



175th Anniversary Celebration Draws Over 350 Participants

—by Pastor Mark Friz

After months of planning, September 16 finally arrived!



There was a buzz in the sanctuary as friends and members gathered for the combined 10:00 a.m. worship service. The service included a stirring introit by the choir, an affirmation of faith using the Apostles' Creed, and several songs led by the worship team. Pastors Brian and Andrew

preached a message from Jeremiah 29:1-11, called *Thriving in Babylon*, and Pastor Mark followed with a prayer thanking God for every period of our history. While the offering was received, the choir sang, *Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place*. There were tears of joy in many eyes as the congregation ended the service with a rousing rendition of, *Lift High the Cross*.

After worship, the congregation joined together for a large chicken dinner, with mashed potatoes, green beans and corn as the sides. With over 350 in attendance, chairs were set up in three rooms, and also outside the building. Four food lines and two drink stations accommodated the large crowd, while children built models of our first church building using Lincoln Logs.

The song *Celebrate* by Kool and The Gang signaled the start of the 175th Anniversary Program. As Pastor Mark emceed the program, we heard stories and memories from 10 different ministries of the church.

1. Women's Ministries (Grace Koewing)
2. Men's Ministries (Charlie Jung)
3. Missions Ministries (Tim Dahl)
4. Food Ministries (Jody Graeler)
5. Music Ministries (Lois Percival)
6. Sunday School (Lisa Stahlhut)

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Celebrating 175 Years

7. Camping and Adult Ministries (Andrew Seley)
8. Confirmation, Youth and Small Group Ministries (Brian Bish)
9. Cemetery Ministry (Chuck Caesar)
10. Expansion and Renovation Ministry (Frank Serdy)

Of special interest was the “Food Ministry” spokesperson, who was bent on interrupting the pastors and providing comic relief.

Games began around 2:15, which was the perfect time for everyone to receive Ted Drews frozen custard and cookies. Children and adults played outside, and others enjoyed meeting new friends or renewing acquaintances with friends not seen for years. Archives were displayed in the Front Room, and a large 175th Anniversary Painting was unveiled by our anniversary artist, Del Dace.



The vespers service started at 3:45, and was based on the five values of our pietistic founders. Our early pastors came in the 1840's and 50's from the Basel Mission House in Switzerland and the Barmen Mission House in Germany. These values continue with us to this day.

1. Love for the Word of God
2. Care for the Poor, the Widow, the Orphan
3. Passion for Individual Regeneration
4. Focus on Christian Unity and Warmth
5. Emphasis on World Mission

Various members of our church participated in the readings, including our new City Missionary in Residence, Marco van Raalten.



Our 175th Anniversary Committee would like to thank everyone who helped out with making this day a great day of celebration. There are too many names to mention, but whether you led the games or the worship; whether you served the food or the fun; whether you published the booklets, took pictures, or set up tables, you are all appreciated.

All thanks and praise be to God for bringing us through these 175 years. On September 14, 1843, our ancestors bought one acre of land for \$20, and built a log church there. Today, we still worship the Triune God on that same acre of land; the same gospel is preached; and the same heart to bless our community is evident; and the same desire to be in unity with other Christians is active. In a sermon preached on August 19, 2018, Pastor Mark noted that the average restaurant lasts just 5 years; the average small business lasts less than 10 years; and the average life span of an S&P 500 company is just 15 years. It is truly a supernatural thing that Saint Paul's Church still stands as a vibrant witness in our community 175 years later. All praise and thanks to God!

***“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever”
Isaiah 40:8***

Pastor Mark's 175th Anniversary Prayer Prayed on September 16, 2018

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we come to you during these days of celebrating our past and anticipating our future as a church. We thank you for the reminder in scripture that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and we pray that the worship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit will always be at the center of all that is done at 9801 Olive Blvd.

We thank you, Father, for every period of our history.

