

**ST. PAUL'S**

**EVANGELICAL  
CHURCH**



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Julie and I have enjoyed our first five days here at St. Paul's. We want to express our thanks for making us feel so welcome and providing such a wonderful place for us to live. We will especially enjoy the back patio during this wonderful fall weather.

Thanks to all who have provided furniture and household items, left food in the refrigerator, been available to help us get settled, or built bedside stands for us (Guess who?).

Our commitment to you and to Interim Pastor Ministries (IPM) is to remain here at St. Paul's until the Lord provides the next long-term pastor to lead the church into the next chapter of your story. We will lead St. Paul's through a five-step assessment and transition process that will conclude with the formation of a search team and the calling and installation of your next pastor. During the process we will **look back** at your long and storied history. We will **look around** at the church and its present situation and at the neighborhood in which God has placed us, looking for new outreach opportunities. And finally, we will **look ahead** with strategic initiatives based on all we have learned through the transition process. I am thankful for the good leadership and foresight of the elders in committing to this process. Too many churches try to bypass this kind of "hard work" and pay for their short sightedness down the road.

The home you have provided for us will be a great place to entertain and provide hospitality as we have opportunity. We look forward to getting to know you all better. The first step in the process will be taking time to interview and connect with as many of you as is possible. You will be hearing from someone to schedule a suitable time for us to connect (either in your home or at the parsonage) in the next few months. Pray for us. The challenge of leading St. Paul's is one I take very seriously and consider a great honor. I need your prayers – and your patience. We have very clearly sensed God's leading and direction in this decision. We are confident that He has led us here.

With love and expectation of all God will do during this transition period.  
Blessings!

"May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and Redeemer." --Psalm 19:14.

—Pastor Don Price



## Prayer Meetings

9:00am

- Tuesday, October 12
- Saturday, October 23

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Lisa Stahlhut

After a year and a half, we finally returned to Sunday School on September 12. It was so good to see so many little, and some not so little faces eager to learn about God.

Our curriculum will be taking us through Jesus' birth, his baptism, the calling of his disciples, and some of his miracles. So many great stories, that your child won't want to miss. Each month, children will be given a bag of activities that will coincide with the lessons for that month to help reinforce our teaching at home. These bags will be available for children 2 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Don't forget – children may report to their classrooms at 10:45 am for a time of play and fellowship with their peers.

# TRUNK OR TREAT



Sunday, October 31  
1:30 - 3:00 pm  
St. Paul's Parking Lot

*CANDY! HOT DOGS! FUN ACTIVITIES!*

If you can participate with a decorated car, please contact  
[lisa\\_stahlhut@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_stahlhut@yahoo.com)



**CANDY** is also needed for Trunk or Treat.  
If you can donate bagged candy,  
please place in the designated container  
in the welcome center

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

**Women's Fellowship** — Join us for our next meeting, Wednesday, October 6 at 11:30am. Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.



Recently a group put together love kits to send to the Congo



**From Jody and Walter Graeler:**

Thank you to all who sent cards, well wishes and provided prayers for Jody's surgery and recovery.

**From Jannet Dieckgraefe:**

Thank you to those who sent cards and notes of encouragement following my Mother's passing.

### **Missionary Thank You**

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for your generous, steady support over all these years! It has meant so much to our family and the ministry here to receive your encouragement and friendship. Hope to see you when we have more time in St. Louis new time! Nate & Faith Walter (Santiago de Compostela, Spain)



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

### It's time to pack shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**

Boxes are packed with items such as small toys, personal care items, books, etc and sent to children around the world. Empty boxes will be available in the welcome center, with packing ideas and instructions.

Boxes are to be returned to the church **by November 14**



Other ways to help include:

- Each box sent requires \$9 for shipping. Donations are welcome to help cover this cost.
- Donate small items, and we'll do the packing for you.

We will be sponsoring 100 children again this year with the purchase of Christmas gifts.

**HELP IS NEEDED**, with contacting families, and purchasing, wrapping and organizing gifts.

If you would like to be part of this team, contact the church office.



**ANGEL TREE**

*A Program of Prison Fellowship*

The time of year is quickly approaching to prepare the church for the Christmas season!

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Friday & Saturday, November 26 & 27  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 28 at 12:30 p.m.  
*(pizza will be provided to those helping)*

If you are able to help, please contact Lynn May, 314-623-4526

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Maggie Alstadt	10/1	Kevin van Raalten	10/12	Chuck Appel	10/27
Tyler Martin	10/2	Colleen Appel	10/13	John Graeler	10/27
Melvin Woods	10/2	Carly Caesar	10/13	Marcene Darby	10/28
Walter Gummersheimer	10/5	Jack Caesar	10/13	Charlie Jung	11/4
Betty Williams	10/6	Pat Walter	10/13	Greg Paquette	11/5
James Stull	10/7	Dan Nickel	10/15	Letitia Wong	11/6
Jim Glauert	10/8	Frank Tyler	10/15	Bob Binns	11/7
Bob Vass	10/9	Isabella del Cid	10/18	Ed Teter	11/7
Kellie Walter	10/10	Jack Neier	10/20	Clay Brigham	11/8
Rebekah Crews	10/11	Harold Dielmann	10/21	Susan Neier	11/8
Hannah Coste	10/12	Gloria Charwood	10/22	Jannet Dieckgraefe	11/9
Vicky Schjenken	10/12	Bill Musselman	10/23	Bill Hiner	11/9
Andrew Seley	10/12	Dan Walter	10/24	Lisa Stahlut	11/9



Kate & Daniel Alstadt	10	10/1
Tim & Jennifer Bensing	7	10/11
Richard & Carol Grater	58	10/12
James & Joan Knappenberger	30	10/12
Chuck & Colleen Appel	44	10/15
Bob & Donna Schalk	39	10/16
Bill & Susan Musselman	42	10/18
Robert & Sieglinde Schnellbacher	48	10/19
Ralph & Lois Percival	66	10/22
Al & Fern Black	61	10/23
Richard & Bobbi Scholl	36	10/26
Julie & Tim Hohmann	9	10/27
Lenny & Laura Klaus	37	10/27
Fred & Lela Vollmer	53	11/9
Bill & Susan Mullseman	39	11/11



**Gerene Hecht**, went home to Jesus on October 4, 2021 at the age of 93. She was a devoted member of St. Paul's for 77 years.

Her funeral service is scheduled for October 12 at Schrader Funeral Home, with a private burial.



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