



Holy Week & Easter Services

*Make room for the living grace,
truth, and love of Jesus Christ*



Palm Sunday

APRIL 2 AT 9:30AM

Lean into the great joy and terrible sorrow of the day that began Jesus' last week on earth.



Good Friday

APRIL 7 AT 7:00PM

Remember, grieve, and give thanks for Christ's costly death that reconciled us to God for eternity.



Easter Sunday

APRIL 9 ~ 7:15AM & 9:30AM;
EASTER EGG HUNT AT 10:45AM

Stand in joyful awe of Jesus' miraculous triumph over the grave and his living presence with us now and forever.

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In recognition of her retirement on March 31, Jannet Dieckgraefe was honored during the worship service for her 17 years of service to St. Paul's. We are grateful to God and to Jannet for her faithful work in our church office, for programming heating & cooling for the church, maintaining member records, helping with the website, newsletters, scheduling facility usage, assisting outside groups, helping with weddings, for chaperoning four groups of St. Paul's teens to minister at Camp

Champfleuri in France, participating in King's Kids Camp for 20 years, taking pictures and updating St. Paul's directory, planning and leading Women's retreats, driving around during the pandemic to take dozens of "porch" pictures to share with us, for attaching our faces to pews so Pastor Andrew would not be preaching to an empty sanctuary, and for the many other ways she has served us. Thank you, Jannet, for the creativity, experience, and skills you have shared with us.

Certificate of Appreciation

GIVEN TO

Jannet Dieckgraefe

IN GRATITUDE FOR 17 YEARS OF EXCELLENT SERVICE TO
GOD AND TO ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT
MARCH 31, 2023

From the congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical Church

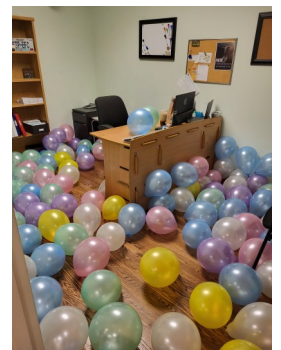
Dear St. Paul's Friends,

Thank you so much for your many wonderful notes and kind words these past couple of weeks. It is a bittersweet time for me, as I move into the next phase of what the Lord has for my life. I am so grateful and have fond memories of working with so many of you on church projects, retreats, communications, camps, youth ministry, VBS, small groups, remodeling activities, general church work and so much more.

I am especially thankful for my fellow staff members that I have worked with, particularly the past couple of years through some challenging times. This group of people became a "team" under the direction of Pastor Andrew, and continued to support one another moving forward. I also thank my office mates for a fun send off, complete with a delicious lunch and an office filled with colorful balloons!

God's Blessings to everyone at St. Paul's, for whatever the future holds.

~Jannet



STAFF CHANGES

Dear Church Family,

It is with a heavy heart I am resigning as Pastor of Family Ministry here at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. My time here has been marked by many difficulties, as the church has faced numerous challenges in the 2+ years I have been on staff and I have dealt with significant loss and hardship within my own family as well. Unfortunately, I have reached a point where I cannot continue to serve here in good conscience.

I hope that my resignation will make space for the repentance and reconciliation that needs to take place for the witness of St. Paul's to thrive in the name of Christ. My singular recommendation moving forward is for the church to submit itself to a Christ-centered, independent investigation through an accredited organization. Additionally, I thought it would be helpful to provide you with some responses to some of the most common questions I am getting at this time.

- 1. When will I be finishing my time at St. Paul's?** My time at St. Paul's will officially end on either June 14th or shortly after I find a new job. Until my time ends, I will continue to serve with Cultivate Kids and Cultivate Teens and in any other ways I can be of service to those here at St. Paul's.
- 2. What do I plan on doing next?** This is a harder question to answer as I really do not know exactly what I want to do. I am focusing my efforts on jobs within the social services and non-profit sectors. I do not plan on looking at any church-specific positions as I need some time for myself and my family to heal from a very difficult season of ministry over the past few years. You can pray for God to provide the right job for myself and my family in the coming months as I continue to look at other opportunities and consider what God may be calling me to next.