- We thank you for the Early Years, from 1843 to 1883. Thank you for the missionaries from the Basel Mission House in Switzerland and the Barmen Mission House in Germany who came here to preach the gospel to our ancestors. Thank you for their courage to fight against the rationalists, and to preach about tough subjects such as sin, repentance, conversion, and regeneration. Thank you for their compassionate faith, and all the caring institutions they founded, like the German Orphan's Home and the Good Samaritan Home. Thank you for their heart to work together with other denominations to spread the gospel. Thank you for the Early Years.
- We thank you, Father, for the Building Years, from 1883 to 1923. Thank you for pastor Uhdau, who had the vision to build a brick church to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Thank you this congregation's passion to plant a new church in Chesterfield, called St. John's. Thank you for the vision to start a service in English, so that the gospel could go beyond the German community. Thank you for the Building Years.
- We thank you, Father, for the Transitional Years, from 1923 to 1963. Thank you that this church decided to adapt rather than die. Thank you for Pastor Mueller, who expanded the use of English in worship, and who worked to make it possible for women in our church to vote. Thank you for all those who welcomed new neighbors as we moved from an urban to suburban community. Thank you for Pastor Gabler, who worked tirelessly to form teams to visit all the people moving into the new homes being built around the church. Thank you for the people, who gave generously to provide a new sanctuary for worship in 1961. Thank you for the Transitional Years.
- We thank you, Father, for the Reforming Years, from 1963 to 2003. Thank you for Pastor Pollmann, who preached God's word and taught the congregation to seek the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the courage of this congregation. During these years, we confronted difficult questions, such as, "Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Is the Bible really the inspired Word of God?" To these questions and more, we said, "Yes," and in the process, we left the United Church of Christ and entered into the Evangelical Free Church! Thank you for keeping our congregation united during those years. Thank you for the work of Pastor Dan Walter, and Pastor Herb Stemler, and others who served on our staff during these years. Thank you for the Reforming Years.
- We also thank you Lord for the challenge of our current age, the Transforming Years, from 2003 to 2043. Indeed, we are living in Babylon. The culture around us has changed from predominantly Christian to post-Christian values. Even so, we will not lose heart. As you have commanded, we will build homes and live in them. We will plant gardens and eat their produce. We will multiply and not decrease. We will pray for the 2.8 million people in the Saint Louis Metropolitan area, and we will seek the welfare of our city. We will do good works, and build good will, and share good news! We thank you for sending Pastors Brian and Andrew to lead us in these days! We thank you for our elders and deacons, and the hearty souls who call this church their home.

Lord, you have taken us . . .

- from log church to brick church
- from gas lamps to electricity
- from dirt roads to four lane highways
- from the German language to the English language
- from war time to peace time
- from rural so suburban
- from mono-cultural to multi-cultural
- from generation to generation
- from century to century to century.

Indeed, you have been "our help in ages past, and you are our hope for years to come!" You are "our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home." You have been a good shepherd to your flock, and today, we thank you, we praise you, we love you, and we rededicate ourselves to your service in the service of others.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray . . . AMEN.

Women's Ministry News

Spiritual Sisters ABF

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

This class is studying the life of Paul, according to Biblical accounts. This class is open to all women.

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 a.m.

The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets by Nancy Guthrie is the topic. See Jesus in the Old Testament and in the prophets! There is a DVD presentation and discussion guide. Explore the lives of Elijah, Elisha, Jonah, Isaiah, and others, revealed as God's earthly messengers, pointing to Israel's final redemption and ultimate hope.

Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, October 10, 11:30a.m.

Fall In-Gathering

November 14 will be the Women's Fellowship's Fall "In-Gathering" supporting Nurses for Newborns. This is a home visitation program which provides a

safety net for families to prevent infant mortality, child abuse, and neglect. Specially trained pediatric nurses are sent to the homes of pregnant women or parents with infants who face medical, social or environmental risks. There will be a collection box in the Welcome Center, beginning October 10 to place your donations. New or gently used items needed: infant clothing newborn to 2T, receiving blankets, bibs, wash cloths, bath towels. New baby care items needed: lotions, bottles, bottle brushes, pacifiers, etc. Especially needed are diapers (all sizes) and wipes (unscented preferred). Thank you for helping us reach out to those in need.

Prayer Shawl

Thursday, October 25, 1:00 p.m.

This month's meeting will be held at the home of Margy Robinson. Please call Margy at 314-872-7814 and let her know you will attend.

She
IS CLOTHED IN
strength
AND
dignity.
AND SHE
laughs
WITHOUT FEAR
OF THE FUTURE.
PROVERBS 31:25

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THANK YOU

I extend my thanks to all who expressed love and concern as I continue to recover from surgery to repair my broken hip.

I am greatly blessed by the many prayers, visits, gifts and phone calls.

