



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From The Pastor's Desk

For 3500 years, the Jewish people have celebrated Passover. It is designed to help them remember that they were slaves in Egypt, oppressed. After God had given Pharaoh ample opportunity to release the Jewish people, and after numerous 'plagues' which demonstrated God's power, He decreed one last plague. The Jewish people were instructed to prepare themselves, to remove any leaven from their homes (which represented sin—i.e. there was to be repentance) and select a male lamb, in the prime of life, without spot and without blemish. The lamb was to be slain, its blood applied to the sides and tops of the door and the lamb was to be cooked and eaten, giving food to the Jewish people. That night, an angel went out into the land. Every home that had the blood applied to the door he passed over. Every house that did not have the blood applied to the door, he entered and the first born died. Deliverance from slavery required a death of a lamb without spot and without blemish and the blood applied.

1500 years after the first Passover and deliverance from the slavery in Egypt, there would be a greater Passover and deliverance from the slavery of sin. It wasn't a lamb, but the Lamb of God, the Son of God, who would be sacrificed to deliver His people.

The Bible says, "without the shedding of blood, there is no atoning for sins" and that "it was not the blood of bulls or of goats, but the precious blood of the eternal Son of God." (1 Peter 1:18-19). The blood is not applied to the door of a house, but to the heart that believes. But unlike the lamb slain for the Passover, Jesus rose and lives eternally; therefore, "*because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*" (Heb. 7:24-25)

This Easter season, we celebrate that God provided an atoning sacrifice and that Jesus not only died but that He rose. Paul summarizes it saying, "*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve, more than five hundred brothers at one time, . . . ⁷ Then he appeared to James, and last of all to me.*" (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

Memory Verse for April

Be working on this important verse from Matthew 6:33:

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness; and all
these things shall be added unto you.***

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

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

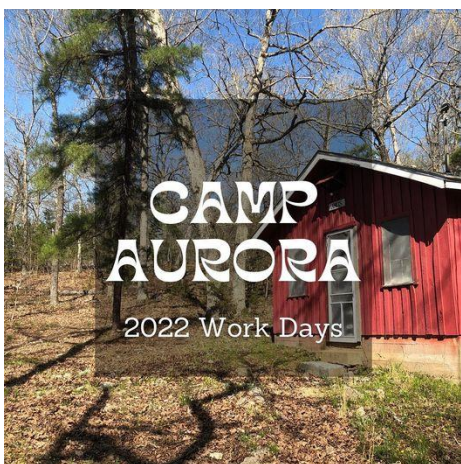
Prayer Requests

Tagen Higgins & family
John Baepler (on Hospice care)
Lewis Odneal Family
Heather Graff-Sullard's Family
Paul & Shirley Baer
Kenny Burlingame
Russell Gerlach
Shirley Frieling
Chris Schoenthal
Our country and our leaders



Mark your calendars! Dates for Summer Camp 2022 are:

Senior High: July 3rd - 9th
Junior High: July 10th - July 15th
Junior: July 17th - July 22nd
Primary: July 24th - July 27th

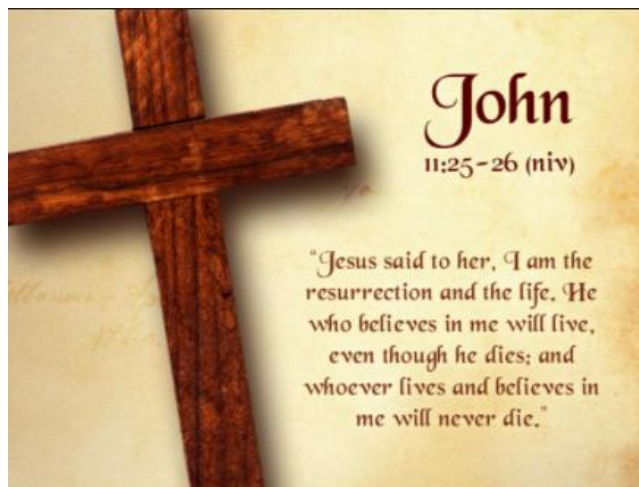


Camp Aurora needs your help preparing for camping season! Join them at any of the work days, starting at 9:00 a.m.! Campers receive \$25 off their registration for attending a work day! Work days are: April 23, May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18 and June 25.

There is a donation jar on the table at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wanting to donate towards the cost for the kids to attend Camp Aurora this year. They will be doing some type of fundraising in the near future to raise funds for camp. Further details on that will follow.

COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual community sunrise service in Jamestown on Easter Sunday, which will start at 6:30 a.m. This will be held at the school. Biscuits and gravy and eggs will be served by St. Paul's Church following the service.



Kids age 12 and younger are invited to participate in our church's annual Easter Egg Hunt. This will be on Easter Sunday, April 17, right after our morning service.

Kids 13 and older can participate by helping the younger children find eggs, and there will be a separate treat for them after the egg hunt.

Please have your kids bring their own basket/bucket, etc. to gather their eggs.

