

## St. Paul's Calls Pastor Marc Castro as Lead Pastor



Such good news we have, and such gratitude to God and to our Search Committee! On Sunday, October 1, Pastor Marc Castro preached on "Real Love." His sermon was followed by a vote to call him as our new Lead Pastor, and the vote was affirmed by 96% of our voting members!

Pastor Marc and his wife Andrea, with their delightful daughters Joelle and Margot, come to us from Norwalk, Iowa. They served two previous churches in Albert Lea and Lakeville, both in Minnesota.

Many, many thanks to Marco van Raalten, chair, and to the rest of the Search Team, who have invested countless hours since January developing a church profile and expectations for "Pastor Next" (who now has a real name!), reviewing applications, calling Pastor Marc's references, and hosting our Saturday time to meet and greet the Castro family. It was a

huge job, and we appreciate the hours they worked on our behalf and the passion they demonstrated both for the glory of God and for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Church.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Marc and his family to St. Paul's. His installation service is scheduled for December 3, 2023. Following the worship/installation service, a reception luncheon will be served. To RSVP, Please call the church office (314-993-0015) or email ([stpaulsefree.org](http://stpaulsefree.org)).

Thanks, also, to Pastor Terry Schoenfeld, who has been a faithful shepherd to us since June, and we look forward to his continuing ministry with us through November.

With gratitude to God and to all of you,

St. Paul's Elder Board

Bob Schalk, chair,

David Brewer, Dwight Holmon, Joyce Lindstrom, Carter Meier,

Frank Serdy, Dave Smith, Barbara van Dyk



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## ELDER / DEACON NEWS

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## PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

To Our Jewish Brothers and Sisters,

We want to express our support and our concern for you in light of this most recent attack against Israel and the Jewish community world wide. As Christians we worship the same God as you, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of Israel. All of western civilization is in debt to the Jewish people. You gave us the Law of Moses and the Prophets which revealed to the whole world the nature and righteousness of the one true God. Our civilization is founded on the principles revealed to us in the Hebrew scriptures.

We stand with you in prayer for the safety and for the peace of Israel. As Christians we are very cognizant of the fact that our Christian faith has very permanent and deep roots in the Jewish faith. We unite with you on the many commonalities of that faith as there is more overlap than not. May we pray with you now.

Lord God Jehovah, draw near to us and consider our petition. We seek your blessings on all of those who have suffered in this barbaric evil attack. Pour out your Spirit on all of those who are hurting and mourning. Comfort them as only You can. Grant them your peace and help them to pick up the pieces of their lives and enable them to carry on. I call upon your righteous indignation and seek your justice on those who have perpetrated and supported this evil. Lord be with the soldiers who now must go in and rescue the situation. Enable them to act swiftly and decisively as you guide them as they seek to follow and do Your will.

"Because you have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings will I rejoice. My soul follows hard after You: Your right Hand upholds me. But those who seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the Earth. They shall fall by the sword; They shall be a portion for foxes. But the King shall rejoice in God; every one who swears by Him shall glory: But the mouth of them who speak lies shall be stopped."

Psalm 63:7-11 KJV

Let it now be as You have said Oh God. Amen!

From the congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Creve Coeur Missouri  
Robert Schalk, elder board chairman.

## THANK-YOU JAMIE & BETSY STULL



Jamie Stull turned in his resignation as our contemporary worship leader effective October 1, 2023. We were blessed and are grateful for his 7 years of service in leading St. Paul's in worship. The Bible says that "God inhabits the praises of his people." We feel strongly that you created a worship atmosphere where that could and did take place, you did a great job.

Betsy Stull, our organist, pianist, and worship team member turned in her resignation effective October 31, 2023. Betsy not only played music but also wrote music. On several occasions Betsy wrote and accompanied songs she had written for St. Paul's which were both beautiful and inspiring. Betsy was committed to facilitating inspiring worship and she brought her "A" game every Sunday.

The elder board of St. Paul's wants to recognize both Jamie's and Betsy's talent, passion and dedication to music at St. Paul's. We wish them the best as they serve at another church in the area.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Women's Fellowship** Our next meeting is November 8. Bring your own lunch - dessert/drinks provided.

### CHRISTMAS GLOW BRUNCH

**Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m.**

Tickets available November 12, 19, and 26 in the  
Welcome Center after Sunday worship  
or call the Church Office - \$15



### **Glow Brunch**

Mark your calendars for Saturday December 2, at 10 a.m. for the Women's Fellowship Glow Brunch. Our theme is "A Taste of Christmas." Tickets are \$15 and go on sale November 12, 19, and 26 in the Welcome Center after worship. If you have questions, contact Grace Koewing 314-429-2740.