I have grown to cherish this unique church. You have generously provided for the needs of my family and myself. You all have stepped up in some big ways during my time here and have brought me much encouragement and support as I have endeavored to help our church reach the community around it. I am especially grateful for the dedication shown by so many volunteers to serve with Cultivate Kids on Wednesday nights, Children's Church and Sunday School on Sunday mornings, and Cultivate Teens on Sunday nights. As my time here comes to a close, I want to again, say "thank you" to everyone here at St. Paul's for the love, support, generosity, and care during my time here. I pray God brings to St. Paul's the right person to lead this church forward.

—Pastor Daniel Sjogren

Dear Friends at St Paul's,

Julie and I wanted to take this opportunity to express our love and continued prayers for you. It was an honor to serve with you these past 18 months. Thank you for providing so generously for us. We enjoyed living in the parsonage; it was a great place to host many of you, as well as other friends and family. Special thanks to the deacons for taking great care of the parsonage while we were with you.

We arrived back to our home in Louisville around 6:30 after our last Sunday in St Louis. A friend had dinner ready here and together with Sarah and Paul we got the truck and trailer and our two cars unloaded. We are getting reestablished here with our church, ministry opportunities, helping Paul and Sarah on the farm, and spending time with other family and friends.

Our interim ministry with you did not end the way we had anticipated. We wish we could have said a proper good-bye to all of you, but that was not possible. Your expressions of love and support were greatly appreciated. We hope you will continue to trust and rejoice in our King Jesus as we are choosing to do. God's ways are not always our ways. His lovingkindness is new every morning. Great is His faithfulness!

Be assured of our prayers for you. Our home is always open here in Louisville. We enjoy visitors and would love to show you around "The Lou".

Blessings and love,

Don and Julie

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PASTORAL SEARCH TEAM

The Search Committee has been meeting since the beginning of February and has had some very insightful conversations while preparing for our search. We have been blessed to have several guests attend meetings to help us frame up what we are looking for in Pastor Next. This has included hearing from members of the Transition Team, as well as a representative from the personnel committee to share a summary of Pastor Andrew's exit interview. We hope to begin the process of preparing our profile for St. Paul's to share with prospective candidate portals very soon. Please continue to hold this committee in prayer during this important transitional time at St. Paul's.

—Lisa Stahlhut

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Join the ladies at the next meeting, April 12 at 11:30am. Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.

Women's Fellowship will be supporting 'The Little Bit Foundation' for our Mother's Day collection.

We chose this nonprofit after hearing about their loss in the city's Spring flood. Their warehouse and collected items were destroyed in the flood and have been unable to support the families in the city.

Help support this valuable city missionary. Look for collection boxes in the Welcome Center April 16-May 7. Items most needed are: personal care items for adults and children such as, hair care products, body soaps, deodorant, women's feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotions. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

Call Phyllis Bauer for more information 314-567-3216.



Mother-Daughter Spring Banquet
Friday, May 5 ~ 6:00pm

Tickets available in the Welcome Center:
April 16, 23, 30

For information, call Judy Pfeiffer
314-423-2601



NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

Payment for the settlement has been delivered as required. In order to pay the settlement it has been decided to take out a loan from ourselves utilizing funds from one of our investment accounts. The Deacons will be discussing the framework to repay ourselves at our April meeting and will relay additional details as they become available. A special fund called "Settlement Fund" has been established. This fund is available for anyone wishing to designate contributions over and above your normal giving or tithe to be applied to the internal repayment. Please designate any such contributions to "Settlement Fund".

The Deacon Board wishes to congratulate Jannet Dieckgraefe on her retirement and extend heartfelt gratitude to her for 17 years of dedicated service. Jannet has certainly been a blessing to St. Paul's and all who have had the pleasure of working with her. God bless you and Thank you Jannet!

