

News at *St. Paul's*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

MAY 2018

SUMMER AT ST. PAUL'S



JUNE 24-28
Evenings
with dinner

JULY 22-27
For kids going
into
Grade 4 - 8



For more information on attending or volunteering for either of these super fun summer events, contact the church office 314-993-0015 or check the website www.stpaulsefree.org

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Elder Board Report

The Elders held a retreat on March 23 and 24 focusing on discipleship and prayer over the next year. April 9, they held their business monthly meeting. The Deacons joined the beginning of the meeting for Bible study and prayer. Reports were given by the pastors and the ministries of the church were reviewed and prayed for. The Elders are encouraged by the many good things happening at St. Paul's, for the healings and care in our congregation, the giving of our people, our spiritual growth and new members joining us. The process of identifying future Elders and leaders within the church as begun and we encourage you to speak to any Elder about who you would like to see as a candidate for Elder or other leadership positions. Our By-Laws contain the Elder qualifications and duties. A town hall has been set for May 20 between services to discuss our outreach, the 175th anniversary celebrations, and answer questions. The meeting ended with prayer. We are thankful to God for our opportunity to serve Him and His people at St. Paul's.

Blessings, Kelly Schjenken, Elder Chair

Town Hall, Outreach, and More

Hello church family. On May 20, St. Paul's will host its first town hall in over a year to give some updates and foster communication on the direction of the church. At the annual meeting, I said that we would solicit outreach possibilities from the congregation and give a report, which we will do on May 20. There has been much prayer and seeking the Lord during these past four months.

Also, we will have information about our 175th celebration and a brief update regarding our by-laws being updated to accommodate the pastoral team model more straightforwardly.

I would like to encourage you to reflect on this *outreach concept* which has been adopted by the Outreach Team in preparation for the town hall. "We do good works, to build good will, to share Good News." Where can we do good works? Where have we built good will? How can I share Good News? The next step for outreach is equipping our people to answer those questions and get involved as effectively as possible.

Many blessings to you in this exciting stage of the life of St. Paul's. - *Pastor Brian*



An Evening with CS Lewis

Join our St. Paul's Group:
Sunday, May 20 – 2:00pm
The Playhouse at Westport Plaza
Tickets -- \$25 each

The year is 1963 and CS Lewis, the famous British author, is hosting a group of American writers at his home near Oxford. They are about to experience a captivating evening with a man whose engaging conversation and spontaneous humor made him one of the great raconteurs of his day.

Seated in his living room and in front of a warm fire he recalls the people and events that inspired his thought and shaped his life; of his friendship with J R R Tolkien; why he nearly abandoned the Narnia Chronicles; how he came to embrace Christianity and of the American woman who turned his life upside down.

Ralph Stahlhut is Honored

Our own, Ralph Stahlhut, a long time member of St. Paul's since 1964, was recently honored by the Pattonville School District upon his retirement from the Board of Education after serving for 28 years. The district published the following:



The Pattonville Board of Education bid farewell and thanks to a longtime school board member during its April 10 meeting. Ralph Stahlhut, who served on the board for 28 years, decided not to run for re-election this year. In tribute to Stahlhut, the board approved a resolution naming the stage at the Pattonville High School community auditorium "Stahlhut's Stage."

Stahlhut concludes a long volunteer career in Pattonville, during which time he held every leadership position on the school board (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) and served on numerous district committees. He has been a longtime supporter of Pattonville students, regularly attending their activities and athletic events, and has been a key member of the board as Pattonville's student achievement has increased and facilities were improved.



Stahlhut's family was on hand as the board unveiled a plaque commemorating the stage's new name. A longtime Maryland Heights resident, Stahlhut and his wife, Carole, are the parents of two Pattonville graduates, both of whom work in the education field.

Congratulations Ralph, and thank you for all you have done for area students!

Challenge Conference - July 2-6

This year, the youth are going to the EFCA Challenge Conference in Kansas City! We are encouraging those graduating 8th grade and older to go.

What can you expect if you go on this trip?

- Opportunities to Serve in the City
- Great Worship with thousands of other teens
- Great Speakers
- Fun, Games, and Sports
- Staying in a Hotel with your Youth Group friends
- Learning what God is doing across the globe
- Training on how to live your faith every day

Sign up soon by getting your \$50 to Pastor Brian or the office. Ask Pastor Brian if you have any other questions.

BOLD MOVES
IT STARTS HERE

Women's Ministry News

Spiritual Sisters ABF

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Room 204

This session is a study called "Peter, the Rest of the Story" continuing to use the SOAR method. All women are invited to join us.

Quilters and More

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come to quilt, stitch or do quilt piecing, or to learn any of these skills. Join the group for pot luck lunch and wonderful fellowship.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Our ladies have really enjoyed our Beth Moore Bible Study, "Jesus, the One and Only." Most of us have been raised in the church and know a lot about our Savior, Jesus, and this study has opened our eyes in different ways, as we have been challenged to see Jesus anew. Always room for new students. We should be studying these materials until mid-May.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship Spring In-Gathering to benefit Thrive

Wednesday, May 9, 11:30 a.m.

