

# News @ St. Paul's

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2020

## SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



### VBS



## YOUTH RETREAT



## OFFICE UPGRADE

New Carpet & Hardwood Refinishing



## SUNDAY MORNING HOME CHURCH GROUP



## MOM CONNECT

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## Children & Family Ministry Update by Lisa Stahlhut

### Vacation Bible School

August was a time that we could enjoy some socially distanced time together through our Backyard VBS! We had 3 neighborhood based programs thanks to the Heuermann family, the vanRaaltan family, and the Starbuck family. These families were given all the supplies needed and were encouraged to invite children from their neighborhood to participate. This year's theme was "Anchored: Deepening Faith in God." Our primary VBS was held at the Ministry House for the children of St. Paul's that weren't already hosting at their home. Twelve children attended the two day event and enjoyed playing games, making crafts, singing, and hearing how God is Faithful. The pictures below are those from the Ministry House VBS. It was so great to be able to see the kids and learn about God's word!



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**The Children's Library** is coming together, thanks to all of the great books received with the recent book drive. Donations of gently used books are always appreciated too. If you have books to donate they can be left in the welcome center, or contact the church office to arrange drop-off or pick-up.



## From the Deacons by Charlie Jung

Our meeting started on the August 10<sup>th</sup> and was postponed because of members losing power at their homes. The meeting resumed on the 20th. We approved minutes from July. The financial report looked good, as our giving has shown true faithfulness from our members.

We had discussion on Deferred Compensation for the Parsonage, and we voted on and passed a motion that would give 1.5% of the pastor's salary to be placed in an account designated for that pastor. This is to be reviewed yearly and is subject to be changed by the Deacons. The Cares Act Loan forgiveness is in process as soon as we are given final guidelines on how to complete. We have put \$5,000 into the Seminars and Meeting line to be used for pastors and spouses who would like to attend the Central District Pastors Retreat but may be struggling from the Covid Pandemic in their area and not have the funds available. We have seen completion of new upgrades to the HVAC software system and are close to final completion of Fire Alarm upgrades. We have approved the purchase of a Disinfectant Fogger to be used for cleaning and Sanitizing our Facility

Thanks and Praise God for our Faithfull Congregation

Clay shows the new Disinfectant Fogger!



## From the Elders by Jim Glauert

The Elder Board is continuing to monitor the rules for gatherings to see how they impact St. Paul's. We are also looking forward to Pastor Daniel rescheduling his visit for a trial sermon. This was delayed from our planned August 30<sup>th</sup> date due to a death in the family.

We are beginning to consider what comes after the pandemic. Does everything just go back to the way it was? What will our Sunday morning look like when we can all go to church without masks?

Of course, there are non-COVID related issues to consider. Are we making the best use of our facilities? How are we progressing toward our goal of being a welcoming congregation by getting to know our neighbors?

We hold all these issues in prayer. We will continue to pray for our world, our nation, our state, our community, and our congregation. We invite you to join us in praying for all of these things.

## Women's Bible Study

You are invited to join the ladies' Bible Study studying *Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books: The Son of David* by Nancy Guthrie. We will be meeting on Zoom on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45 beginning September 9. Please contact Jannet Dieckgraefe to register and request a book (\$20 to St. Paul's, 9801 Olvie Blvd., St. Louis 63141). If you have missed a week or two, join us anyway!

**10 Days 2020 Inundated with City Applications  
--by Pastor Mark Friz**

**If there was ever a time for Christians to join together in prayer across denominations, the time is now!** A global pandemic. Racial unrest. Crime and riots on the increase. An upcoming election. A country deeply divided. Now is the time to pray!

**Perhaps that is why there is unprecedented interest in 10 Days of Prayer 2020.** Consider this update from 10 Days Founder and National Ministry Director Jonathan Friz . . .

As of Friday August 21, there were 61 cities confirmed for 2020

In the last few days, 10 Days has received 70 more city applications from all over the world.

Jonathan Friz and his national team are working on 100+ leads.

It is clear to see that God will be exceeding the 120 city goal for 2020. Praise God!

**10 Days 2020 happens between the Days of Awe, September 19-28.** The goal this year is 120 Cities praying 24/7 in Unity, and 120,000 people set apart to seek God's face. You can learn more about the movement, which has its roots right here at St. Paul's, by going to the web address [www.10days.net](http://www.10days.net).

**This will be the second year in recent times that the Saint Louis Metro has participated in the 10 Days of Prayer.** Marco van Raalten, St. Paul's City Missionary, is heading up the planning for this year. Each night, we will meet in a different location throughout the Metro. Our goal is to have all prayer events both in person and online. See below for a tentative schedule. For an updated schedule, please go to our web site, [www.10daysstlouis.com](http://www.10daysstlouis.com), or our Facebook page, 10 Days of Prayer: St. Louis (@10DaysofPrayerSTL)

DATE	CHURCH/ORGANIZATION	THEME
Saturday, 9/19	National Day of Prayer	A Nineveh Moment
Sunday 9/20	North County Churches – Chatham Bible Church	Upper Room Posture
Monday 9/21	One City Won City	Humility
Tuesday 9/22	Destiny Church - 7 pm	Turning from Evil Deeds
Wednesday 9/23	Evangelical Free Churches, Jubilee Church – 7 pm	Turning our Hearts to Him
Thursday 9/24	Grace Church – 12 -1 pm East St. Louis - evening	Waiting on God
Friday 9/25	Speak to the City	From Despair to Hope
Saturday 9/26	THE RETURN – all day Simulcast @ Grace Bible	Salvation and Harvest
Sunday 9/27	Clayton Community Church	Transformation for Individuals, Cities and Nations
Monday 9/28	JT/Civil Righteous/Kurt W	Kairos Moment

**10 Days is partnering this year with “The Return” for a National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance on September 26, 2020.** This event will be held on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and throughout America and the World through a simulcast. To learn more about this event, go to [www.thereturn.org](http://www.thereturn.org).

