



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
CELEBRATE, HONOR, & REMEMBER
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ELDER NEWS

At a Special Congregational Meeting on May 21, four new members were elected to the St. Paul's Elder Board:



Dwight Holmon: Dwight, who has been a member of St. Paul's Church since 2014, has served as a Stephen Minister and a greeter. He has participated in small groups and Men's Fraternity. A survey of spiritual gifts that Dwight took when he joined St. Paul's indicated that he has the gift of discernment, and we look forward to Dwight using that gift on the Elder Board. Dwight ended his testimony with this affirmation: I love JESUS CHRIST, and I love St. Paul's Church.



Carter Meier: Although Carter's parents were both devoted Christians, he did not fully understand what it means to be truly born again until he was in the Army and his pastor there led him to Christ – for real! He has been coming to St. Paul's since 2014 and joined in 2022 so he could have a voice and a vote in the challenges facing St. Paul's. He serves on the Mission Team and blesses us with his trumpet on occasion. Professionally, Carter is a chiropractor.



Frank Serdy: Frank and his wife, Mary Louise, have been members of St. Paul's since 1973. He was president of the Church Council during the turbulence of leaving the UCC denomination and affiliating with the Evangelical Free. We look forward to having his wisdom and experience help us through our current turbulence. In retirement, Frank has become an excellent woodworker, as evidenced by the desk and cabinets in our Welcome Center and Multi-Purpose Room.



David Smith: David and his wife, Mary, have been members of St. Paul's for 40 years. He has participated in small groups, Promise Keepers, Men's Fellowship, Mission Team, and choir/trumpet. He believes in Christ and everyone's saving salvation through him. He believes in the rebirth of St. Paul's, everyone being reunified, loving each other, forgiveness, outreaching, increasing our youth group and congregation, better communication, and having Christ bring his church to a new mountain-top.

Marco van Raalten shared that the Search Team for Pastor Next has completed the description of St. Paul's, including ministries, building, and profile of Pastor Next, and they are just about ready to push "Send!" to post the job opening.

Isabella del Cid explained that she and David Pollmann will be working with the youth group this summer with the goal of preparing the students for the next school year.

Elizabeth Thomas announced a ladies' retreat to be held on October 7 – hang on for more details.

Jamie Stull announced a new contemporary worship time on Wednesday evenings, beginning May 31, led by Letitia Wong.

Pastor Terry Schoenfeld - (full bio will be posted on bulletin board in Welcome Center) June 4, 11, 18, 25



Pastor Terry Schoenfeld will be preaching at St. Paul's for the four Sundays of June. He and his wife, Karol, will be living in the parsonage. Terry grew up in rural northeast Iowa, graduating from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa with a B.A. in Psychology. Halfway through college, he trusted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and, having no religious background, decided to go to Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana for the express purpose of gaining biblical knowledge. He had no interest in going into pastoral ministry. He married his college sweetheart, Karol Ferguson, weeks before entering seminary. During his time in seminary, he began sensing God's call in his life to go into pastoral ministry. After taking a semester to do an internship at his college church, Martensdale Community Church, to further confirm God's calling, he and Karol became committed to full time ministry. They moved to Martensdale, Iowa for 18 months while he completed his M.Div. Thesis, graduated, and searched for a pastorate. MCC was a valuable training ground for ministry under his mentor, Joel Andrus, who has served that church formally for 38 years and informally following retirement for 25 more years.

Terry served the Evangelical Free Church of Atlantic, Iowa for nearly 25 years where his passion for preaching and for understanding how the Bible is relevant to every aspect of life was formed. He served at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church in Webster Groves for 12 years, followed by two years of helping facilitate a merger of Cornerstone with Christ Community EFC which became Wellspring Family Church. He and Karol relocated to Winterset, IA in January 2022 to establish a home base after joining Interim Pastor Ministries.

Special Congregational Meeting on June 25 to vote on inviting Pastor Terry to serve as our interim Pastor.



