



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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Pastor's Pen

People come to church for various reasons—some are experiencing a crisis in life and are looking for answers; some have a spiritual hunger in their soul and sense that the church will be a place to help them fill that void; some have come from early childhood and it is a place that has become part of their lives. Whatever the reason, they are always to find a place where Christians love Jesus supremely and love one another sacrificially, a place where they will be accepted, challenged to look at life, turn from those things that come between God and man, and walk both with God and a brother or sister. This month, I have asked Norma Porter, who has been a part of St. Paul's church family as long as anyone to share her thoughts with us.

"Having a church family brings one closer to God and into harmony with each other. I am so thankful for my church family. I am touched by their concern and compassion. When I have a concern or problem, they pray for me and with me. We laugh, love, and pray together. Sometimes tears are shed in happy and sad times. God seems closer when they are near.

Surrounded by church family, cares seem to vanish and a peace fills your body and soul. There you feel safe from the cares of the world and can even solve some of your worries with a better conception of all the chaos around you.

A church family has many faces and each is a blessing from God. Those faces greet us, make us feel welcome and assures us of our part in the family of God. Families grow with children and the church is no exception. Children are a gift from God and we have been exceptionally blessed with them. When they gather around their teacher on Sunday morning, I murmur, "Thank You, Lord" for our future church family."

Psalms 92:2—"Every morning tell Him, 'Thank You for Your kindness.' And every evening rejoice in all His faithfulness."



Read Matthew 2:1-11

Jesus is the Star of Christmas. He came through for us when we needed Him to rescue us. He's our best friend and Savior forever! When we think of the first Christmas, though, we probably think about another kind of star – the kind of star that shines in the sky. Read about the star that shone over Bethlehem when Baby Jesus was born. How did the Wise Men find Baby Jesus? They followed a star God placed in the sky. It guided them to the place where Mary and Joseph were staying with Jesus.

The Wise Men told King Herod, "We have seen His star in the east and have come to worship him." That's what they did! When the Wise Men found the baby, they knelt down to worship him. They gave him precious and expensive gifts, and went back home. The Bible doesn't tell us what happened to them, but it's hard to believe they kept the good news of the Savior to themselves.

We don't want to keep the good news about Jesus to ourselves, either. The Christmas star – the one in the sky – shone for many months. Then it was gone. But Jesus' love and forgiveness last forever. Jesus' love still shines.

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

Update from our Missionaries

Hey everyone,

Thanks so much for your prayers for us during Launch Week! We saw God move in some incredible ways throughout the week and the last few days as well. Launch week ended last Saturday, and we got to have front-row seats to some pretty amazing things!

- At the Jesus Film showing, there were 7 students that attended, including Dan*, Erin* (one of the girls who decided to follow Jesus a few days before), Maranda* (one of Erin's friends that she brought), and Nicole*.

- As a team, we shared the Gospel with 68 people! In the 7 weeks we'd been sharing since the start of the school year, we had shared the Gospel with 70 people total. We nearly doubled our number in just that one week!

- A few days after the showing, One of our team met with Erin for a follow-up appointment to explain more of what it means to walk in the Spirit and follow Jesus, and to challenge her to become a Key Volunteer; someone who will help start a movement on her campus. She was very excited about the idea, and even came up with a list of 10 people she wanted to share the Gospel with. She's already shared with 2 people from her list! And when she came for the second follow-up appointment a few days after that, she brought Maranda with her so that they could share more with her!

- The week following the Jesus Film showing, Nicole was texting with our team asking clarifying questions about God, Jesus, and the trinity. Last night, she met with some people on our team and they were able to share with her again and answer more of her questions, and she decided to follow Jesus!

- Matt* is a fellow worker from Sweden; he and his family moved here in August with a different company and he has a heart for university students. He met up with someone on our team the other day who told him about how God's been moving among students and showed him how we've been sharing the Gospel. Matt called our teammate yesterday to say that he shared the Gospel with a friend of his here and he decided to follow Jesus!

