

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT ST. PAUL'S**MINISTRY SUNDAY**
September 15 @ 11am

**Learn more about
opportunities at
St. Paul's**

Getting involved at St. Paul's is important to help further the Kingdom of God and to help put you in touch with other Christians. Whether you are singing in the choir, working in the kitchen, or helping with the youth ministry, getting involved will enhance your life. You'll be serving God, fellowshiping with others, and helping those in need. Since churches largely operate on a volunteer basis, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved. We are all part of Christ's body and that body doesn't function properly when one or more parts decide they're not going to contribute (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

The New Testament calls individuals to make three great commitments - a commitment to Christ, a commitment to Christ's family (a local church) and a commitment to the cause of Christ (the great goal of world evangelization and ministry to those who are in need). Many people commit themselves to Christ, but not to His family or to His cause. Please consider supporting our St. Paul's family by making all three commitments - to commit your life to fellowship with Christ and His people.

NEWS FROM THE ELDER MEETING

Outreach to our Community - The Elders are preparing a mailing to families within one mile of the church at the end of August. This outreach will introduce the Church and new Pastor and provide a brief description of our programs and an invitation to visit and worship with us.

A **computer tracking system** is in place for the visitation and contacting our shut-in members. The Elders will take the lead for these contacts.

The Elders discussed **security and safety** at the church. Ideas were discussed and hopefully necessary systems can be put in place.

Nominating Committee - A committee is being formed and will start to select and interview candidates to recommend to the congregation to be elected to serve beginning in 2025.

Elder Prayer Time - We urge you to join the Elders on the last Saturday of each month at the church for a time of prayer for the church, community and nation.

NEW LEGACY FUND PRESENTED AT TOWN HALL MEETING

We are pleased to introduce the St. Paul's Evangelical Church Legacy Fund. Much like an academic endowment, the Fund creates an opportunity for donors to make an impact for God's Kingdom in ways not previously attainable. It will also give donors the opportunity to leave a significant legacy as they play a role in advancing God's Kingdom.

The purpose of the Legacy Fund is to amplify and expand the core commitments of the mission and vision of St. Paul's Evangelical Church beyond its ordinary, annual capacity. The Fund provides a landing place for future surplus funds, while also enabling donors to contribute above-and-beyond their normal giving to the church, including estate planning and other higher-end generosity endeavors. Its primary purpose is not to support general operating expenses.

Generally, 8% of the Legacy Fund balance will be distributed among these three funds annually.

- **The New Initiatives Fund** - designed primarily for enhancing St. Paul's facilities.
- **The Intern Fund** - designed for short-term support to provide training and mentorship in professional ministry. The intent is to release individuals for ministry in the broader kingdom.
- **The Kingdom Fund** - designed for new ministries or to enhance existing ministries to advance God's Kingdom in St. Louis and to the ends of the earth.

WHO'S GOING TO BE LEADING WORSHIP NOW?

St. Paul's has formed a search committee to fill a worship director position that would oversee traditional and contemporary worship which includes the choir, praise band, handbells, sound, and tech. We are thankful for Craig Caesar stepping in as interim worship leader and for Bill Sullivan continuing to serve as our organist/pianist. The search team, led by Craig Caesar, includes Pastor Marc, David Brewer, Carter Meier, Kim Paquette and Susan Pollmann. In the interim, it is Pastor Marc's desire that the choir meet as normal on Thursday nights, beginning on September 5th, and share anthems during worship. The Search Team will look for an interim director to fill in until we hire someone permanently. Join us in prayer for this search and for wisdom and guidance for the search committee.



LARRY SMITH MOVING TO TEXAS



On July 28, we honored Dr. Larry Smith's service at St. Paul's. Larry has led the Chorale and hand-bell Ringers at St. Paul's for the past 9 years, and has been a great teacher and friend to many. Members of the current choir, as well as those who have sung under Larry in the past, came out to sing with him one last time, and honored him with a reception afterwards. What a lovely send-off!

Larry has accepted a position as Choral Director at Blinn College, in Brenham, Texas. It has been Larry's dream to move back to Texas to be close to his family. We want to wish him the best of luck in this new endeavor.

Larry posted the following on social media:

Great worship with my church family at St. Paul's this morning. The Chorale and Ringers put together a great program on short notice. Love you all and thank you for 9 years of fellowship and worship together. Go forward with confidence in the gifts you have been given.

You can contact Larry Smith at 401 Ava Drive, Brenham, TX 77833

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Cardinals fans smiling! Dodgers fans looking distraught!

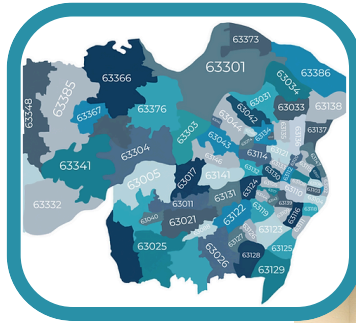
On August 17th, fourteen St Paul's members and 6 grandkids went to the ballpark.