Youth Night at TopGolf



Cultivate Kids Wrap-up



Korean Intercessors Prayer



MAY 2023 @ ST. PAUL'S

Send your pictures to
stpauls@stpaulsefree.org to be included
 In the next month's newsletter!

May 5 - Mother Daughter Banquet



ELDER LISTENING SESSION

We want to hear from you! There will be an Elder Board Listening Session on Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5. If you have any questions or suggestions about how we can continue to move forward, please come and share your ideas with us.

Your Elder Board: Bob Schalk, chair, David Brewer, Dwight Holmon, Joyce Lindstrom, Carter Meier, Frank Serdy, David Smith, Barbara van Dyk

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Join the ladies at the next meeting, June 14 at 11:30am. Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.



Women's Fellowship Annual Mother's Day Ingathering

In May Women's Fellowship supported 'The Little Bit Foundation' for our Mother's Day collection. We chose this non-profit 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. Items collected displayed above. Thank you St. Pauls for supporting so generously!

More pics from our Mother Daughter Banquet and a special thank you to our men who helped make this year's Mother Daughter Banquet a success!



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Thank you to all who helped make Cultivate Kids a success! We couldn't have done it without you!



Regular Sunday School has ended for the summer. Over the Summer be sure to check the Welcome Center for a bag with your child's name on it, the first Sunday of the month. This is just a way to help your child know that their church family is thinking of them and remind them of some special bible stories.

Childrens Church will take a short summer break July 9 through July 30 and will resume on Sunday August 6. Children are encouraged to join their parents in worship during this time.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS is coming in June with a space theme called Stellar – Shine Jesus' Light. From **June 26 - 30** children will be learning how when life feels dark, we should shine Jesus' light! We will begin each evening with a **free family dinner at 5:30 pm** and will end promptly at 8:00 pm.

REGISTER

Visit stpaulsefree.org to register your kids (4 years old thru 5th grade).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need many volunteers to help during the week, so please contact Lisa Stahlhut at lisa_stahlhut@yahoo.com if you have any questions or can help. We will also need help constructing the backdrops prior to the week of VBS. Please consider helping make this week a success for our children.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Are you missing the music and atmosphere of contemporary worship? Join our new Wednesday Worship, a monthly family fellowship with music, prayer, and devotional time on Wednesday June 21 from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Musicians and planners needed. Contact Letitia Wong (314)443-8015 if you would like to join the team.



NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM

Summer Visits from Missionaries-

St. Paul's will be hosting quite a few visits from our supported missionaries in the coming months.

June 4—Solomon and Ruby Kendagor of ISI

July 9— Cricket Meyer of Uyesu Unathi Ministries from South Africa

July 23—Allan and Cindy Pavey with Torchbearers - the latest from Champfleuri Bible Camp in France

August 13—Nate and Faith Walter; on sabbatical from their work in Spain operating the Pilgrim House on the Camino del Santiago in Spain.

August 20—David and Shawna Boerema - updates on the EFCA APEX program.

These are wonderful opportunities to gain a deeper appreciation for the ministries of each of these missionaries, their challenges, and the highlights of what God is doing here in the US and all over the world. We hope you will join us on each of these Sundays during the fellowship time in the MultiPurpose Room. As you probably know from past visits, you should prepare to be amazed and engaged!

Missionary Update —Craig and La Donna Smith

The psalmist presents the heart, soul, and goal of every servant of Christ. A godly legacy that will live on well after their generation passes on. We believe this speaks not only of our naturally born children, but of our spiritual kids as well. LaDonna and I have been blessed over the years with three, now grown, children who have a heart after the Lord. We also have a growing number of spiritual kids we have invested in and desire to see walk in God's ways as well. We continue to invest in next generational leaders in numerous ways, including a stop in April at the new On Eagles' Wings Leadership Center in Harrison, AR. A week after the official opening of the center at the beautiful new Leadership Center with Ron Hutchcraft and the On Eagles' Wings staff, we were asked to share the Indigenous Faith series to these incredible youth. What a joy to spend several days teaching and investing in the lives of young adults who have been wonderfully saved and equipped to share their faith with their people through the ministry of On Eagles' Wings. In times past we've been blessed to lead this ministry for over 6 years, and our hearts take joy for the continued opportunities to invest in their spiritual growth and progress.