March 2023 Financial Update:

Giving from Members/Attendees

Received in March: \$62,887 Received Year-to-Date: \$142,901

March Expenses: \$ 63,983 Expenses Year-to-Date: \$202,098
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ELDER ITEMS

On March 25, nine people gathered around a table in the multipurpose room to pray. That's all – just pray. We prayed for St. Paul's – for healing, for wisdom, for Mike Shield's time here the next day, for volunteers to come forward or respond when invited to serve in various capacities, and for ways we can serve our congregation and our community. By the end of the day, a volunteer for the deacon board emailed. The next morning, another deacon volunteer approached us.

Mike Shield's time with us on Sunday March 26th both blessed and challenged us all. Chuck Caesar shared how we are going to pay the lawsuit settlement.

The nominating team, listed below, has set a date for their first meeting. God is moving among us and answering our prayers for the future of St. Paul's! We will meet again at 9:00 a.m. on April 29 to pray, and you are invited to join us as we humbly and boldly approach the throne of God on behalf of St. Paul's.

Susan Musselman, chair
Sieglinde Schnellbacher
David Smith
Joyce Lindstrom

ELDER MEETING MINUTES

St. Paul's Church – Elder Board Minutes -March 13, 2023

Elders Present: David Brewer, Joyce Lindstrom, Bob Schalk, Barbara van Dyk

Opening Prayer: Bob Schalk

Pastors' Report: Pastors were not in attendance.

Mike Shields, EFCA Central District:

Mike Shields entered the room and asked to speak to the Elder Board. He has been in contact with Pastor Don Price advising him a letter will be sent from Tom Harris, Executive Director of Interim Pastoral Ministry, recalling him from his position as Interim Pastor of St. Paul's Church. Mike was very encouraging to the Elder Board. On March 26, Mike will be a guest speaker, with a Q&A session following this worship service. He stressed, we at St. Paul's, must be in a position to offer and receive forgiveness and not lay blame at anyone's feet. Todd Brooks will be available to fill the pulpit during April and May. Elders and Deacons will participate with IPM in identifying an Interim Pastor with the gifts of Teaching, Healing and Shepherding.

Old Business:

We will, with the aid of Todd Brooks and a chosen mediator, continue with conciliation sessions with the Deacons. Discussion on a proposed contemporary worship was put on hold until the April meeting.

New Business:

An announcement will be put in the church bulletin soliciting names for a nominating committee. Joyce Lindstrom will be the Elder representative on the committee. Time for quarterly listening session between the Elders and congregants will be established at the April meeting. Announcements will be put into the Sunday bulletins offering anointing and laying on of hands, by the Elders, to any congregants who have a need. Congregants will be invited to the Shepherding Meeting on Saturday, March 25, to be in earnest prayer for St. Paul's.

Deacons' Report:

The Deacons were informed, prior to entering the Elder meeting, about Pastor Don being recalled. David Brewer, on behalf of the full Elder Board, asked forgiveness from the Deacons and they were invited to join mediation sessions. The General Fund has an \$81,000 deficit and they are working on the best way to pay the monies required to settle the law suit. A Town Hall Meeting will be called for Sunday, March 26, to give the congregation an update.

Calendaring:

Saturday, March 25, Shepherding Meeting, 8:30 a.m., with congregants invited at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

Sunday, April 9, Easter (He Has Risen!)

Monday, April 10, Elder Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Bob Schalk

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara van Dyk, Elder Board Secretary

Action Items:

Elders are to pray daily for St. Paul's and ways to move forward.

Barbara van Dyk will prepare an announcement sheet for the bulletin to include the need for a nominating committee, those interested in serving as Elders or Deacons, an invitation to the March 25 Shepherding Meeting.

Bob Schalk will be in touch with Todd Brooks regarding a mediation session.

David Brewer will contact Leticia Wong and Jaime Stull about contemporary worship.