The donation box will be in the welcome center beginning April 11th. **New items needed:** Diapers, sizes Newborn to 3T, wipes (unscented preferred), bottles and pacifiers. **New or gently used items needed:** Sleepers and clothing, sizes Newborn to 2T, receiving blankets, bibs and burp cloths.

One of the many services Thrive has available is Parent University, with its parenting and life skills classes for mothers. Our donations of clothing, diapers and baby items will be available at the Thrive stores and mothers that attend Parent University will earn points to use for the baby items at the Thrive.

Ladies Night Out – for ladies of ALL ages

Monday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

A mid-month opportunity to take a night off with other gals. Bring a snack and get to know each other in a casual setting. Invite your friends too. All are welcome! Located in the 920 Ministry House.

Prayer Shawl

Thursday, May 24, 1:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl meeting will be held at the home of Gerene Hecht. Please call Gerene at 636/733-0701 and let her know you will attend.



Meal Ministry

Occasionally there is a need to provide meals to families, for events such as new babies, after surgery, moving to a new home, etc. If you would like to be put on the list of folks to help provide meals, please let Jannet in the Church Office know. We would need your name, phone and email address, for the (simple) online service that is used to coordinate meal calendars. No email? No problem! We can still use your help and put you on upcoming calendars. As needs arise, we will contact our Meal Ministry list to provide for those in need.

Kick Off for St. Paul's Church 175th Anniversary Celebration

St. Paul's Mother-Daughter Spring Banquet



QUILT DISPLAY By St. Paul's Quilters and Others



"COLORFUL MEMORIES"

You are God's Masterpiece Ephesians 2:10

Everyone's life is a patchwork quilt - Made of good times and times of strife.
A colorful quilt is a true testament of a unique and treasured life

May 11, 2017 Friday at 6:30 pm

Sponsored by St. Paul's Women's Fellowship

Tickets will be sold in Welcome Center between services
Sundays: April 22, 29 & May 6. Adults \$12.00 // Children 5-12 years \$5.00



STITCH IN and EFCA WHITE CROSS MISSIONS



At our April meeting, the Women's Fellowship enjoyed a presentation by Phyllis Bauer, about one of our ladies' mission groups, **Stitch In**.

This group meets on Tuesday mornings at the church with other sewing groups (Quilters, & Linus Project). **Stitch In** sews clothing (Shorts, Shirts, Dresses,) for Congolese Orphans in Tandala Africa, through the **EFCA WHITE CROSS MISSIONS**. Our St. Paul's Women have sent clothing for children through White Cross since 2013. One year, they sent 20 pairs of shorts!

Amazing articles are being sewed each month at church and at homes by our "Stitch In Gals", which become blessings in Africa.

Our all church Rummage Sale is coming up!

Now is the time to start saving some items to donate to the church rummage sale.
We appreciate your help.

More dates and times later. If you have any questions or for more information call
Judy Pfeiffer, 314-423-2601.



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Save the Date:

August 4, 2018

Mission Team Updates

UPDATE FROM 2018 PHILIPPINES CONFERENCE (*=code name)

By Kurt and Barbara van Dyk

The Sasi* has a population of approximately 14,700, with 1,490 being served by St. Paul's sponsored front liners. Most families are engaged in fishing and supplementing their needs by farming their own vegetables and bananas. The community previously being served was flooded out during a typhoon and villagers forced to relocate to another area. Five home churches have been established and our workers, Shane* and Camilla*, feel the gospel ministry is flourishing in this area.

In 2016 the work was disrupted by unbelieving leaders, both religious and military, who lived outside this community. Some believers renounced their faith in Christ and others relocated to another area. However, both the religious and military leaders of this particular community have accepted Christ and refused to renounce their belief, even in the face of persecution.

Two testimonies were presented about believers in the community. Serena* is a 38-year old woman who became a believer 5 years ago. Her ministry is to pray for the sick and share the gospel. Although her husband is not a believer, when his nephew became extremely ill and placed in the hospital, he asked his wife to pray for the nephew. She did pray in the name of Jesus Christ and the nephew was healed. She continues to pray for the salvation of her husband and other family members. Naomi* is 35 years old and has been a believer for two years. She shares the message of the gospel and importance of water baptism. Her main opposition comes from her in-laws. She has her own small retail business and as she goes from home to home, to sell her wares, she will share the gospel. This in spite of the opposition, mockery and persecution she often faces. Naomi* continues to bring others to faith in Christ. Pray for her safety and for the conversion of her family, particularly her persecuting in-laws.