In Christian love and gratitude,
Joan Althaus



An incredible group of 31 women had an inspiring weekend at Camp Mihaska, just outside of Bourbon, MO, with perfect fall weather. The theme was “Cozy Mountain Lodge” with a focus on the story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz. Free time in the afternoon allowed for hiking, crafts, time to visit with new friends and old, and even a nap here and there. The group also included 5 mother-daughter pairs, which was very special.



Mothers, Daughters, and Son!





Please Join Us to Celebrate Our
 45TH Wedding Anniversary
 Robert and Sieglinde Schnellbacher
 on
 Saturday, October 20, 2018
 Open House

St. Paul's Church Multipurpose Room

3:00 - 5:00 PM No Gifts Please—RSVP 314-210-0065

St. Paul's EFree Presents:

**SEASONS: BEAUTY
 & FAITHFULNESS**

An afternoon of classics and
 reimagined hymns

Mazzoni Duo/Oct. 21st- 3:30 pm



**TRUNK
 or
 Treat**

Sunday, October 28
 2:00-3:30 pm
 St. Paul's Parking Lot

King's Kids Camp
FUNDRAISER
 Sunday, Nov 4, 12:30pm

**SPAGHETTI DINNER
 SILENT AUCTION
 GIFT TABLE & BAKE SALE**

**Donations Needed: Themed Baskets
 hand-made gifts, baked goods**

For questions, or to donate, contact Jannet in the church office



				OCT					NOV
Melvin Woods	10/02	Pat Walter	10/13	Miriam Stemler	11/1				
Walter Gummersheimer	10/05	Dan Nickel	10/15	Carol Gabbard	11/2				
Betty Williams	10/06	Frank Tyler	10/15	Charlie Jung	11/4				
Jim Glauert	10/08	Isabella Del Cid	10/18	Greg Paquette	11/5				
Bob Vass	10/09	Jack Neier	10/20	Letitia Wong	11/6				
Kellie Walter	10/10	Harold Dielmann	10/21	Bob Binns	11/7				
Rebekah Crews	10/11	Gloria Charwood	10/22	Ed Teter	11/7				
Vicky Schjenken	10/12	Bill Musselman	10/23	Clay Brigham	11/8				
Andrew Seley	10/12	Dan Walter	10/24	Susan Neier	11/8				
Kevin Van Raalten	10/12	Chuck Appel	10/27	Jannet Dieckgraefe	11/9				
Colleen Appel	10/13	John Graeler	10/27	Bill Hiner	11/9				
Carly Caesar	10/13	Marcene Darby	10/28	Noreen Mueller	11/9				
Jack Caesar	10/13			Lisa Stahlhut	11/9				



Kate & Daniel Alstadt	7	10/01	Bob & Donna Schalk	36	10/16
Dan & Dot Nickel	68	10/07	Robert & Sieglinde Schnellbacher	45	10/19
Tim & Jennifer Bensing	4	10/11	Ralph & Lois Percival	63	10/22
Richard & Carol Grater	55	10/12	Al & Fern Black	58	10/23
Jim & Joan Knappenberger	27	10/12	Richard & Bobbie Scholl	33	10/26
Chuck & Colleen Appel	41	10/15	Julie & Tim Hohmann	6	10/27



Rosa Elizabeth Frederick was welcomed to the world by her parents, Amanda and David, sister Jeana and brother Solomon, on September 3, 2018.

October Ushers		November 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

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EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Calendar of Events This Month

- 10/1 Ministry Teams // 7pm
- 10/3 Fingerfood Luncheon
// 11:30am Choral
- 10/7 Communion // 8:30am & 11am
Life Chain // 2-3pm
- 10/8 Deacons // 5:30pm
Elders // 7pm
- 10/10 Women's Fellowship // 11:30am
- 10/15 By-Laws Review Meeting // 6pm
Ladies Night Out // 7pm
Reasonable Faith // 7pm
- 10/16 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
Stitch-in // 9am
- 10/21 Congregational Meeting // 9:30am
Mazzoni Concert // 3:30pm
Fusion Middle School // 6pm
- 10/22 Life Team // 7pm
- 10/25 Prayer Shawl // 1pm
- 10/28 Trunk or Treat // 2pm
- 11/4 King's Kids Camp Fundraiser
// 12:30pm

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.
- Bell Choir 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays

- Choir 7:00 p.m.

Sundays

- Focus Youth Group 6:30 p.m.