Barbara van Dyk will talk with David Pollmann regarding ongoing Wednesday night Small Groups.

Bob Schalk will confirm with Jannet Dieckgraefte that designated Elders email is still active and update the mailing list for this.

Barbara van Dyk will speak with Jannet Dieckgraefte on how Elders might help support office staff.

Happy Anniversary!

Gregg & Charlene Peter	37	4/14
Kim & Nick Ragsdale	11	4/21
Jeff & Tera Stahlhut	13	5/8

Happy Birthday!

Phyllis Stadler	4/1	Robb Hicks	4/7	Sarah Crews	5/1
Lois Percival	4/2	Evan Paquette	4/7	Conway Wong	5/1
Bob Kallemeier	4/4	Ralph Percival	4/8	Cindy Glauert	5/5
Larry Smith	4/4	Nancy Cash	4/9	David Oliver	5/7
Cindy Bodenschatz	4/5	Leanne Davis	4/10	Ginni Thomas	5/8
Eric Potratz	4/6	Joan Althaus	4/14	James Knappenberger	5/9
		Mary Lou Fochtman	4/14	Carol Teter	5/10
		Ruth Hinzpeter	4/22		

MISSION TEAM NEWS

Disaster Relief

Does it seem like the number of disasters in this world, both natural and manmade, are multiplying almost on a daily basis? Do you want to provide financial assistance in disaster relief, but aren't sure what organizations are Christ-based and effective in carrying out this important mission? Your Mission Team did some research on this topic about two years ago in order that we would have solid information for decisions on providing St. Paul's funds to support those hurting from war, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and other catastrophic events. We thought it would be helpful to pass on that information to the congregation.

There are many, many charitable organizations out there that help hurting people around the world. We found that two of the most effective in mobilizing quickly and getting the needed aid to a location anywhere in the world are Convoy of Hope and Samaritan's Purse.

Convoy of Hope:

Convoy of Hope was founded in 1994, and is based in Springfield, MO. It is a faith-based organization focused on children's feeding initiatives, community outreach and disaster response. Convoy of Hope partners with local churches, businesses, civic organizations, and government agencies to get help to communities around the world. In 2022 alone, the organization served over 4.5 million people through disaster relief for 39 disasters globally and 36 in the US. Convoy of Hope was immediately on the ground after the tornadoes in Mississippi this past weekend, arriving within a day with truckloads of supplies. Convoy of Hope is accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and has a four-star rating from Charity Navigator.

Samaritan's Purse:

Many of you are familiar with Samaritan's Purse through our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive. Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Like Convoy of Hope, Samaritan's Purse is already on the ground in Mississippi. The organization's capabilities and focus are wide-ranging. The massive logistics of disaster relief is one area of ministry, as is Operation Christmas Child. However, the organization mobilizes medical missions around the world, conducts marriage enrichment retreats for hurting veterans and their spouses, and so much more. Samaritan's Purse brings together volunteers from around the country to support disaster relief here in the US, which is another way you can help beyond financial donations. Samaritan's Purse has a clear statement of faith, and their response to people who ask why they work in crisis areas of the world, the answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, *"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake"* (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

We hope you find this information useful. Again, there are many worthy, faith-based organizations doing great work, and your support will be appreciated no matter where you give it. These are two that have the logistics, partnerships and know-how to get aid where it is needed fast and effectively.

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Sundays

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Cultivate Teens	6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Quilters and Project Linus	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Meeting	1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study	9:00 p.m.
Cultivate Kids	5:45 p.m.

Thursdays

Praise Ringers	6:00 p.m.
Chorale	7:00 p.m.

4/2	Palm Sunday
	Communion
4/3	Missions // 7pm
4/7	Good Friday Service // 7pm
4/9	EASTER
	Sunrise Service // 7:30am
	Worship Service // 9:30am
	Egg Hunt // 10:45am
4/10	Church Office Closed
4/12	Women's Fellowship // 11:30am