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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 2019

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A DAY OF

*Fasting and
Prayer*

SEEKING GOD'S LEADERSHIP
FOR ST. PAUL'S

Saturday, October 26

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From the Deacons by Charlie Jung

Deacon Meeting was held on September 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm. We had an update on our Financial Investment Accounts presented by Mike Gattrell from LPL Financial. Approval of Minutes from August meeting with voice vote to approve. We reviewed our Financial report for the month of August and approved with voice vote. General review of Church Picnic was good turnout considering weather, heard many favorable comments on meat, but also liked the idea of future Picnics at the park. Brief review of Townhall Meeting and updates on 920 House. Meeting was adjourned to meet with Elders.

Invitation from the Elder Board to a Day of Fasting and Prayer

News flash! The spiritual discipline of fasting did not end with the Old Testament or even with Jesus' disciples! Jesus expected His followers to fast; in Matthew 6:17, He said, "When you fast..." not "If you fast." This passage comes right in the middle of Jesus' teaching on prayer and giving. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus uses phrases like "When you give" and "When you pray." Jesus assumed that His followers would give, pray and fast.

What does fasting look like? Fasting is choosing to do without something in order to pray more intentionally and more focused. Fasting does not have to mean not eating – it can be anything we choose to do without, e.g., social media, TV, desserts or other specific foods. The focus of fasting is not what you give up, but intentionally praying instead. The most important part of the fast is not what is or is not on your plate but what is happening in your heart. Ask God how you should fast! What is He inviting you to give up for a period of time in order to spend more time with Him in prayer? Whatever you choose, do it in faith, and God will honor your intentions.

We can't earn God's blessings or answers by prayer and fasting – fasting is not a substitute for obedience or personal surrender. God cannot be blackmailed by human effort. God wants to answer our prayers, and He answers out of grace. Fasting simply prepares us for God's answer. It is a means of cleansing the heart of distractions and helping us have a more receptive frame of mind to what God wants to do.

Prayer and fasting go hand in hand. Prayer is the means by which we grasp the invisible things of God, while fasting is the means by which we let loose and cast away the visible things that we are prone to depend upon. Hudson Taylor, pioneer missionary to China, once said, "Perhaps the greatest hindrance to our work is our own imagined strength; and in fasting we learn what poor, weak creatures we are – dependent on a meal of meat for the little strength which we are so apt to lean upon."

If you study all the fasts in the Bible, **you will find that every time God's people prayed and fasted, God worked mightily on their behalf.** Often in the Bible God's people fasted immediately before a major victory, miracle, or answer to prayer. It prepared them for a blessing!

- **Moses fasted before he received the Ten Commandments.**

So he (Moses) was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. (*Exodus 34:28*)

- **The Israelites fasted before a miraculous victory.**

Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond

the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar” (that is, Engedi). Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. (2 Chronicles 20:2-3)

- **Daniel fasted in order to receive guidance from God.**

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. (Daniel 9:3)

While I was speaking in prayer, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, “O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.” (Daniel 9:21-22)

- **Nehemiah fasted before beginning a major building project.**

“As soon as I heard these words, I sat down and wept and I mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.” (Nehemiah 1:4)

- **Jesus fasted during His victory over temptation.**

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. (Luke 4:1-2)

- **The first Christians fasted during decision-making times.**

While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the works to which I have called them.” Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:1-2)

On October 26, the Elder Board has invited us to a day of fasting and prayer with a special focus on this watershed moment in the life of St. Paul’s Church. As we pray about becoming a church that welcomes all ages and also is a place for skeptics and non-believers to learn about God, let’s ask Him to guide us in these specific areas:

- 1) Leading of the search committee to the right Associate Pastor for Family Ministry for St. Paul's at this time.
- 2) Our sensitivity to the direction of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Appropriate changes/upgrades to our church space to make it more functional, especially for the children's ministry.
- 4) Wisdom in finding ways we can minister to our community.
- 5) Faithfulness to the heritage of St. Paul's (especially faithfulness to Scripture) without being bound to the ways we have always done things.
- 6) Other – what requests has God laid on your heart?

The day’s schedule includes:

9:00 – Kick-off Worship Service

10:00 – 6:00 Prayer walking/ Prayer Stations around the church with suggestions about how to pray for each of these concerns. Or walk your neighborhood. Or your family. Or your workplace. Or...?

Sunday morning services – Wrap-up

Please join us in anticipating October 26 when we corporately seek God’s face and His wisdom and direction for St. Paul’s Church.

Joyce Lindstrom
Janet Barzoff

Women's Ministry News

Quilters and More

Tuesdays, 9:30 am- 2 pm

Come to quilt, stitch and learn! Join the group for pot luck lunch and wonderful fellowship.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays 9am to 11am

Seeing Jesus in Genesis. This study is uniquely designed to help you to look in the wonder of the first book of the Old Testament – Genesis – and see how it prepares for and points us to Christ.

Women's Fellowship

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

Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship. Dessert and drinks provided.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, October 21, 7pm – Ministry House

All ladies are welcome for a relaxing evening out, to visit and get to know each other a bit better. Bring a snack to share.

Prayer Shawl

Thursday, October 17, 1:00 p.m.

Location to be determined.



Fall In-Gathering:

November 13th will be 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 9th to place your donations. New or gently used items needed: infant clothing newborn to 2T, receiving blankets, bibs, wash cloths, bath towels, board books etc. 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.



Women's Retreat September 20-22, 2019



Children's Ministries News by Lisa Stahlhut

Wow! It seems like September just got started, and yet here we are with October staring us in our face!