Pastor Marc, a Dodgers' fan, wore a Cardinal shirt in an attempt to be inconspicuous! He got to experience the stadium going dark when Helsley came into the game in the 9th complete with the flames on the score board and AC/DC "Hells Bells" blasting, which he said later he thought was pretty cool. Everyone behaved and the Emery's showed excellent sportsmanship with a group of Dodgers fans seated in front of them! It was a great time and we brought home a winner!



EQUIP TO ENGAGE COURSE - A GREAT SUCCESS!

All Nations St. Louis presented a 4 week course, July 2 - 23, to give churches the tools to help love God and love our neighbors, with a specific focus on reaching out to those of different ethnic backgrounds. There were 46 people from 14 churches who attended the course! Praise the Lord!



The All Nations training was a reminder that God is bringing the nations to us, and we need to be God's image-bearers to them. What does that look like? Lots of options, certainly including awareness and engagement with the diversity around us, befriending those God places in our paths, spending time together, and being curious about their home countries and their beliefs. It might even mean eating food that doesn't taste like anything we have ever tasted before. The study guide reminded us that God has always had a heart for all nations. He promised Abraham that "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed," (Genesis 12:3) and John described a Supper in heaven as including "a great multitude that no one could number from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages." (Revelations 7:9) There is no one Jesus does not care about.

St. Paul's, especially, is situated in an area of growing diversity, and we are looking for ways to reach out to our neighbors – things as obvious as including a flyer about the church in every bag of purchases at the rummage sale and holding our church picnic in a community park – and things we haven't yet thought of. What suggestions do you have? We want to hear them! Please share your thoughts with Pastor Marc or the Outreach Team (David Pollmann, Donna Triebe and Susan Musselmann), and please be prepared to help implement any of your suggestions. Let's pray together that God will show us how to bless the nations just beyond our doors.

- Joyce Lindstrom

"Love for God fuels our love for neighbor." What a great reminder from this training. In order to do this we abide in the love of God and ask him to show us his love for our neighbors. All Nations is looking to develop teams in every zip code in St Louis to reach the nations. What a blessing to see 14 churches represented during this training hosted by St. Paul's. Join me in prayer to see how God may be leading us to partner with All Nations.

- Pastor Marc Castro

MISSIONARIES VISITED ST. PAUL'S THIS SUMMER

The Mission Team thanks the St. Paul's congregation for your enthusiastic participation in the many missionary visits we hosted this summer. It means a lot to those toiling in often rocky ground, to know that people want to hear their stories of the challenges and fruits of their ministry. This season we were blessed to have the following missionaries visit with us:

- Derrill and Becky Martin (TEAM, Southeast Asia) and Tony Aldemero (Philippines) on May 19
- Brad Wos, EFCA, Ambassador City Church, who preached and shared with us on June 2
- Ryan Irwin, Dutchtown Outreach, June 30
- Allan and Cindy Pavey, Torchbearers International, France, on July 21
- Mark and Mary Esther Penner, World Venture, along with two Japanese sign language interpreters on August 11
- Jonathan Friz, Wisdom Way and 10 Days of Prayer, August 18
- Marco van Raalten, Together STL, August 25

We were also scheduled to have Craig and LaDonna Smith of Christian & Missionary Alliance on July 7, but the generator on their RV went out and for health reasons they could not remain in St. Louis. We are so very grateful that all of these missionaries took time out of their busy schedules to be with us and help St. Paul's reconfirm our commitment to the Great Commission.

On August 11, we were visited by Mark and Mary Esther Penner, who for many years have been working to translate the Bible into Japanese sign language. They were joined by two of the Japanese ladies directly involved in this translation.

Ms. Uiko Yano is a deaf lady who shared her testimony and holds the position of project director. Ms. Sora Adachi is the exegetical consultant who is now working on Hebrews. Please pray for these two women as they return to Japan to continue with this translation. To date, approximately one-third of the Bible has been translated and this has taken about thirty years. They hope the remaining two-thirds will be completed in another 20-30 years.



On Sunday, August 18, we had the privilege of hearing from Jonathan Friz as he gave an update on 10 Days of Prayer, as well as how this ministry of prayer is spreading world-wide. Jonathan was accompanied by two of his children, Phineas and Eva.

Jonathan has recently published his first book, "10 Days (The Unlikely Story of a Global Movement Mourning for the Return of Jesus)." If you are interested in purchasing the book for \$20, please contact a member of the Missions Team.

THE RUMMAGE SALE WAS A BIG HIT!

Rummage Sale 2024 was a success! There was a lady that said she got there at 4:00 am and the line started to form about 6:00 am. Shoppers brought their folding chairs to wait for the doors to open at 8:00 am. Lisa opened the doors and was thanking shoppers for coming and they were thanking her for having the Rummage Sale again. Our last time having it was 2019. Many of our shoppers have been coming to our sale for many years. God blessed us with a beautiful day.