Continue to pray for our two lone Sasi* workers, for their physical, emotional and spiritual safety. The area they work in is located near the southern end of Mindanao. Both girls have worked with this ministry for several years, but have recently been moved into the Sasi* area. Praise God the community leader is a believer, having accepted Christ through the witness of a previous area worker, and they have been placed under the care of his mother. Camilla* was raised in northern Mindanao and Shane* in the south but, by the grace of God, both attended the same University and became friends there. Each were previously assigned to other people groups, but are now reassigned to the Sasi*. Currently, their biggest hurdle is learning the new dialect necessary to work in this area. Ask God to bring this skill to them quickly so they may better communicate with all those living in the community. Also, pray for God to bring more workers (particularly young men) to this ministry.

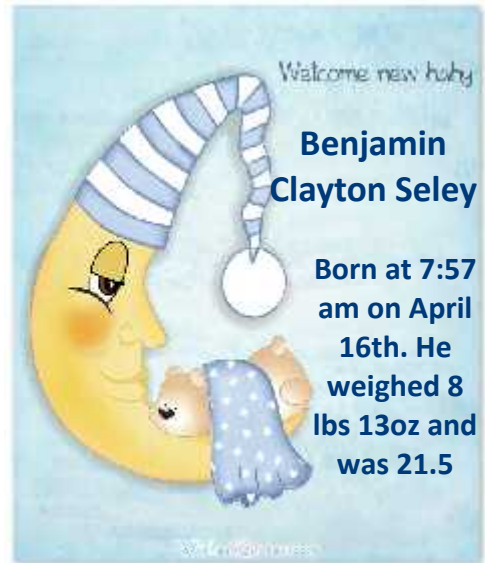
Stories and testimonies were also shared by front liners serving with other unreached people groups. We are encouraged and blessed to see the brave, bold approach all these young people are taking to reach others for Jesus Christ. We are amazed at how God is still using dreams and visions to reach those who still have no Bible translated into their heart language. We praise God for allowing us to call these workers our friends.



Sarah Crews	5/1	Lisa Houska	5/14	Barb Hueffmeier	5/23
Andrew McKinney	5/1	Ron Hueffmeier	5/14	Phyllis Caesar	5/24
Conway Wong	5/1	Drake Ives	5/14	Joe Pollmann	5/24
Maria Rolland	5/2	Evan Ives	5/14	Richard Scholl	5/24
Rod Toro	5/2	Juliet Daniel	5/15	Fred Vollmer	5/24
Molly Crawford	5/7	Kathy Fischer	5/16	Bill Wyne	5/24
Kelly Cug	5/7	Larry Jackson	5/16	Faye Eichholz	5/25
David Oliver	5/7	Jane Fischer	5/17	Mary Broky	5/26
James Knappenberger	5/9	Delcia Payne	5/17	Lendy Middendorf	5/27
Carol Teter	5/10	Lynn Starbuck	5/19	Olivia Neier	5/27
Marlene Eschenbrenner	5/12	Robert Scherrer	5/21	Frank May	5/29
Katie Paquette	5/12	Kim Paquette	5/22	Jennifer Steimel	5/30
Janet Jung	5/13	Bob Summers	5/22		
Bobbie Blackmer	5/14	Jerri Gill	5/23		



Bill & Betty Lang	57 years	May 5
Jeff & Tera Stahlhut	8 years	May 8
Katherine & Rob Hammerling	4 years	May 10
Alan & Laura Mueller	3 years	May 16
Steve & Chris Vasel	37 years	May 16
Micki & Mitch Maynard	1 years	May 19
Arthur & Jill Pasteris	41 years	May 21
Frank & Lynn May	48 years	May 23
Dennis & Donna Jayne	44 years	May 25
Bob & Betty Binns	56 years	May 26
Steven & Sheila McMichel	39 years	May 27
Kevin & Laura Graeler	2 years	May 29



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May Ushers		June Ushers	
8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Bill Mueller, Capt Alan Mueller Ted Shockley Bob Tucker	Chuck Caesar, Capt Phyllis Caesar Chasity Caesar Ron Hueffmeier Danielle Walter	Fred Robinson, Capt Margy Robinson Dan Nickel Judy Pfeiffer Gus Nelson Ken Russell Bill Lang	Jim Glauert, Capt Lee Carlson Randy Walter Joe Glauert

St. Paul's Evangelical Church

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Sundays

Traditional Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Quilters and More	9:30 a.m.
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Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study	9:00-11:00 a.m.
Mom Connect	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting	Noon
FOCUS	7:00 p.m.
Praise Ringers	7:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Chorale	7:00 p.m.
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Calendar of Events This Month

- 5/6 Communion, both services
- 5/9 Women's Fellowship // 11:30 a.m.
- 5/11 Mother-Daughter Banquet // 6:30 p.m.
- 5/14 Deacon Meeting // 5:30 p.m.
Elder Meeting // 7 p.m.
- 5/15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Stitch-in // 9:30 a.m.
- 5/20 Food Drive Collection
CS Lewis Show // 2 p.m.
Westport Playhouse
- 5/21 Ladies Night Out // 7 p.m.
Life Team // 7 p.m.
Reasonable Faith // 7 p.m.
- 5/24 Prayer Shawl // 7 p.m.
- 5/26 Church Office Closed