Simple Ways to Share the Gospel

Personal Testimony

Our stories are not the gospel; the gospel is the good news about Jesus Christ. **Our stories can incorporate this good news though!** Every believer should be ready in season and out of season to share what God has done in her life.

If you're like me, something as simple as a personal testimony can seem overwhelming.

Never fear because this is actually super simple if you know the three simple elements Paul included when sharing his testimony in [Acts 26:1-23](#).

First, take three minutes to read Paul's testimony for an example of what you're aiming for. Now you're ready to prepare your own short story.

Here are the three elements to a basic testimony:

- 1. Give a brief description of what your life was like before you received Christ.** (see verses 4-11)
- 2. Describe how God spoke to your heart and opened your eyes to spiritual truth. Include the basic facts of the gospel and your response of faith.** (verses 12-18)
- 3. Finally, share how your life has changed since receiving the forgiveness available in Christ.** (verses 19-23)

Sermon Series

We are looking forward to the Easter Season with Maundy Thursday Services at St. Paul's and Good Friday service at Moniteau. There will be a community Sunrise Service, April 17, 6:30am at the school. Pastor Canter from the Assembly Church will be sharing.

After Easter we will be looking at the Wisdom Psalms, Praise/Thanksgiving Psalms and Lament Psalms Each express the emotions of the heart.

Good Books

I have been reading a great book, "12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You" by Tony Reinke. I recommend it for anyone with a smartphone and/or children that are growing up in an age of smartphones.

Faith Maternity

Caring Through Cars Campaign Faith Maternity Care will celebrate 20 years of helping women and families in our community this year. Looking forward, we have set a goal of helping 1,000 women and families over the next 10 years. In order to reach our goal, we must find more ways to serve women. One piece of the puzzle is to help our residents become fully self-sufficient so they can successfully transition back into the community. One of the biggest barriers to this goal is reliable transportation. Many of our ladies have a hard time gaining employment due to limited transportation options in the Fulton area. In response to the transportation barrier, we have started the Caring Through Cars Campaign. We hope to provide a reliable vehicle to residents who show responsibility and growth in our program. Residents will need to meet specific requirements including volunteer hours, participating in our program, good behavior, and taking a car maintenance class. Several car dealerships have already agreed to help by providing reliable cars at deeply discounted costs. If you would like to help kickstart the future for one of our residents, you may donate through our website at www.faithmaternity.com or by mailing a check to PO Box 6232, Fulton, MO 65251.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be held at the Prairie Home Methodist Church on Friday, April 1. Registration is from 1:00-1:30; with the program following.



Diana Watson's family will host our next **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** on Sunday, April 24.

Burgers and brats will be provided by the church, so bring your favorite sides that go along with them and join us for this time of fellowship.

Any additional details will be announced at church.



We extend our deepest sympathies to Mark Baepler's family in the loss of his father, John Baepler, on March 28. Please include Mark's mother, Connie, as well as his siblings, Mike and Laura, and their families in your prayers, for the hard days ahead. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report – February 2022

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on February 28, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Mark Baepler. Also present were Pastor Steve Watson, Kathy Gerlach, Paul Fennewald, and Diana Watson. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. A copy of the confirmation curriculum for the confirmation class coming up at St. Paul's was presented to the board to review. Has purchased and is handing out a book ("Ragged") to young moms at both churches. Provided updates on WWJD and community youth groups. Still needing help with the middle school group. Planning the Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunrise Services.

Secretary's Report:

The January meeting minutes were submitted for review, with one item from the last meeting needing to be added. Paul made a motion to approve the amended report; Diana seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for January was presented for review. Income for the month was \$3,655.95; expenses were \$2,858.99; total assets \$94,390.63. Kathy made a motion to approve; Diana seconded. All in favor. Paul had the church CD's and said they have been taken care of and the last one updated to a 12-month CD. These changes will be reflected in the February report presented next month. Paul asked Kathy to return the CD's this week to the church lockbox.

Old Business:

Kathy heard from Jerrod Leathers and he stated all quotes that came back for church insurance were a little higher than what our new and updated policy for 2022 was. She asked where the insurance policy should be kept. She was asked to contact Church Mutual to see if we can get an electronic copy of it for storage purposes.

Discussion on Adult Sunday School curriculum. Kathy will get some sample copies and send to the board to look over so a decision can be made soon.

Records retention came up. Paul indicated there is already a Google account/drive set up with some church documents on it and suggested we continue using that. He will work with Kathy in the near future to make sure she can access it and then share with the board. We will write up a formal policy once we confirm if this is where we want to store records.

Mark visited with Ryan Heimericks about the area in the parking lot that was torn up when he was plowing snow. Ryan intends to fix this but the board agreed we should go

ahead and do it. Mark will ask Kevin to get some pricing on the gravel for us. Paul made a motion we increase the cost of plowing/blading to \$85 and shoveling the walks to \$40; Diana seconded this; all in favor. Mark noted he has purchased ice melt and it's at the church.

