

News @ St. Paul's

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

JULY 2020

Presenting the Confirmands of 2020!

These four young men culminated their hard work with presentations of their mini-sermons and were confirmed on June 21st.

- Fernando del Cid
- Francisco Gastelum
- Calvin Wong
- Nate Starbuck



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From the Elders by Jim Glauert

On behalf of the Elder Board thanks for all you are doing to help stop the spread of the Corona Virus. We understand that singing through a mask is uncomfortable and sounds funny. We understand how much we all miss time spent in the Welcome Center on Sunday morning checking in with each other. We all miss the other meetings where we get to be together. Some of us even miss the donuts and coffee.

Sadly, until there is a vaccine, many of the limitations we deal with will continue. Masks, social distancing, and limitations on attendance numbers will continue on Sunday mornings. Fortunately, some limitations are being relaxed. I hope you've heard that an RSVP for Sunday worship in the sanctuary is no longer required. This is based on St Louis County's increased attendance limits and the attendance we've been having.

Many of you are concerned about other meetings that take place in the building. After surveying groups that call St. Paul's home the Elder Board has come up with new guidelines. The office will be communicating with the groups impacted. In general, there will be no use of the kitchen and where possible groups will use the 920 house to minimize sanitizing requirements in the main building. We'll wait until the COVID-19 situation ends before we follow through on our plans to tear that building down.

Other activities continue, although they take place virtually rather than in person. I hope you've tried some of the weekday calls the Pastors hosted on Turbobridge. And I'm sure we all know more about Zoom than we ever wanted to learn.

The fact that St. Paul's can continue with limited access to our building should cause us to begin thinking about what the future could look like. Should virtual meetings become more common? I'm sure anybody who drives more than 20 minutes to get to the building might enjoy continuing to have that option. I expect we'll continue to live stream our services even after all the restrictions are lifted.

- Jim

From the Deacons by Charlie Jung

We met on June 8, 2020 and all members were present. Jerry Eichholz opened with prayer. We had an investment report from Mike Gatrell, our investment representative, who advised that accounts are down about 1%. The minutes from May were reviewed and approved. The financial report was reviewed and checked to make sure our Cares Act Loan was in order. We talked about future budgets and how that might look if our giving remains as it is. Without the help of the Cares Act we would be way behind what is needed to support our budget.

The Stewardship committee has made some recommendation to consolidation of some of the funds and accounts. The deacons have acted on those recommendations to help clean up some of the files. Tech Committee has purchased new equipment and has put it into use to help with our online worship services and to give us more opportunities in recording services for the future. Firstlight is close to having the 932 property ready for their use. Deacons have approved an upgrade to the software for controlling our HVAC system. The meeting ended with prayer by Jeff Drake. Adjourned at 7:10PM

Women's Bible Study News

St. Paul's Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins September 9, 2020

9:00-11:00 am

[Sign Up Now](#)

Thy Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10)

*What kind of king and what kind of kingdom are we asking for
when we pray this prayer that Jesus taught us to pray?*

*Our study will be the Old Testament Historical Book, “**The Son of David**”— Joshua through Esther—
by Nancy Guthrie. We will see the kingdom of God not only as it once was, but also as it is now, and as
it will be one day.*

*This 20-week guided study will have relevant teaching and group discussion, led by seasoned Bible
teacher Nancy Guthrie, who traces the history of the people of God from the time they entered the
Promised Land through a series of failed kings, exile, and finally their return to await the true King.
Readers will see Jesus as:*

- *the greater Joshua who leads his people into rest;*
- *the greater Boaz who has done all that is necessary to redeem;*
- *the greater King who will sit on David's throne forever*
- *the greater Restorer who is building his church from ruined stones*

*Gain a fresh perspective on Israel's history and God's kingdom, a broader understanding of Jesus as
the fulfillment of Scripture, and much more when you join with Nancy on this incredible journey to see
Jesus in the Old Testament.*

The cost of \$20.00 includes lesson book, including mailing, and a share of the DVD cost, payable by
check. (Please mail to St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church, 9801 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141)
We will be using a Zoom Meeting web site until we can safely meet in our church building. We will be
getting a lesson book to you by mail before the first class, as Nancy wants us to read the first Teaching
Chapter before our first class. **Registration Deadline 8/22/2020** in order to get the book on time. Of
course, anyone is welcome to join us anytime.

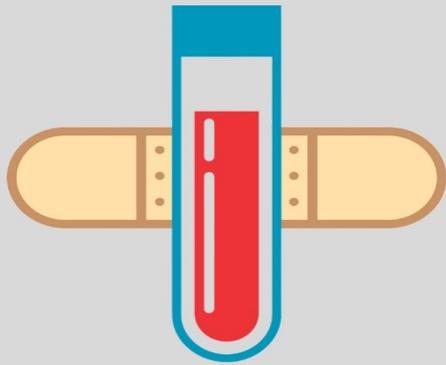
To sign up for class, contact Jean: Gmabuelter@gmail.com, 314-402 6944, or the church office
INFORMATION needed: Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number, Email Address

We look forward to seeing you there!