It's been beyond incredible to see how God's moving here. Thanks so much for your prayers in paving the way for His Word to go forth!

Please continue to pray for:

- Sally*, the other girl who decided to follow Jesus at the beginning of Launch week. Our team has not been able to connect with her since then.

- Dan*, who is desiring for God to reveal Himself to him.

- Mark*, a guy I shared with last week who is very attracted to Jesus, and wanted to meet again to hear more.

together for His glory,

Nick & Erica

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Ed Ambrose – Wanda Lachner's brother going through cancer treatments.

Pastor Steve's brother, David, for his salvation.

Heather Sullard

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.

NOVEMBER BOARD REPORT

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

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: October report was reviewed and Cindy made a motion to approve with correction Nancy seconded and was approved

Treasurer's report:

Income for October \$3,541.70 expenses \$796.88 and total Assets \$85,226.34. Jason made a motion to approve the October report Justin seconded report was approved.

Old Business:

There was a motion by Cindy to officially approve the home school use of only the basement seconded by Nancy with none opposed.

There was a motion by Nancy to pay the Gideon's speaker \$150 and \$150 donation to the Gideon's seconded by Jason and was approved.

New Business:

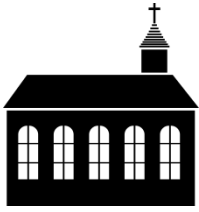
After a discussion there was a motion by Jason to increase the custodian salary from \$150. to \$200. monthly Justin seconded and was approved.

Christmas decorating will be Dec 1st 4:00 p.m.

December 2nd is the first Sunday of Advent.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason D. Wood, Secretary



170th YEAR CELEBRATION

We celebrated the 170th birthday of our church on November 18. The oldest member of our church, Paul Baer, was recognized. He spoke briefly about how the church is grown and changed. We had several guests and past members visit that day. After the service, there was a slide presentation downstairs while cake and punch was served.



Thanks to everyone who helped organize and prepare for this 170th birthday celebration of our church.

Becoming

Middle School Youth Group

The Middle School Youth Group is named "Becoming" because these teens are between childhood and adulthood and they are 'becoming.'

We had a fun night Nov. 7, going to SKYZONE—24 teens and a safe trip. We are thankful for Mark Rohrbach and New Hope lending vans for transportation and Paul Fennwald driving. It was a great time.

Kathy Reimler has been leading about thanksgiving, encouraging the teens to incorporate thanksgiving as a way of life. Sandy and Sharon are doing an incredible job with the meals. We will be meeting:

Nov. 28-- Looking forward to Christmas

Dec. 5 --The Real meaning for Christmas

Dec. 12---The Best Christmas Pageant Ever movie night.

Dec. 19—a Christmas party, celebration



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship met November 19 with 7 members present. An evening of fellowship and snacks was enjoyed by all present. On December 17, all the women at church are invited to Beth Fennwald's home for the evening. If you can attend, please bring a snack and a wrapped gift with a value of \$5-\$10. The gift maybe something you've made, something you bought, or something you have and no longer want. Please let Beth know if you can attend. If you would like to come and need a ride, please let Beth know and we will arrange transportation for you. Hoping to see lots of you for an evening of fun.

CHRISTMAS PARADES!

Friday, November 30, we can use help decorating the church float for Jamestown's Christmas parade. Meet us at the old firehouse in Jamestown (next to the community building) at 6:00 p.m. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on December 1.

Prairie Home's parade is the following Saturday, December 8, and our float will be in that one, also.



DECORATE THE CHURCH

We'll be decorating the church on Saturday afternoon, December 1, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring a snack and we will enjoy the beauty of our church as it's decorated for the Christmas season.

FAMILIES IN NEED

We currently have 11 families we will be assisting this year. We need people to help deliver the food, paper products and gifts. Bring these items after December 16.

SEE AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Right after our annual meeting on December 2nd, everyone is invited out to the schoolhouse for a brief, old fashioned Christmas to admire the handmade decorations and enjoy some refreshments. Be sure to stop by and see what the kids have done!