The Rummage Sale is a way to reach our community and our church. When we work together, we get things done. Praise God. We were blessed to make \$8,000.00. 20% of this amount goes to Women's Fellowship Benevolence. The remaining amount goes to the Crusaders Fund that helps with other needs within the church and community. Items that were not sold were given to The Bridge STL, Savers, and St. Vincent DePaul. When we work together, we get things done. Praise God.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale and to the people who helped set up tables, racks, sorted and priced the week before the sale. Thank you to all who helped the day of the sale, checking and helping the customers and running the snack bar. Thank you, also, to all the people who stayed after the sale to take down tables and racks, box up the items left, and clean up to have the church ready for Sunday Worship. Thank you! Thank you!

-- Rummage Sale Team, Judy Pfeiffer, Susan Pollmann, Lisa Stahlhut, Nicole Youngquist

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT AT ST. PAUL'S

September Events

- Marco Preaching - Sept. 1
- Church Picnic - Sept. 8
- Ministry Fair - Sept. 15
- Small Groups start - Sept 22
- Children / Adult Sunday School starts - Sept. 22
- New Sermon Series - Sept 29

St. Paul's - Martial Arts

Learn Martial Arts
in a gospel-centered environment!

Tuesdays & Fridays
6:00-6:55 pm Families & Kids (age 6-11)
7:00-8:00 pm Adults (age 12 and up)

Suggested monthly donation to St. Paul's
(\$30 individual; \$50 per family)

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries

09/02 Fred & Margaret Robinson (62)
 09/07 Janet & Ed Rolle (56)
 09/09 Kenneth & Mary Broky (46)
 09/10 Paul & Rosemary Wilson (58)
 09/15 John & Debbie Graeler (40)
 09/22 Jeff & Christy Drake (23)
 09/24 Paul & Rebecca Daniel (41)

10/12 Richard & Carol Grater (61)
 10/12 James & Joan Knappenberger (33)
 10/15 Chuck & Colleen Appel (47)
 10/16 Bob & Donna Schalk (42)
 10/19 Robert & Sieglinde Schnellbacher (51)
 10/26 Richard & Bobbi Scholl (39)
 10/27 Julie & Timothy Hohmann (12)



Birthdays

09/02 Kelly Schjenken
 09/03 Paul Wilson
 09/03 Rosemary Wilson
 09/05 Jim Crews
 09/10 Susan Jackson
 09/10 Leslie Koewing
 09/10 Lucas Pfeiffer
 09/11 Rich Niedringhaus
 09/11 Carole Stahlhut
 09/16 Alan Mueller

09/18 Donald Andrews
 09/20 Sieglinde Schnellbacher
 09/21 Nancy Crews
 09/23 Leland Carlson
 10/06 Betty Williams
 10/08 Jim Glauert
 10/09 Bob Vass
 10/10 Kellie Walter
 10/12 Vicky Schjenken
 10/13 Colleen Appel

10/13 Carly Caesar
 10/13 Jack Caesar
 10/18 Isabella Del Cid
 10/20 Jack Neier
 10/21 Harold Dielmann
 10/22 Gloria Charlwood
 10/23 Bill Musselman
 10/27 Chuck Appel
 10/27 John Graeler
 10/28 Marcene Darby

QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTED TO CHIEF WARREN WILLIS

Major and Acting Police Chief, Warren Williss, was presented with a Quilt of Valor for his military service. Warren served with the U.S. Marines from 1993 until 1997, with deployments to Okinawa, South Korea and other Southeast Asian countries. Following the Marines, he began his career as a police officer, attaining the rank of Major and Acting Chief of Police of the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department. Warren is the son-in-law of Kurt and Barbara van Dyk.



Left to right, Kurt van Dyk, Emma Williss, Melissa van Dyk Williss, Major Warren Williss, Ethan Williss, Barbara van Dyk

In 2003, a quilter wanted to honor and give comfort to veterans and service members by presenting a Quilt of Valor to them. As of this date, 300,000 quilts have been awarded to veterans and service members across the U.S. The Valor Quilters of St. Paul's meet the 4th Monday of the month, 9:30 - 3pm in the Auditorium. We would love for you to stop by and join us - there are lots of jobs to do. Please call Lynn May 314-623-4526 for more information.

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Monthly Meetings:

Missions Team - 1st Monday	7 p.m.
Deacon / Elder Meetings - 2nd Monday	5:30 / 7 p.m.
Women's Fellowship - 2nd Wednesday	11:30 a.m.
Reasonable Faith - 3rd Monday	7 p.m.
Quilts of Valor - 4th Monday	9:30 a.m.
Pray with the Elders - Last Saturday	9 a.m.

*** See Weekly bulletin for Special Events ***

* Church office closed on Monday *

Weekly Calendar:

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

Quilters and Project Linus	9:30 a.m.
Prayer & Care Call	1:30 p.m.
Martial Arts	6:00 / 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
JAM - Jesus & Me	5:30 p.m.
(starting in Oct.)	

Thursdays

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

Fridays

Martial Arts	6:00 / 7:00 p.m.
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