NEED PRAYER?

email your prayer requests to:
prayer@stpaulsefree.org



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

**July 20
3 - 6pm**

to sign up, call Sharon McGauly
636-225-5126

CONGRATULATIONS to these recent graduates, and **BEST WISHES** in all of your future endeavors!

High School

- ◆ Isabella del Cid
- ◆ Nate van Raalten
- ◆ Caroline Wong

College

- ◆ Tessa Stahlhut, The University of Iowa
B.A. in English and Creative Writing
Minor: Theatre



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To make a purchase from our wish list, visit this online event link:

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All purchases through this site are free of tax and shipping, and will be sent directly to the church.

Children & Family Ministry Update by Lisa Stahlhut

As you have probably heard, we will be holding on to our Rocky Railway VBS curriculum in hopes that we are able to hold a traditional VBS in 2021. In the meantime, plans are underway to hold a Backyard VBS later this summer. Stay tuned for more information!

Be sure to watch your email for upcoming story times with Don Andrews and I. We plan to spend two Saturdays a month reading a story and having a conversation with the children of our church. At 10:00 am I will read a story geared toward 2 year-olds to 7 year-olds. At 10:30 am Don will read to our children 8 years old and up. These story times will be held via Zoom, so be sure to look for the link to participate. ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND EITHER SESSION, OR BOTH!

Please let me know if you have an incoming 2nd grader! We would like to recognize them and present them with a Bible in September! You can email me at lisa_stahlhut@yahoo.com.

As always, please continue to pray for our children, especially when there are still so many unknowns they are facing with school, daycare, church, etc.

Two New Little Ones!

Jude Micah Stull, born June 18, 2020

to Micah & Jackie Stull
grandparents Jamie & Betsy Stull,
great-grandparents Al & Fern Black



Gabriella Lidia Rose Hernandez, born June 22, 2020

to Katie & Reynaldo Hernandez
also welcomed by big sister Elena

Birthday Cards for Percy

Percy Clark recently had a fall and broke her shoulder, and is currently healing at a rehab facility. Percy's 90th birthday is coming up on July 11, and she is not allowed visitors at the facility. We are asking for birthday cards to be sent, to help raise her spirits and let her know that we're thinking about her on her special day. The cards can be sent to her daughter at the following:

Sandra Randall
7053 Endicott Way
Indianapolis, IN 46259

A Thank You from Chamsowa School in Malawi

Hello , I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of funds for toilet construction amounting to \$2000. I am very thankful for this and I wish you to extend my appreciations to St Paul's Evangelical Church in St Louis USA for this great assistance to our school children. The toilets will transform the out look of site beyond recognition. I will keep on informing you about the progress of the work. May the good Lord bless you all.

Stephen Mulepa (Principal for Chamasowa School - Malawi)



Happy Birthday!

Phyllis Bauer	7/1	Julian Steimel	7/7	Hans Cug	7/23
Marlene Buescher	7/1	Dean Alstadt	7/8	Elizabeth Schurwan	7/23
Maria del Cid	7/1	Zoe Stadler	7/8	Zachary Crawford	7/27
Greg Steimel	7/1	Scott Dieckgraefe	7/9	Mareika Cug	7/27
Grace van Raalten	7/1	Percy Clark	7/11	Mary McDannold	7/28
Claudia Day	7/3	Natalie Doby	7/13	Joan Stewart	7/30
Ruth Niemeier	7/4	Jacob Stahlhut	7/17	Donna Jayne	8/1
Bob Schalk	7/5	Grace Koewing	7/19	Mary Adams	8/6
Kathy Woodrome	7/5	Robert Tucker	7/20	Caroline Wong	8/6
Gerene Hecht	7/6	Nancy Dahl	7/21	William Luft	8/8
Donna Schalk	7/6	Cynthia Graeler	7/21		
Sharon McGauly	7/7	Emily Crawford	7/23		



Kristine & Kenneth Williamson	7	7/3
Kurt & Barbara Van Dyk	51	7/5
Bob & Ann Kallemeier	30	7/7
Greg & Jennifer Steimel	8	7/7
Chuck & Phyllis Caesar	22	7/8
Mark & Kristine Immekus	26	7/9
Dan & Pat Walter	50	7/11
Frank & Mary Louise Serdy	52	7/13
Sarah & Josh Shipman	4	7/16
David & Mary Smith	38	7/21
Greg & Kim Paquette	32	7/23
Clay & Nancy Brigham	9	7/24
Jim & Nancy Crews	23	8/2
Donald & Samantha Jung	14	8/5
Charles & Marlene Buescher	67	8/7
Charles & Marlene Eschenbrenner	67	8/8
Jim & Cindy Glauert	3	8/10

David Gelette Harned passed away June 18, 2020 at the age of 76. His funeral service was June 23 officiated by Pastor Mark Friz, with burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Ruth Rhoads passed away June 24, 2020 at the age of 80



Thank You

From the family of Alma Jung

Thank You to the members of St. Paul's E-free Church, for your memorials, cards, phone calls, and loving prayers and thoughts during our time of grief. We are blessed to have a loving caring congregations. Alma was proud to call this her church. We look forward to a day when we can celebrate her life in a way that is more fitting for the servant she was.

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