



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From Pastor Steve's Desk

Getting ready for Easter

We are in the season of Lent—which began this year on Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26th and extends to Easter on April 12th. This is a 40 day period of preparation for the soul as we 'journey' toward the time we remember the death of the LORD Jesus for our sins and His conquering death through resurrection. These two events form the foundation of what we believe and proclaim and they are a great mystery. How the eternal Son of God could humble Himself to become also Son of Man (truly the God-Man). How He as God manifest in the flesh humbled Himself further by being tempted in all points as we are yet without sin. He further humbled Himself dying on the cross to pay for the penalty for our sins so that we might be forgiven.

This time of year ought to be approached reverently, solemnly, prayerfully. During this 40 day period we ask you to prepare your heart and life.

Jesus prepared Himself for His ministry by a 40 day fast. He was led into the wilderness by the Spirit and deepen His ability to have the Spirit of God lead His life (immediately after His baptism, the Spirit descended upon Him and began to lead Him, Mt. 3:16-4:1). In a similar fashion, we invite you to become more sensitive to the Spirit's work in your life and allow the Spirit of God to 'lead' your life. As the Spirit works in your life, He might:

1. Convict you of sin you need to forsake, Jn. 16:8
2. Comfort you in a grief or trial, Jn. 16:7
3. Empower you to live more faithfully and fruitfully, Acts 1:8
4. Equip you to accomplish something special for Him, ' 1 Cor. 12
5. Help you exalt the LORD Jesus in some way, 1 Cor. 12:3
6. Produce the fruit of the Spirit in your life, ' Gal. 5:22-24
7. Help you to pray, Rom. 8:26

Take this time to allow the Spirit of God, given to us to enable us to walk with and serve Jesus, to 'remodel' your life. Blessings.

Memory Verse for February

2 Cor. 5:17

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold new things have come.

**Don't just ATTEND your church - LOVE your church.
Serve, give, invite, worship, post, join, engage, participate!**

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Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

Sermon series beginning in February continuing in March

"I Am",
A poem by Helen Mallicoat

*I was regretting the past,
and fearing the future.
Suddenly my Lord was speaking:
"My name is I Am".*

*He paused. I waited.
He continued...
"When you live in the past,
with its mistakes and regrets,
it is hard. I am not there.
My name is not I WAS.*

*When you live in the future,
with its problems and fears,
it is hard. I am not there.
My name is not I WILL BE.*

*When you live in this moment
it is not hard. I am here.
My name is I AM."*

If you have not received a copy of this poem, please pick one up for yourself and for a friend in the back of the church.

We will be looking at the 7 'I AMs' of John beginning in February and moving into March.

Jesus said,

- "I am the Bread of Life" Jn. 6
- "I am the Light of the World" Jn. 8
- "I am the Door" Jn. 10
- "I am the Good Shepherd" Jn. 10
- "I am the Resurrection and the Life" Jn. 11
- "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" Jn. 14
- "I am the True Vine" Jn. 15

We will explore what Jesus said about Himself

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Heather Sullard
Norma & Dwayne Wood
John & Bev Ernst
Dettman Family
Paul & Shirley Baer
Family of Matt McDannold
Jamestown Community Youth Groups
Chris Schoenthal
Bentley Heiland
Paul Fennewald – upcoming surgery

Becoming—

A Middle School Spiritual Journey

Using a resource, "The One Minute Bible for Students" we are developing a habit of daily Bible reading. We have had to cancel several Wednesday evenings because of weather, but look forward to returning to the routine. We have five core values:

Honor the LORD Jesus

Grow in our spiritual lives

Connect with other believers

Share the Good News of Salvation with others

Shine by serving in the name of Jesus

As we look forward to the rest of the year, we will be planning a 'fun night' and also a 'service night.' We have several that help and want to give a great big, "Thank You" to those that provide food for our teens as well as Trisha Meisenheimer (activities director), Shawna Williamson and Kathy Reimler (teachers), Greta Leiser (music). We can always use (and pray for) others to have a heart for teens, praying and perhaps becoming involved. Come and see what we do on Wednesdays.



Read: Proverbs 4:1-13

There is nothing in all the world of more value than godly wisdom. It is more precious to have than all the riches in the world. Godly wisdom has eternal value – the riches of the world are soon gone.

It is good, and needful, to have an education. But of more value and benefit is to pursue godly wisdom for your life. You will never go wrong if you have God's wisdom guiding your every step. Once you have God's wisdom – never let it go!

Just ask God each day to fill you with His wisdom. Especially when you are faced with things that you are unsure of what to do. He will give you His wisdom. He longs for us to pursue Him and His qualities rather than what the world has to offer. God will lead and guide you in His ways – as you daily seek after Him.



Sugar and Spice met for the first time February 9 immediately following Sunday school. We talked about how we were going to do our meetings. It was decided that one adult and one girl would be responsible for each meeting. We will meet the second Sunday of each month.

We enjoyed pizza, grapes, punch and heart shaped sugar cookies. We played charades, and chose our host for our next meeting, which will be March 10. Josie, Claudia and Sue will be our hostesses. We are looking forward to learning a new skill taught to us by Sue!

CHURCH TALENT SHOW!