Mark has found speakers for the basement sound system, and they will be donated. He and Paul will take care of getting those installed. We are also still searching for the same type of and/or similar rope for the church bell.

New Business:

Evangelical Council meets on March 6 at St. Paul's. Confirmation and Mission Fest will be the main topics.

The Baers have made a donation to the church and a letter of acknowledgement was sent to them. The Graff family has also made a donation and a note will be sent to them, also.

World Day of Prayer was moved to April 1, at Prairie Home Methodist Church.

It was noted we went through another tank of propane because the thermostat had been moved at some point, and not put back on the timer.

Dates to Remember:

March 2 – Ash Wednesday Service at Moniteau
March 6 – Evangelical Council at St. Paul's
March 13 – Communion
March 13 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice
March 14 - Men's Fellowship
March 27 – Special Offering to Healing House
March 28 – Board Meeting

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary

From Mary Kay

I'm going to try to wrap up my thoughts specifically about why God created women in the following, but also want you to know how profoundly this course of study and thinking has affected me over the past year or two. Because of this, I cannot really separate, going forward, my thoughts on why God created women from my thinking on how God is working in my life, how He daily, miraculously displays His presence and His "saving" me, how He loves me and shows it despite my continual failure of trust and faith in Him. I hope I may communicate to each of you reading this How Very Much He Is For You, how He has created you Specifically the way He has so that you may have success in Being the woman He created you to Be. There has never been a time, since before the beginning (as we know it not as He knows it, since He preceeds all beginning) that God did not have in His mind creating woman. Woman to be in relationship to man God's solution for what man lacked on his own. Woman affected by sin with a lifetime of struggle in relationship with man, but none the less in relationship to God finding her purpose, her relief from the struggle, her salvation, her hope in life and the future, her Perfect Husband (in the Bridegroom), her complete solace in knowing who she is meant to be. I hope, in this next, to put before you for thought, my thoughts on how God created me, for this time of my life, to be a "help" to Steve, to use my gifts to build up the church, and to draw a real-life picture for you of the Creator God using for His good a broken, given-to-sin, getting-older-with-really-bad-genes woman. My whole life I have struggled with parts of my character: intense self-consciousness, paralyzing shyness, direct (to the point of rudeness many have said) and pointed way of speaking, but I've also come to know that though these can nudge over into sin on my part (if I do not put these through the grid of examination by the Holy Spirit within and God's Word-both written and in the flesh), but are also crucial to "the work" God gives me to do of speaking truth into the lives of those in our family and speaking truth into the lives of women as I am able. God has given me, in these years, as my part of His church to care for, to pour myself out for, Steve, our children, and our grandchildren. We share a unique history, unique struggles, specific to who God created each to be-personality traits, experiences, way of interpreting life based on these plus birth order effects and service/life God has given each. (I want to add that it has been my observation here in Jamestown and specifically among our churches, that God has given many of our women this ministry among their own families.) I spend a lot of time being with and communicating with our family members...and I do this at great sacrifice on Steve's part. I love it! He loves it! But ministry to the church to build up is always with sacrifice. We do both thank God daily for placing us among you. You care for us well...so well that I have no need to work to augment our income, and this is such a God-kiss to us! I was recently, for a month, in Memphis with our eldest daughter and her family. Steph has been growing leaps and bounds in her relationship with Jesus in the past two years and this is thrilling to take in. She said to me one day: "Mom, do you ever think that this mysterious "weakness" (fatigue, exhaustion, shortness-of-breath, body pain, and insomnia) God allows to go unabated is just His way of keeping you available to our family rather than you pouring yourself out in Nursing in these empty nest years?" Her perception is so beautiful to me! And, yes, I thank God often for this gift of bodily weakness and frailty that so focuses me on exactly what God wants me to do and be in these years. None of us in our family have any other explanation for why I can travel (at just the right moment-and these moments are clearly chosen by the Lord) and sort of keep up with adult kids with crazy schedules and their littles with unbelievable energy, travel home...and then practically collapse with one physical problem after another that render me homefast if not bedfast. But these times...days, weeks, even months at home with Steve offer beautiful times of communion between Steve and me, and between the Lord and me with great focus on praying for you in our churches, study and reading, and sometimes even writing to you through the Newsletter. I want you to know that it is in so many ways painful for me to discover Sunday after Sunday when I am home, that I cannot attend services with Steve, but the Lord simply makes it obvious that it cannot happen. So, I use the time to pray, generally get to get in on the Facebook service from Moniteau, and also at some point get to watch and listen to our son Seth preach at their church in Minnesota. And you, both our churches, in return take care of us and Steve in particular in a way that we have not experienced in our lives of church ministry before: seeing mobility needs and initiating adjustments, your expectations of your pastor are clearly focused on the spiritual care of the congregations and helping you learn and do the work of ministry, expecting and allowing him great freedom to get involved with (but not ever alone responsible for) spiritual care of all ages. God is teaching me in these days that we are and must be "the church" for one another. He has gifted us specifically in order to build up His church. Men and women both gifted and called for His purpose, to bring Him glory Being who He created us to be.