



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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## Pastor's Pen

Every person has the personal decision about whether to believe in Jesus or not, to believe that He died on the cross for his/her sins or not. The Bible indicates that when we put our faith in Jesus, we enter into a relationship with Him—a relationship which is described as adoption (Rom. 8). We have chosen to belong to Him. Because of our relationship with Him, we are related to every other believer—as family. The local church is an expression of those two relationships—a relationship with Jesus as Savior and LORD and a relationship with others who have a relationship with Him. The church is that group of individuals, who in response to the work of the Holy Spirit, have entered into a living, loving, transforming relationship both with Jesus and with one another. When Jesus said He is building His church in Matthew 16, He meant He is building his relationships with us individually and our relationships to one another. That is why He gives us the commandment to “Love one another” (John 13). As some families (or parts of families) are dysfunctional, so a local church can be dysfunctional. But, as some families build relationships, take time for one another, listen to one another, encourage one another, so a local church can be and do all those things. That is what we desire God to do here. In the coming newsletters we want to explore why people go to a local church/fellowship, why others (who are believers in Jesus) do not choose to participate in a local fellowship, how we can invite others to join us in walking with Jesus.

## Coming—where are we going?

We will be looking at the church—April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5. Beginning on Mother's Day (May 12) and running through Father's Day (June 16), we will be looking at various aspects of a Christian family. We desire to help each family to experience the blessing of having a truly Christian home.

## 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

We ask, “Do you want to spend time with Him?”

On May 8, we are planning to have an end of year celebration of all that God has done with a meal together with the teens and their parents.

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Pastor Steve's office hours:

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.

## News From Our Missionaries

Thank you so much for praying for the ongoing work of the Gospel here in our country! In March was our student conference. There were 24 students in attendance, including 3 from a neighboring North African country! One of the great things about the conference this year was that it was planned and led mostly by our new national staff! It's so encouraging to see them continue to grow in leadership in seeking to bring the Gospel to our country. We also had a St. Patrick's Day party. We shared about some of the ways it is celebrated around the world, played some fun games, and told the story of his life. He was a slave in Ireland for six years, and after escaping his master and returning to England, God called him back to Ireland to preach the Gospel to those who had enslaved and mistreated him. What a challenging example, and what a great opportunity to share of the transforming power of God's love!

In April, we will be having another "push week" where we have an intensive time of setting aside other responsibilities and trying to meet and share the Gospel with as many students as we possibly can. During our push week in the fall, we saw the first two students in Southwinds trust in Christ, and then we saw several other students that we met during that time make decisions in the following weeks. Pray with us that the Spirit of God would work through us to lead us to people that are ready to receive His Word and to share the words that He has prepared for them to hear.

In John 3:22-30, we see a conversation between John the Baptist and some of his disciples, who are wondering why more people are going to Jesus to be baptized by Jesus than John. John responds with an incredible perspective—God has given each person a unique part to play in the coming of His Kingdom. Our job is not to draw people to ourselves, but to point them to Jesus. As John said, we are to decrease so that He will increase. Please pray with us that we would be lifting up the name of Jesus as we meet with students, and that we would find our joy in being with Him, whatever the unique part God calls us to play in bringing His Kingdom to earth.

Please continue to pray for our disciples and those that are desiring to read His Word with us, that we would be able to regularly connect with them, and that God would continue drawing them to Himself. Thanks so much for all of your prayers!

Together for His glory,

Nick & Erica

## Confirmation

Our Confirmants will be presented at Moniteau Advent Church May 12<sup>th</sup>. This year Emma, Luke, Marie Baepler and Dillon Wood completed the confirmation class. They have:

1. Understood the 10 Commandments, the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer.
  2. Learned the Wheel illustration which depicts the four areas of the Christian's life with Christ at the center.
  3. Learned a simple Gospel presentation so that they can share others how to come to faith in the Lord Jesus using four passages from the Book of Romans.
  4. Studied five key areas of theology and can articulate/explain these clearly and simply:
    - What is the Bible?
    - What is God like?
    - What is Jesus like?
    - How is a person saved? and
    - What is the church?
  5. Chosen a Life Verse.
  6. Written an essay on what Jesus means to them.
  7. Developed a daily habit of reading the Bible.
- It has been my privilege to work with these young people.

## Please Notice This



Announcements have been made recently about the church thermostat. **Please do not push on the "HOLD" button.** Use the up or down arrows only. Pushing on "HOLD" is making the system run non-stop. Please contact one of the board members if you need help adjusting it or have accidentally hit the "HOLD" button so they can re-set it.



### **March Board Report**

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met on March 25th, 2019. Present were: Pastor Steve, Cindy Wieberg, Beth Fennewald, Justin Traub, Dale Taggart, and Andrew Rohrbach. Meeting was opened with a prayer.

### **Secretary's Report:**

February report was reviewed and Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes. Dale seconded the motion. Vote taken and passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Income for March 2019 was \$2,625.36, expenses were \$2,417.20. Total assets were \$78,013.82. Andrew made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Justin. Vote taken and passed.

Cindy reported the Salvation Army donation was \$730.00 up from 2018's \$719.14.

### **Old Business:**

Water and Temperature sensors are finally working. Cindy and Dale worked diligently to coordinate with their contacts and a successful resolution was the result. Contact phone numbers are currently being setup with Beth as primary and Dale as secondary.