Please note: The bake sale that was advertised last month has been cancelled.

**YarnWorks** Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 9, 1-3 pm, at the home of Mary Louise Serdy, 13275 Windygate Lane, 63146. Questions? Call 314-210-0065.

### **"Healing Hearts" Women's Retreat**

On October 7th, the women of St. Paul's enjoyed a retreat based on Ezekiel 36:26. (God speaking) I will give you a new heart and give you a new spirit. I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Elizabeth Thomas did the teaching, and we had times of worship, discussion, meals, and crafts. We learned what sorts of qualities God wants for our hearts, and what He should remove from our hearts. Overall, it was a great day!





## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

### Trunk-or-Treat

Thank-you to everyone who joined us with decorated tables and those who donated candy for the event. A BIG thanks to Lisa Stahlhut, Don Andrews, and Kari van Raalten for organizing, and Christy Drake and Judy Pfeiffer for providing our hotdogs and snacks. We also want to thank the firefighters and Louie from the St. Louis Blues for joining us.



### Operation Christmas Child

You can pick up your shoeboxes starting Sunday, November 5.  
Please fill and return them NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19.  
Please consider donating to have the boxes shipped (\$10 per box).  
Contact Lisa Stahlhut if you have any questions.

Plans are being made for a new Wednesday evening kids program, **JAM**, to launch in January. We are planning a family event in December. More information will be coming in November.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Stahlhut.



## MEMORIALS

**Gayle Lynn Gast**, age 79, of Maryland Heights, Missouri passed away on Friday, September 29, 2023. Gayle leaves behind her beloved husband, John Gast, her children; Johnny Gast, Elizabeth Gast-Napolitano, and James (Melissa) Gast. She was an adoring grandma to Shane (Lindsay) Gast, Shawn Gast, Michael Napolitano, Grace (Erinn) Napolitano-Jones, Andrew Gast, Everett Gast, and two great grandchildren; Finley and Penelope Gast. Gayle dedicated her time to supporting her children in the Girl and Boy Scouts. She was an exceptional seamstress, with a talent for knitting and cross-stitching. In her professional life, Gayle worked in customer service at Aunt Heidi's Corner, and later at the Hallmark store. She left a lasting impression on those she served. Her presence will be deeply missed by all those that loved her.

**Walter Gummersheimer**, age 87, was born on October 5, 1935 and passed away October 2, 2023. Walter is survived by his son, Mark Gummersheimer. He and Mark, were the "Sauerkraut Team" at our sausage suppers for many years. He will be missed by many of his friends here at St. Paul's.

**Matthew Jepson**, age 57, was born on September 17, 1966 and passed away on October 11, 2023. Matthew served St. Paul's by working on the sound booth before moving to Texas to worship at Pastor Brian's church. He leaves behind his beloved boxer mastiff, Paris, who now lives with Jeff and Christy Drake.

**Virginia Catherine Engel**, age 100, went to be with her Lord on October 19, 2023. The oldest of William and Anna (Kern) Engel's four children, she was born on November 17, 1922 in Olivette, Missouri. Robert and Vivian Engel, George and Darlene Engel, Ruth and Tony Germano along with her parents welcomed her to heaven. Virginia attended Central school, and helped on the family farm. She worked at Curtiss-Wright during World War II, and then at General Electric from where she retired. A devoted, life-long member of St. Paul's Evangelical church, she studied and served God by volunteering, teaching Sunday School, participating in missions and small groups. She moved to Friendship Village Chesterfield with her Mom in the mid 80's, serving on the board and many committees. She was an excellent card player and loved gardening, bowling, working puzzles, and traveling the world. Her nephews and nieces strive to follow her excellent example; a life well lived.

**Carol Ann Carinci**, age 80, passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023. She was born on September 8, 1943 to Louis A. Bamsey and Ellen A. Bamsey in Waterloo, Iowa. She went on to the University of Iowa, where she obtained a Masters Degree in Spanish. Following college, Carol became a Spanish teacher, first at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL, and later at Horton Watkins High School in Ladue, MO, where she taught for 35 years. Carol married her husband, Jerry in 1968. They loved to travel and made numerous trips around the world. Carol will be remembered by her family and friends as a kind, caring, generous person who placed the needs of others first. Carol was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Jerry.