Our Family Night and Talent Show is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd. Meal begins at 6:00 p.m. with the Talent Show following. Bring your talent with you that evening.

CAMP AURORA DATE CHANGES



Originally camp weeks were moved forward to accommodate Fourth of July weekend. Due to scheduling conflicts, we will be adjusting camp weeks back to how they have traditionally fallen on the calendar. We apologize for any inconveniences! Dates have been updated on the website as well. Thank you!

January 2020 Board Report

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met on January 27th, 2020. Present were: Pastor Steve Watson, Beth Fennwald, Kevin Coffelt, Dale Taggart, Mark Baepler, and Andrew Rohrbach. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report:

The December 2019 secretary report was submitted by Justin Traub and was reviewed by the board. Dale made a motion to approve the minutes and Andy seconded the motion. Vote taken and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The January treasurers report was submitted by Dale Taggart. Income for January 2020 was \$2856.15, expenses were \$373.90. Total assets were \$78304.96. Beth made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Mark. Vote taken and passed.

Old Business:

Basement lighting was completed.

Beth presented the Giving Committee's recommendations for criteria of organizations that Moniteau gives monetary donations to. These recommendations were discussed by the board. We are gathering information on organizations we've donated to in the past and will continue discussion next meeting.

The need to paint the basement ductwork was discussed. Mark agreed to repaint the duct work.

The basement shelving was discussed. The project has been started and is planned to be completed by March 6th.

Andy will check with our insurance company on our current deductible and what the price would be if we raised it.

New Business:

Moniteau's membership with the EA was discussed. Kevin made a motion to continue the membership and to continue the same financial support as last year. That amount is \$125. Mark seconded the motion.

Combining Mission Fest activities with St. Paul's was discussed. It was agreed that the two churches would take turns hosting the event. This year a carry in meal will be at Moniteau, next year it will be at St. Paul's.

Kevin will check with Lage's cabinet shop on the broom closet for the kitchen.

Pasture rent for the year was collected from Jarrett Porter.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beth and seconded by Andy. The meeting was concluded with all joining in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Baepler, Secretary

Notes from Mary Kay
—continued from last month

In my thinking there are two critical times in a child's life when the fact that he (we had two girls...so just using the masculine for ease) is human with a sin nature comes to the forefront and demands a great deal of prayer for wisdom to help the child maneuver with proper perspective through those ages. The first is generally referred to as "the terrible two's" (I've always disliked that term, and generally love a sassy, personality-filled two-year-old). Steve defines this time of life for the child as: a baby, until this time, IS the center of his universe...at around two years of age, the child needs to come to understand that he IS NOT the center of THE universe...and this is generally infuriating to him! To me, this is just exactly what a "terrible two" looks like! If parents are successful in letting their child live past the age of 2-3, and the child learns that he must share the spotlight, the next really critical time for the child is as he enters the teen years. About a teenager, I would first like to say: "these years are harder on the teen than they are the parent!". Secondly: "never forget your job as a parent is to launch this kid...he needs to grow independent and he needs to be responsible for his own independence." Again...this is not a job for mere human beings to try to manage alone. A continuous attitude of prayer for wisdom, insight and understanding from the Lord is required. And, again, He has already promised all of this to us if we ask...so keep asking! And, for fun, I'm going to include (over the next few months) some stories from the Watson-teen-years.

We were having a snow-day in Fremont. The roads had a thick layer of ice covered by several inches of still-falling snow...that would be why we were having a snow-day. The roads were

terrible and people needed to stay off of them! However, the Watsons lived just off of downtown-quite a distance from where most of one-Watson-child's friends lived. The friends were all together in their neighborhood at one friend's home...and calling, calling, calling for their Watson friend to come to where they all were. Finally, the Watson child proposed said trip to the Watson-mom. After all...she had the only car that could possibly make it in these conditions...and he WANTED to go...and his friends WANTED him to come...! Mom thought it over and decided (with Dad's phone input...Dad had hiked to work) the Child should make this decision. The parents gave permission, but were clear the Child should think about it, weigh the pros and cons and make up his own mind about the whole thing. (Mom was really worried...because she was pretty dependent upon that car and had no time or money to repair it.) After a bit, the Child was off...and called to report (I'm sure quite proudly) that he had safely made it to the friend's house. Where he stayed having a great time until well after dark. Mom and Dad getting more concerned since both knew adding the dark to the already terrible ice and snow would have an impact on the driving conditions. When the Child decided it was time to head home, he was a bit concerned because it seemed the headlights on the car would not work. There was very little traffic, and he decided to take back roads as though this was a better idea with no headlights. And it almost worked. The Child made it to a parking lot just two blocks from home where he decided to take a short cut...and rolled into the only other car in the parking lot...a parked car at that. The Child sat and thought for a while trying to figure out what to say to Mom and Dad...the bumper was messed up, the mirror shattered on one door...but other than that...and those darn burned-out headlights...the car worked. So home he went. Owned up to what had happened. With Dad's help replaced the mirror and fixed the bumper. And learned that headlights must be cleared of ice and snow in order to "work" in those conditions. Mom and Dad were very happy lessons were learned with no injury to said Child. Child later said to Mom: "I guess I thought if it was really dangerous you would just tell me 'No'...not let me make the decision to drive despite the weather!"

