



Time to Celebrate!

by Pastor Mark Friz

175 Years—A Good Beginning! On September 14, 1843, five German pioneer families purchased the first acre of land on Olive Street Road for the “German United Lutheran-Reformed St. Paul’s Congregation at Central Township, Saint Louis County, Missouri.” They paid \$20 for the land and planned to build a log church.

175 Years is a long time! Cal Swan (EFCA district superintendent) and I believe our church might be the oldest church to exist in the Evangelical Free Church of America. As our Anniversary Team members (Grace Koewing, Lynn May, Judy Pfeiffer, Lela Vollmer and Pastor Mark Friz) have reviewed all the archived photos and records, they are faced with the challenge: Which pictures should be included? What details should be remembered? Therefore, your team has decided to celebrate 175 years in the following ways:

- We will reprint the 150th Anniversary Book and make it again available for sale.
- We will create a new 175th Anniversary Booklet, to be available during the month of September.
- Our pastors continue the fascinating sermon series concluding on September 16th
- We will display interesting items from our archives in the Front Room and on bulletin boards around the church.

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Celebrating 175 Years

- We will celebrate our anniversary on September 16th. We will have one combined worship service, followed by an afternoon of food, fun, and celebration. We will offer tours of our historic cemetery on request.

Our worship celebrations continue through September.

- September 2: ***Following Jesus: The Transitional Years (1923-1963)***
- September 9: ***Revive Us Again: The Reforming Years (1963-2003)***
- September 16 Combined Worship: ***Thriving in Babylon: The Transforming Years (2003-2018)***

During each week, we will do much more than present a chronology of events. We will give God glory by sharing important Bible passages which have guided our past. We will make a connection to God's continued work in the year 2018 and beyond.

Please be sure to reserve the entire day of September 16. We want each of you to come to church in casual dress. Please invite friends and inactive members. Our tentative schedule includes the following activities:

- 10:00 Combined Worship
- 11:30 Chicken Dinner
- 12:45 Program Begins

The program will include presentations about various ministries, such as music, missions, sports and Christian Education which have been an important part of our history.

Back to the Routine!

The following activities begin:

September 2: Back to Sunday School, for all ages

September 5: Mom Connect, 9:30am

September 6: Choir, 7pm

September 12: Women's Bible Study, 9am



Urban Born Update



They came in a yellow school bus from a St. Louis suburb. Forty-five members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Creve Coeur, Missouri made the trip. Pastor Mark Friz organized the tour, so church members could find out what was happening at the former St. James Church.

Inside the air conditioned brainasium (gymnasium) they heard Urban Born Founder and President, Johnel Langerston, tell inspirational stories as the iconic church's mission has been Reborn by Urban Born. He boldly stated the organization's mantra "It's Easier to Catch on Now Than to Catch Up Later."

The church members saw and hear the proof of the mantra. La Tasha spoke about her work with College Hill school students. Johnel, Jr. and Akira impressed everyone with their spelling ability. An Urban Born graduate testified about how the program has turned his life around.

How did this unusual inner city/suburb hook up happen? Some St. Paul's church members saw a TV#2 feature on Urban Born that included my brother, Ralph, who had grown up in the church's red brick parsonage with his parents and two brothers. He's now a leader at St. Paul's and soon the bridge was built bringing the school bus to the neighborhood of his youth.

Reflecting on the event Johnel said that "You know things are changing when you have a group of people come from another part of the city to see what we are doing here in the inner city. Urban Born is doing what it takes to save lives!" No doubt about that!

Pastor Friz observed that "Urban Born is a great ministry which gives hope to all who stop by." Church leaders will be exploring ways that St. Paul's could add on to the \$3,000 contributed to the College Hill organization through the church's Women's Fellowship Annual Offering. Several attendees asked how they could make a personal contribution.

I hope you will be moved to donate to Urban Born too. It's giving hope where there has been hopelessness and it's doing what it takes to save lives. Make your check payable to "Urban Born" and send it to me or use PayPal via "Urban Born.org."

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Women's Ministry News

Spiritual Sisters ABF

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

This class continues their lesson on Philippians, the Book of Joy. Learn how to get the most out of our Bibles without using study materials.