**Walter Charles Kugler**, "Wally", age 85, passed away peacefully Sunday, October 22, 2023. Beloved husband of Shirley Kugler (nee Fowler) for 45 years; dear father of Scott (Keri) Kugler and Tracey (Nick) Kugler-Yamasato; loving grandfather of Calvin Kugler; brother of Joan (Bill) Neal. Wally enjoyed being a little league baseball coach, fishing with Scott & the boys, taking Tracey on dad & daughter dates, and Imperial dancing with Shirley. He also spent time bowling, playing poker, reading, watching war movies & documentaries, and watching St. Louis sports with his friends. Wally was loved and will be greatly missed by his family and the many lives he touched.

**Fern Lois Sewell Black**, "Loli", age 93, entered into the presence of her Savior on Friday, October 27, 2023. The second daughter of Ruth M. and Harry J. Sewell, she was born on February 6, 1930, in Minneapolis, MN, where she lived for 35 years before moving to St. Louis in 1965. Beginning as a young teenager, Fern served for 10 years as organist in several Minneapolis churches, transitioning to her first Organist/Choir Director position in 1954. In her 40's, she earned her B.A. in Music at Washington University with honors. She was active in the American Guild of Organists for 75 years, and MuPhi Music Fraternity for 55 years. She retired as organist at St. Paul's in 2018, at the age of 88.

Fern is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Albert Woodson Black, III; her brother Fred Sewell (Gloria); brother-in-law Mike Black (Rita); four children and their spouses: Paul (Marty), Scott (Krystyna), Betsy (James Stull), and Mike (Sally); ten grandchildren and their spouses: Erin, Sam, Becky, Nina, Micah (Jackie), Johanna, Myra, Reid, Josiah (Faith), and Caleb; one great-grandson, Jude, and a number of nieces and nephews. Her family was an extremely important part of her life. Fern lived out her faith through her music and in acts of love and service to others.



## Happy Anniversary!

Rob & Cindy Heurmann	11/09	27 years
Fred & Lela Vollmer	11/09	55 years
Bill & Susan Musselmann	11/11	44 years

## ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Craig & Cindy Bodenschatz	11/24	11 years
Craig & Amy Caesar	11/26	36 years
Terry & Mary McDannold	12/02	34 years

## Happy Birthday!

Charles Jung	11/04
Greg Paquette	11/05
Letitia Wong	11/06
Bob Binns	11/07
Ed Teter	11/07
Clay Brigham	11/08

Bill Hiner	11/09
Lisa Stahlhut	11/09
Julia Drake	11/11
Janet Rolle	11/12
David Brewer	11/15
Christy Drake	11/17
Nancy Mueller	11/19
Jody Graeler	11/23

Pat Ruhmann	11/24
Paul Daniel	11/26
Kayden Williamson	11/26
David Smith	11/28
Charles Eschenbrenner	11/29
Debbie Graeler	11/30
Frank Serdy	11/30
Mike Kolmer	12/04

## MISSIONS NEWS

**Craig & LaDonna Smith** (Tribal Rescue Missions) We've been ministering in both Canada and the US over the past few months with wonderful opportunities to share the gospel. We are so grateful for your love, prayers, and financial support that makes all this possible. We appreciate you so much, and pray the Lord continues to bless you in these very challenging days. We can't help but believe the coming of the Lord is at hand! Pray for the peace of Jerusalem especially now that they are at war. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

On October 18th, Shammah Church joined St. Paul's for Wednesday Worship and prayer. Even though they are a small congregation, Pastor Benny, Pastor Eric, and four of their church attenders came, shared, and prayed with us for our respective churches and for the Gospel to reach our community. Pastor Benny feels that our monthly worship and prayer event is definitely led by Christ and would like to join us again in future meetings.



## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

On **November 22nd**, we will have a Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Wednesday Worship will be working in conjunction with Pastor Terry and some guest musicians to help us give thanks to God for all the things He's done for us. Pastor Terry will deliver one of his last messages at St. Paul's plus there will be a time of personal sharing about what we are each thankful for. Please come to give thanks to God and show warmth and love for Pastor Terry's service to our church.



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### **Sundays**

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.

**Mondays** - Church Office Closed

### **Tuesdays**

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

### **Wednesdays**

Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
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### **Thursdays**

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

**11/06 Missions Team 7:00pm**

**11/08 Women's Fellowship 11:30am**

**11/09 YarnWorks 1pm**

**11/13 Deacons 5:30 pm / Elders 7:00 pm**

**11/19 Stewardship / Commitment Sunday**

**11/22 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30pm**

**11/23 Thanksgiving Day**

**11/24 Church Office Closed**

**11/25 Pray with the Elders 9am**

**11/27 Quilts of Valor 9:30am**

**12/02 Women's Glow Brunch 10:00am**

**12/03 Pastor Marc Castro Installation**