As noted in the previous month's report, our insurance company pointed out the lack of Workman's Comp on our policy. Cindy provided the questionnaire she received from Church Mutual. Pastor Steve shared a previous experience on the matter and felt it would provide minimal benefit as he would not be using it. After some discussion it was decided that we would not pursue this policy change at this time.

A suggestion was made to review the insurance policy annually. The Safety Committee was considered for this task.

### **New Business:**

A need for shelving units and a File Cabinet was brought forward. It was decided to pass this request on to the Building Committee.

A motion was made by Andrew to donate \$100.00 to the Daily Bread. Dale seconded and the vote passed with 1 nay vote.

Justin brought up the fact that with our new board meeting times at the end of the month we are getting board reports in the newsletter prior to getting a chance to vote on them. Andy made a motion to let the due date for newsletter

items pass one time to get the schedules in sync. Dale seconded this motion and the vote passed.

The Christmas Eve program and the Pastor's attendance was brought up. As it stands the Pastor starts at Moniteau and then leaves for St. Pauls. Andy reported that the subject has been brought up at an Evangelical Council meeting in the past, but was not resolved. This discussion will be tabled until the next Evangelical Council meeting.

Justin was selected to give the announcements during the month of April.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm.

May's board meeting was moved from Monday, May 27th to the 28th.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Justin and seconded by Andrew. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Traub, Secretary

## **Who & What We've Been Praying For**

Heather Sullard  
Wanda Lachner & family on the loss of her brother  
Norma Porter (recovering from a fall)  
Dettman Family  
Larry Potter (COPD is worse; has only one kidney and it's getting worse)  
Norma Wood - broke her foot

Our confirmation class  
Jamestown Community Youth Group  
WWJD

Our overseas missionaries

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.



The homeschool families of Moniteau Co-Op invite you to attend our End of Year Celebration.

Event takes place at Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church basement on May 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as the youth share their "Faces of History" oral presentations, memory work, and exhibits of ancient history, classical composers and great artists that have been studied this year.

Snacks and beverages will be available! We hope to share this exciting evening with you.



Read: John 6:1-13

Just like the boy in this story, how he was willing to share his lunch, are you willing to share your things with others? Are there times when you should share with your brother or sister or a friend? It's really good to share your things with others so they, too, can enjoy them and even be blessed by it, as the people were that fed on the boy's lunch.

It pleases God when we share our toys, or food, or whatever we may have that someone else can have enjoyment with. After all, everything we have has been given to us from God. He has shared all good things with us, so we should share them with others. That way we can all experience the blessing of the Lord.

So, are you willing to share today?

### ***FROM MARY KAY***

I have not written for the Newsletter for some time and am thrilled that Steve has had others write about what God is doing in their lives. It is important to us both that we are able to include in the Newsletter a variety of stories like these to encourage the church. We are so thankful that the Lord has placed us here in Jamestown for these years in our lives! One of the reasons I have not written for several months is that I have been promising our children and grandchildren to write stories for them that document our family history. I was gifted with a venue to be able to do by answering weekly questions. In addition to writing memories stimulated by these questions, I am writing

stories of my personal journey of faith in order that they may live on with our grandchildren. Our grandchildren range from 2 months of age to 6 years old, so I have geared these stories specifically for young children. I hope that my retelling of some of these through the Newsletter may strike a cord with our people, young and old, here in Moniteau county.

A faith story:

Dad (as in Steve Watson) put out a recent email with John 10:27-28, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." This brought to my mind some "early in our marriage thoughts" that GOD planted in my mind that have often helped me to better understand people ... and especially people in whatever church we were working in at any given time. As newlyweds, we lived in tiny little Bazine, KS and our closest friends were Marvin and Twylia. At the tie, Marv and his dad had sheep ... Marvin hated those sheep! I remember going out to the farm (Marv and TJ lived down the block from us in town, so this farm was Marv's folks' place) with Dad ... me to watch, and I think Marvin may have had Dad doing some odd thing with him with the sheep. I could see why Marvin hated those sheep ... those things were ridiculous! To begin with, they were just hanging out in the pen ... dozing ... chewing ... whatever ... and then one random sheep began to run-straight at a water trough ... and jumped over it to continue running in a random circle-always jumping over that water trough on his laps around the pen. He had no apparent reason to have started doing this ... and very quickly all the sheep began to run in his wake ... including jumping over that water trough. Marvin used this as an illustration to support his feelings that sheep were the dumbest animals around. Marv proceeded to do whatever he needed to do with the sheep, and I believe he had Dad helping in the pen, but I watched those sheep in utter fascination while verses from the Bible about sheep, and thoughts about Jesus being the good shepherd and "we" being His sheep looped through my brain. These are some of the thoughts watching sheep help me with: 1. Sheep will follow anyone that's moving for absolutely no reason whatsoever. 2. GOD most definitely LOVES the sheep! 3. GOD creates most as sheep, few as shepherds. 4. While number 1 is generally true, if a sheep belongs to the Shepherd, that sheep hears and knows the Shepherd's voice, and follows the Shepherd. 5. It is neither possible nor my job to discern what The Shepherd is or is not doing in or with another sheep. 6. Whatever is around me, it IS my JOB to see, focus on, hear, listen to and follow my Good Shepherd whenever He wants to take me. 7. Fascinating to me that before Jesus' ascension while on a beach with his disciples, he and Peter have a conversation with Jesus asking Peter three times "do you love me?" When Peter responds that he does, Jesus tells him: 'feed my lambs,' 'take care of my sheep,' 'feed my sheep.' (John 21).