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

Starting Wednesday, September 12, 9 a.m.

The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets by Nancy Guthrie. will be the topic for the Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study, beginning September 12. Join this group to see Jesus in the Old Testament and in the prophets! There is a DVD presentation, discussion guide, and weekly assignments. Come explore the lives of Elijah, Elisha, Jonah, Isaiah, and others, as Nancy Guthrie reveals how God's earthly messengers,

whether chastising or comforting, always point to Israel's final redemption and ultimate hope.

Please sign up List in the Welcome Center at the Big Desk, so we may order materials.

Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, September 12, 11:30 a.m.

Women's Fellowship will not be meeting in August, as many participants are going on the trip to Urban Born Ministries and the St. Louis Arch museum. The next meeting will be September 12.

Prayer Shawl

Thursday, September 27, 1:00 p.m.

We'll meet with Alma Jung at NHC Healthcare, 2920 Fee Fee Road, Maryland Heights. Please call Margy Robinson, 314-872-7814 to get directions and let us know you are coming.

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strength
AND
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OF THE FUTURE.
PROVERBS 31:25

AN INVITATION

The National Prayer Chain

is coming up on Sunday, October 7th

from 2:00-3:00 at

St. Paul's Evangelical church.

As in years past, the Life Team will provide a light lunch following the 2nd service. Watch for further announcements coming soon.



2018 WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

Sept 21-23

at CAMP MIHASKA - Bourbon, MO

For ALL Women of St. Paul's
Come for an overnight, or one day



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ALL AGES

- *Worship
- *Bible Study/Devotion Time
- *Games
- *Crafts
- *Fun Activities
- *Free time to relax



And No Cooking!
ALL MEALS PROVIDED!

A variety of options, to fit your needs:

- ◆ One Night
- ◆ Saturday Only
- ◆ Two nights



- ◆ Home-cooked meals
- ◆ Hotel-style rooms

2-Nights

Single—\$215
Double—\$130/person

1-Night

Single—\$130
Double—\$80/person

Saturday Only \$25

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The Rummage Sale of 2018 was a success! People started lining up at 6:30 a. m. and the doors didn't open until 8:00 a.m. Thanks to everyone who helped set up tables, racks, sorted and priced the week before, and all who helped the day of the sale, checking and helping customers. God blessed us with a beautiful day. Thank you, Frank May for cooking lunch during the week and the snack bar on Saturday. Thank you, Dave and Mary Smith, and Christy Drake for working the snack bar on Saturday. A special thank you to the parents and youth who worked at taking orders and serving the customers. We had a customer (family) that made their purchases and sat at the snack bar table and visited and played games and had something to eat. There are many stories to tell.

Again this year, when the sale closed at 1:30 p.m. we ask groups to come in and take what they needed for their ministry. They were: *St. John's Community Services Ministry*, Johnnie and her husband and friends come to take what they need for their Ministry. *The Well* has a resale shop in south city. Edward came to get items for the shop and help Pastor Worku. This is the church that we gave our church Bus to several years ago. *The Salvation Army* picked up what was left on Monday, August 6. We praise God that we have been able to help so many people in our community. Everyone has a story to tell from sale day. Thank you to all the people who stayed after the sale to take down tables, racks and box up the items left, and clean up, to have church ready for Sunday morning worship. We are blessed that we made \$6,000.00.

Twenty percent of this amount goes to Women's Fellowship, Benevolence. The remaining amount goes to other needs within the church and community. This was accomplished with God's people of all ages coming together once again. Thank you, Thank you!

Judy Pfeiffer
Crusaders



Mark your calendar
for
the King's Kids Camp Fundraiser Lunch
and Silent Auction
Sunday, November 4th
Baskets and other items are now being
accepted for the auction.

Sanctuary Lighting Project Update

We hope everyone is enjoying the new brighter, energy efficient lighting in our sanctuary and narthex. If you need to turn on the lights there are white wall switches at the east end of the narthex to control the narthex and sanctuary. The choir loft can also be controlled independently. That switch is at the west end of the hall behind the organ pipes. The brightness of all the new fixtures is controlled wirelessly though a computer. Thanks to Debbie Graeler for coordinating the lighting levels.