**In a recent conversation with Jonathan Friz, he told me, “We have never seen anything like this.”**

**Will you commit to be one of the 120,000 set apart for prayer and fasting from September 19-28?** If so, sign up individually at [www.10days.net](http://www.10days.net). To help out with our efforts in the St. Louis Metro, contact Marco van Raalten. Indeed, our God is an awesome God!



From the principal at Chamasowa Primary school in Malawi:  
The 10 toilets are now complete.  
Thank you so very much to our friends at St. Paul's for making this possible.

Whether you're worshipping in person at the church, online, or by phone let us know you're with us, with our new online attendance card. It's available on the website on the "worship attendance" tab, or at [stpaulsefree.org/worship-attendance/](http://stpaulsefree.org/worship-attendance/)



**AN INVITATION**  
**The National Prayer (Life) Chain is coming**  
**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00**

**LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Due to Covid-19, St. Paul's and other churches in our area will not be hosting the event this year.**

**St. Paul's Life Team encourages you to be in prayer on this day for all unborn children and, in particular, for those Moms who might be contemplating an abortion. Ask God to open their eyes to the great blessings of their child and to the knowledge that they are created in God's image.**

## Pastor Daniel's Visit Rescheduled October 2-4

Save this date to meet our pastor candidate Daniel Sjogren and his wife Nicole  
More details will be coming soon.



### NEW MAILBOX!

With the challenges of receiving mail deliveries during a pandemic office shut-down, a mailbox has been installed outside of the main entrance. The office staff is very excited to have this new addition!

...it's the little things in life...

(Many Thanks to Mike Kolmer for his assistance with installation)



**OUTDOOR COMMUNION** provided another blessing for folks to come together. Thank you to the Pastors, Worship Team and Parking Lot Ushers who made this happen.

### Angel Tree

We will again be purchasing gifts for kids who have parents in prison.

In planning ahead, some of the more common gift needs are socks, gloves/mittens, pajamas, ball caps, board games, books and art kits. If you have any of these new items or wish to buy in advance for this project, we will be starting to collect for our Angel Tree kids and can match your pre-purchased gifts with kids. Whenever you have gifts to donate, contact the church office. As always, thanks for your help in supporting these families.

Coming to you from the front of the Church:



Pastor A reads us a story



# Happy Birthday!

Kelly Schjenken	9/2	Nate Starbuck	9/12	Samantha Kraus	9/24
Rosa Frederick	9/3	Marie Braton	9/13	Jean Buelter	9/27
Paul Wilson	9/3	Jacob Dahl	9/13	Melanie Vasel	9/29
Rosemary Wilson	9/3	Jonathan Seley	9/14	Maggie Alstadt	10/1
Jim Crews	9/5	David Braton	9/16	Tyler Martin	10/2
Melinda Seley	9/6	Alan Mueller	9/16	Melvin Woods	10/2
Carol Carinci	9/8	Matthew Jepsen	9/17	Walter Gummersheimer	10/5
Sue Jackson	9/10	Don Andrews	9/18	Betty Williams	10/6
Leslie Koewing	9/10	Mark Immekus	9/19	James Stull	10/7
Lucas Pfeiffer	9/10	Mark Braton	9/20	Jim Glauert	10/8
Richard Niedringhaus	9/11	Sieglinde Schnellbacher	9/20	Bob Vass	10/9
Carole Stahlhut	9/11	Nancy Crews	9/21	Kellie Walter	10/10
Jill Pasteris	9/12	Lee Carlson	9/23		

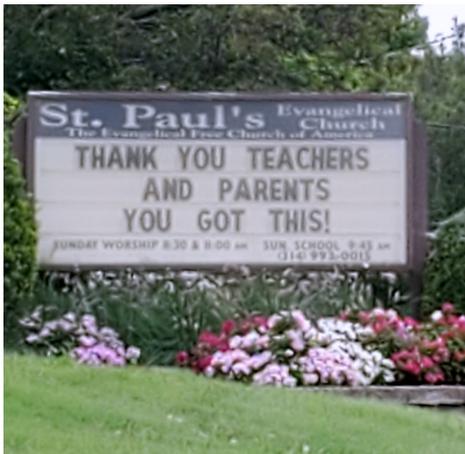
Scott & Jannet Dieckgraefe	36	9/1
Fred & Margy Robinson	58	9/2
Janet & Ed Rolle	52	9/7
Ken & Mary Broky	42	9/9
Ron & Barb Hueffmeier	53	9/9
Robert & Karen Tucker	17	9/9
Paul & Rosemary Wilson	54	9/10
John & Debbie Graeler	36	9/15
Charles & Janet Jung	39	9/18
Gary & Madelyn Oliver	12	9/21
Jeff & Christy Drake	19	9/22
Paul & Becky Daniel	37	9/24
Beverly & Rick Millard	16	9/25
Kate & Daniel Alstadt	9	10/1

*Celebrating  
an  
Anniversary  
this Month*



## With Sympathy:

**Jane (Willenbrock) Altmayer** passed away August 26, 2020 at the age of 81. Her private funeral service was officiated by Pastor Mark Friz, at the St. Paul's Cemetery.



Happy Artwork by  
Molly Crawford.

Thanks Molly!



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