In Sunday School, we have picked up right where we left off in June. As we continue to work our way through the Bible, we will learn more about David and then Solomon. We have pushed back our actual start time to 10:00 a.m. Please do your best to have your child there by then. We will have "activity time" from 9:40-10:00, with the lesson beginning at 10:00. This year, we are going to work hard at making our children more visible at church by having them participate during the worship services in different ways. Look for us to share a song in both services in the very near future. We will also be learning the Apostles Creed this year, so any practice at home would be appreciated.

Hopefully you have added our annual Trunk or Treat to your calendar. On Sunday, October 27 from 1:30-3:00 pm we invite our own children as well as any neighboring children to come join in on the fun. Fredbird will again make a special appearance at 2:00. It's a fun day and is only possible with the support of the congregation providing both candy and sharing their "trunks." We hope to have more trunks than ever before, so if possible plan to join us even if you don't have any children that will be participating.

As always, we are anxious to have new families join us for Sunday School, as well as any of our special events. Invite your friends and families to join us each week. They will not only have fun, but learn about God's word.

A Note from Hope Fellowship, Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We know how hard it is to have our beloved leaders leave a church family. Even when God calls them to relocate or if they retire, or even go home to be with the Lord, it is still a loss.

I want you to know that Hope Fellowship has been praying for three years for God to send us a new senior pastor. Our beloved pastor, Mark Swirsky is retiring after being our pastor for twenty-three years. We have been praying for God to send a new leader of His choosing. After a year of going through the process, Brian Bish was clearly God's choice for us.

I want to tell all of you that we promise to love and support Brian, Natalie and their precious boys as they serve God in our church.

We hope many of you will be able to visit us when you come south. We have mild winters! You will be welcomed.

May God bless all of us as we serve Him. May He be glorified through our lives.

In His Service,
Sue Caldwell

Prayer Ministry
Hope Fellowship
Lake Jackson, Texas



Famous St. Louis House Tour
September 26, 2019

Upcoming Events



2019 FALL MEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 18 - 20
AT CAMP MIHASKA - BOURBON, MO
 All meals included
 Registration forms at the Big Desk



Sunday, October 27
1:30 - 3:00 pm
St. Paul's Parking Lot

King's Kids Camp Fundraiser Sunday
November 10th
12:30 p.m.

Save the date for this annual lunch and silent auction/gift sale. This is the major fundraiser for our camping program, which helps to provide scholarship funds for campers to attend. Tickets will go on sale October 20.

Donations are also needed of themed baskets, hand-made gifts, baked goods, and items for the gift sale table. If you have items to donate, please contact the church office.



Tyler Martin	10/2	Colleen Appel	10/13	Miriam Stemler	11/1
Melvin Woods	10/2	Carly Caesar	10/13	Charles Jung	11/4
Walter Gummersheimer	10/5	Jack Caesar	10/13	Greg Paquette	11/5
Betty Williams	10/6	Pat Walter	10/13	Letitia Wong	11/6
James Stull	10/7	Dan Nickel	10/15	Bob Binns	11/7
Jim Glauert	10/8	Isabella del Cid	10/18	Ed Teter	11/7
Bob Vass	10/9	Jack Neier	10/20	Clay Brigham	11/8
Kellie Walter	10/10	Harold Dielmann	10/21	Susan Neier	11/8
Rebekah Crews	10/11	Gloria Charwood	10/22	Jannet Dieckgraefe	11/9
Hannah Coste	10/12	William Musselman	10/23	Bill Hiner	11/9
Vicky Schjenken	10/12	Dan Walter	10/24	Noreen Mueller	11/9
Andrew Seley	10/12	Charles Appel	10/27	Lisa Stahlhut	11/9
Kevin van Raalten	10/12	John Graeler	10/27		



	Years			Years	
Kate & Daniel Alstadt	8	10/01	Robert & Sieglinde Schnellbacher	46	10/19
Dan & Dorothy Nickel	69	10/07	Ralph & Lois Percival	64	10/22
Tim & Jennifer Bensing	5	10/11	Al & Fern Black	59	10/23
Richard & Carol Grater	56	10/12	Julie & Tim Hohmann	7	10/27
James & Joan Knappenberger	28	10/12			November
Chuck & Colleen Appel	42	10/15	Fred & Lela Vollmer	51	11/09
Robert & Donna Schalk	37	10/16	William & Susan Musselman	40	11/11

Our Condolences

Lavern H. Luedloff Poindexter (nee Eschenbrenner) died September 27, 2019 at the age of 91. Her funeral service was October 1, 2019 at St. Paul's, officiated by Pastor Mark Friz. Burial was in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

Richard Browne, died September 25, 2019. His memorial service will be October 16 at St. Paul's Church.

October Ushers		November Ushers	
8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Charles Jung, Capt Bill Mueller Don Andrews	John Graeler, Capt Lendy Middendorf Steve Vasel Chris Vasel Luke Vasel	Harold Dielmann, Capt Charles Appel Scott Dieckgraefe Andy Dielmann Charles Eschenbrenner Bob Kallemeier Rich Niedringhaus	Bob Schalk, Capt Sue Musselman Joyce Sabine Dwight Holmon

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Calendar of Events This Month

- 10/2 Feast of Tiny Food // 11:30am
- 10/6 Communion
- 10/7 Ministry Teams // 7pm
- 10/9 Women's Fellowship // 11:30am
- 10/10 10 Days of Prayer Service // 7pm
- 10/13 Fusion // 6pm
- 10/14 Deacons // 5:30pm
Elders // 7pm
- 10/15 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
- 10/18-20 Men's Retreat
- 10/21 Ladies Night Out // 7pm
- 10/24 Prayer Shawl // 1pm
- 10/26 Day of Prayer and Fasting
- 10/27 Trunk or Treat // 2pm
- 10/28 Life Team // 7pm

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

- 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.