Judge has granted the adoption to go through and final paperwork should be signed very soon. God has answered these prayers!

We are also thankful for the recent rain showers the Lord blessed us with.

## CHURCH ROOF

Plans are that work will be starting on the new church roof sometime in July. Nolts Construction will be doing this. As soon as the specific starting date is determined, that information will be passed along to the congregation.



## BETH MOORE LIVING PROOF LIVE

**READ: I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

### Does God Hear Prayer?

We pray, and sometimes it feels like God is right there, answering our questions just on the other side of the question mark. But other times it feels like our prayers just keep bouncing off of them. Despite all of this, God desires for us to bring our concerns and our praises to Him in prayer. As Christians we are commanded to pray continually, and to give thanks in all circumstances.

God hears all prayers. God does not answer every prayer the way we desire, though. Even Jesus prayed, "Not my will but Yours be done." Jesus knew his prayers were being heard, but still submitted to His Father's will.

Nothing is too big or us to pray about, either. We are encouraged to pray about everything that bothers us or concerns us. As Christians, we are expected to pray for each other and for anything that makes us worry.

### CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, June 16, Children's fellowship enjoyed a swimming party! Thanks to Russell Gerlach for providing our swimming pool, a beautiful blue tank for the more advanced swimmer, and thanks to Paul Fennewald for the baby pool he provided. Twelve children participated in many water activities provided. Thank you to everyone that provided food or their time It was a perfect night for a pool party!



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If you have not purchased a ticket for the Beth Moore Living Proof Live on Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14, 2018, you still have time to purchase one. The cost is \$59.00. St. Paul's will cover half of the cost for anyone in the congregation. Your cost is (\$29.50). If you would like to go but just can't swing the cost, please let Lisa Porter or a board member know. We will make sure you get a ticket. This is an event you don't want to miss. If you know of someone outside the church that would enjoy attending, please share this information with them. If cost is an issue, the board will work with them as well. The event will be held at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia, MO. Additional information can be found at <https://www.lifeway.com/en/events/living-proof-live/living-proof-live-columbia>.

Please contact Lisa Porter, (660) 849-2900, for your armband to get in; and if you need handicap seating or a listening device, please let Lisa know as soon as possible. Anyone interested in carpooling should contact Lisa. There are no meals on Friday or Saturday. Women are encouraged to eat dinner before they arrive at the arena Friday evening and will be released before lunch time on Saturday. Concession stands will be open and available for purchase throughout the event. Outside food and drinks are not permitted in the arena.

### PLEASE NOTE:

\*THE LIFEWAY STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OPEN DOORS EARLIER THAN PUBLISHED TIMES

\*SEATING IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

\*DOORS OPEN EARLY FOR ATTENDEES WITH SPECIAL PHYSICAL NEEDS, ALONG WITH ONE COMPANION

\*THE WRISTBANDS WERE PURCHASED UNDER LISA PORTER WITH ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH, IF YOU LOSE YOURS BEFORE THE EVENT

The **Itinerary** for Friday evening and Saturday morning:

Friday, July 13:

- 5:30 p.m. – Doors open to attendees
- 7:00 p.m. – Event Begins
- 9:30 p.m. –Dismiss

Saturday, July 14:

- 7:30 a.m. – Doors open
- 8:30 a.m. – Event Begins
- 10:00 a.m. – Break
- 10:45 a.m. – Event Resumes
- 12:15 p.m. – Event Concludes





Thank you all who donated money for us to go to Camp Aurora. I know we will have fun there like I had last year.

Luke

Thank you for donating for the kids to go to camp.

Treye

Dear people who donated,

Thank you for making it possible to go to Camp Aurora. I am excited to go this year because of such high reviews my brother and sister talked about. Again, thank you for making it possible.

Marie

Thank you for donating money so kids could go to camp to have fun with other kids.

Avery

Dear church family,

Thank you for generously donating money so we could go to camp. Camp Aurora holds a special place in campers' hearts. Anyone who's been, such as me, will tell you that it is a life changing experience. My favorite part is vespers. Vespers is a quiet time for worship. We hike down a trail to a small clearing in the woods. All the benches are made of rocks. The river lies under the bluff we're on and as we sit, we watch the sun go down. It is peaceful being surrounded by friends and nature. Thank you for making this possible.

Emma



## **CELEBRATE FREEDOM**

July fourth is Independence Day, and all across the USA people will celebrate the tremendous freedom we enjoy. Truly we are blessed! We who know Jesus Christ as our Savior have another kind of freedom to celebrate. We are free from the bondage of our sin and death.

I Corinthians 15:1-4 gives a concise picture of the freedoms we have in Christ. First, "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." He died for one reason: to pay the penalty necessary for our sins. He took our place. Because of His death, we are made free from the death penalty of sin and stand righteous before God. This is our justification.

Second, "that He was buried." Romans 6 tells us that through faith we died with Him and were buried with Him and are now dead to the power of sin over us. Sin no longer has dominion over us, so we can choose to live righteous, holy lives. We are free from sin's control over us! This is our sanctification.

Third, "that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." His death alone could not save us; it was the resurrection that showed God's acceptance of Christ's sacrifice, and that gives power unto salvation. In Colossians 3:1, we read that we are risen with Christ. His resurrection guarantees a future in Heaven for us where we will be free from the presence of sin. This is our glorification.

From that past moment when I truly believed, I am free from the penalty of sin ... free from the present power of sin over me ... and guarantees to one day be free from the presence of sin. Now that's cause for celebration – every day!

*Lord Jesus, let me never forget the great gift of freedom that You give to me as Your follower.*

By: Ann Short