Our Condolences

Clarence Gronefeld passed away on August 22 at the age of 99. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene. His funeral was performed by Pastor Mark Friz, with burial at St. Paul's Cemetery.

Dorothy (Chris) Sutter died August 26 at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert. Her funeral was performed by Pastor Mark Friz, with burial at Memorial Park Cemetery.



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| | SEP | Nate Starbuck | 09/12 | Samantha Kraus | 09/24 |
| Kelly Schjenken | 09/02 | Marie Braton | 09/13 | Jean Buelter | 09/27 |
| Rosemary Wilson | 09/03 | Jacob Dahl | 09/13 | Melanie Vasel | 09/29 |
| Jim Crews | 09/05 | Jonathan Seley | 09/14 | | |
| Melinda Seley | 09/06 | David Braton | 09/16 | | OCT |
| Carol Carinci | 09/08 | Alan Mueller | 09/16 | Woods, Melvin | 10/02 |
| Sue Jackson | 09/10 | Matthew Jepsen | 09/17 | Walter Gummersheimer | 10/05 |
| ALMA JUNG -- 100 YEARS!! | 09/10 | Don Adnrews | 09/18 | Betty Williams | 10/06 |
| Leslie Koewing | 09/10 | Mark Immekus | 09/19 | Jim Glauert | 10/08 |
| Lucas Pfeiffer | 09/10 | Mark Braton | 09/20 | Bob Vass | 10/09 |
| Rich Neidringhaus | 09/11 | Sieglinde Schnellbacher | 09/20 | Kellie Walter | 10/10 |
| Carole Stahlhut | 09/11 | Nancy Crews | 09/21 | | |
| Jill Pasteris | 09/12 | Lee Carlson | 09/23 | | |



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| | SEP | | | | |
| Scott & Jannet Dieckgraefe | 34 years | 09/01 | John & Debbie Graeler | 34 years | 09/15 |
| Fred & Margaret Robinson | 56 years | 09/02 | Charles & Janet Jung | 37 years | 09/18 |
| Janet & Ed Rolle | 50 years | 09/07 | Gary & Madelyn Oliver | 10 years | 09/21 |
| Ken & Mary Broky | 40 years | 09/09 | Jeff & Christy Drake | 17 years | 09/22 |
| Ronald & Barbara Hueffmeier | 51 years | 09/09 | Paul & Rebecca Daniel | 35 years | 09/24 |
| Herbert & Miriam Stemler | 57 years | 09/09 | | | |
| Robert & Karen Tucker | 15 years | 09/09 | | OCT | |
| Paul & Rosemary Wilson | 52 years | 09/10 | Kate & Daniel Alstadt | 7 years | 10/01 |
| | | | Daniel & Dorothy Nickel | 68 years | 10/07 |

| September Ushers | | October Ushers | |
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| 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| Frank Serdy, Capt Charles Buescher Walter Gummersheimer Bob Hallahan | Jeff Drake, Capt Christy Drake Rob Hicks John Odipio | Bill Mueller, Capt Alan Mueller Ted Shockley Bob Tucker | Chuck Caesar, Capt Phyllis Caesar Chasity Caesar Ron Hueffmeier Danielle Walter |

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ST. PAUL'S
EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Calendar of Events This Month

- 9/2 Communion // 8:30am & 11am
- 9/3 Church Office Closed
- 9/4 Ministry Teams // 7pm
- 9/5 Mom Connect begins // 9:30am
- 9/8 Men's Ministry Work Day // 8am
- 9/10 Deacons // 5:30pm
Elders // 7pm
- 9/12 Women's Bible Study begins // 9:00am
Women's Fellowship // 11:30am
- 9/16 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE // 10am
- 9/17 Ladies Night Out // 7pm
Reasonable Faith // 7pm
- 9/18 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
Stitch-in // 9am
- 9/21-23 Women's Retreat
- 9/23 Fusion Middle School // 6pm
- 9/24 Life Team // 7pm
Cemetery Board // 7:30pm

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.

Wednesdays

- Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
- Mom Connect 9:30 a.m.
- Prayer Meeting Noon
- Focus Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays

- Choir 7:00 p.m.