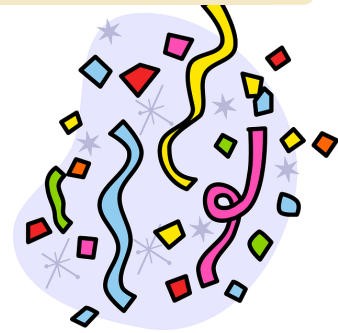
Pray for these dear young people that they will not only be established but follow hard after Christ throughout all their days and in their generation. These are the future pastors, evangelists, and lay leaders in their communities, reservations, and urban centers where God leads them to live. They will be the light of the gospel long after those of us in this generation have been taken home to our rewards.

Thank you for helping us invest in the next generation through your generosity and faithful support.

Happy Anniversary!

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Michael & Sharon McGauly 6/1—60 years	Robert & Mary Vass 6/19—52 years
Conway & Letitia Wong 6/3—23 years	John & Melissa Shehan 6/23—5 years
Larry & Sue Jackson 6/11—46 years	Jerry & Faye Eichholz 6/25—57 years
Don & Sue Andrews 6/16—44 years	Kelly & Vicky Schjenken 6/29—50 years
Eddie & Naomi Lebsock 6/17—57 years	Michael & Tammy Davis 6/30—34 years
Robert & Marlene Summers 6/18—63 years	James & Martha Miller 6/30—63 years



Happy Birthday!

Roger Lindstrom 6/1	Betsy Stull 6/12	Kristine Immekus 6/21
Elaine Gabler 6/2	Kenneth Russell 6/13	Doug Teare 6/21
Dominic Palombo 6/2	Aristo Sjogren 6/13	Julie Hohmann 6/22
Jack Owens 6/3	Timothy Dahl 6/14	Betty Wardlaw 6/22
Thaddeus Sjogren 6/4	Traci Steo 6/14	Gary Oliver 6/23
Easton Hohmann 6/5	Danielle Walter 6/14	Mary Vass 6/24
Bill Mueller 6/5	Craig Caesar 6/15	Kassandra Williamson 6/26
Sue Andrews 6/10	Chuck Caesar 6/16	Phyllis Bauer 7/1
Marlene Summers 6/11	Greg Wyne 6/17	Marlene Buescher 7/1
Joyce Erselius 6/12	Jude Stull 6/18	Maria del Cid 7/1
	Dwight Holmon 6/19	Greg Steimel 7/1
	Barbara van Dyk 6/19	Grace van Raalten 7/1
	Jennifer Bensing 6/21	



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2023 Financial Update (Preliminary Numbers)-

Needed to support Monthly Budget:	\$61,884.00
May Giving in Support of Monthly Budget:	\$37,899.41
May Expenses:	<u>\$48,902.83</u>
	(\$11,003.42) Short
Giving Received Year-to-Date:	\$245,130.78
Expenses Year-to-Date:	<u>\$302,861.91</u>
	(\$57,758.13) Short

DEACON NEWS

St. Paul's Evangelical Church
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Sundays

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays

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

6/4	Communion
6/5	Missions Team 7pm
6/14	Flag Day
6/14	Women's Fellowship 11:30am
6/18	Father's Day
6/18	Church night/CarShield Field 5:30pm
6/20	Elder Listening Session 7pm
6/21	Wednesday Worship 6:30pm
6/24	Prayer with the Elders 9am
6/25	Congregational Meeting 10:45 am
6/26-30	VBS 5:30-8pm
7/4	Church Office Closed