



The St. Paul's Newsletter

*Seeking to Know, Grow In,
and Show the Ways of Jesus.*

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When Lightning Strikes!

By Pastor George

It's been a long six months since the lightning strike and resulting fire displaced worshippers here at St. Paul's; **but, the wait is nearly over!** Although we are very grateful for the fellowship hall and how worshipful the space has been, it will be great to return to the sanctuary.

Barring the unforeseen, on Sunday, November 21, we anticipate returning to the sanctuary for worship at both the 9 & 10:30am services. Subcontractors can be seen addressing their tasks on a daily basis - painting, siding, flooring, electrical, lighting, etc. Yes, there is still much to do. Please continue to pray that the project might be "done in a hurry, but not rushed".

There have been many repairs to damaged areas as well as attempts to improve upon our existing space; we are sure you will appreciate the clearer sound and sightlines. As before, not all will be perfect, but we will continue to strive to make the best and most worshipful use of the space allowed.

You are encouraged to use the occasion of our returning to the sanctuary to invite family and friends to worship. One member recently told me of someone he's been inviting, someone who hasn't been to church since a young boy. His friend has often disregarded invitations to worship with excuses like, "*Lightning will strike if I walk in there!*". This member is now telling his friend, "*you know, they say lightning doesn't strike twice*".

May the only shock any worshipper experiences be the jolt that comes from a friendly, smiling welcome upon arrival!

Upcoming Service Dates to Remember

- **Totenfest Worship Service**
(Celebrating the lives of those who have gone before us) - Sunday, November 21, 9 & 10:30am.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Community-Wide Worship Service**
Tuesday, November 23, 7pm, @ Charrette Baptist Church (On Hwy O, 1/2 mile from Hwy 47)
- **Children's Christmas Program**
Sunday, December 19, 7pm, with refreshments following (families are asked to bring 1-2 dozen of your favorite cookies to share).
- **Christmas Eve Worship Services,**
Friday, December 24, 7 & 11pm

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Council Highlights

- ♦ Approved updates to the Wedding Brochure requiring advance payments.
- ♦ Confirming the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting, January 23, 2011, at 11:30am with a lunch in fellowship hall following. (This is a month with five Sundays.)
- ♦ Approved Pastor George's participation in a Rural Pastors Coaching Network, to connect with others who are growing rural churches and the challenges such growth faces.

Financial Reports are now also posted outside the church office.

Brief Recap:

GENERAL FUND

Checking Acct Bal. (8/31/10)	\$ 1,396.68
Deposits	\$ 16,828.25
	\$ 18,224.93
Expenses	\$(17632.94)
Balance On Hand (9/30/10)	\$ 591.99

Saint Paul's Staff

George Dohm.....	Pastor (636-667-0449 cell, george@stpaulsuccmo.org)
Sally Rohe, Arlene DeVore.....	Pianists/Organists
Susan Miesner.....	Secretary (susan@stpaulsuccmo.org)
Tony & Sally Rohe.....	Custodians
Amanda Griesheimer.....	Volunteer Newsletter Editor

2010 Church Council

Cherie Monzyk (636-288-5664).....	Council President
Don Lange.....	Vice-President
Sharon Seeley	Recording Secretary
Wilma Zeh.....	Financial Secretary
Lulu Hasenjaeger.....	Treasurer
Cheryl Parsons.....	Missions & Evangelism
Curt Rohe.....	Christian Education
Ron Freese.....	Buildings & Grounds
Jim Buescher.....	Buildings & Grounds

Welcome New Council & Cemetery Board Members

Newly elected members, due to begin serving in January, 2011, include:

Cemetery Board:

Jim Buescher & Lulu Hasenjaeger

Church Council:

Angie Hilbert, Curt Rohe & Lufe Schweissguth

Thanks for your willingness to serve the Lord and His Church here at St. Paul's!

Mary & Joseph are Returning to St. Paul's!!!!

Can they come stay with you?

Let's share in the tradition of Las Posadas

Las Posadas (Spanish for "the inn") is a traditional Christmas festival originating in Mexico. The celebration begins on the evening of December 16 and continues each evening through December 24. It commemorates Mary and Joseph's long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. Tradition says that Mary and Joseph, guided by an angel, would seek and find shelter each night in the home of gentle-hearted and faithful people who made them welcome, fed them, and provided them a place to rest. Cared for and supported along the way, they made it safely to Bethlehem where God's promise was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

Las Posadas focuses on our preparations for Christmas... on our "getting ready and making room" for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is full of celebration and the desire to be willing hosts and hostesses to Mary and Joseph.. and therefore to Jesus whose life they carried and protected. By hosting Mary and Joseph, and also those who bring them to you, it gives us time for fellowship, to practice hospitality, and to share the Christmas season with friends old and new.

As part of our Christmas preparations this year St Paul's would like to share in the spirit of **Las Posadas** by extending to you an invitation to host Mary and Joseph in your home. Beginning Wednesday, December 1, large figures of Mary and Joseph will travel among us spending each night in a different home, until they arrive at the church for our Christmas Eve worship on December 24.

Members and friends of the church who would like to participate will sign up for two consecutive days. On the **first day** you will welcome Mary and Joseph ...and the church member or friend who brings them... into your home for an evening of fellowship and light refreshments. Mary and Joseph (**Not Those Who Brought Them!**) will spend the night with you (be sure to take plenty of pictures). On the **second day** you will take Mary and Joseph to their next destination where you will be the guest. The last participant will bring Mary and Joseph with them to church on Christmas Eve. In this simple way we remember the journey of Mary and Joseph, and celebrate the fellowship and unity we share with one another in Jesus.

Please sign up via the Las Posadas sheet in the lobby. Remember, when you sign up you are committing yourself for **two consecutive days**. Also, when choosing a date, consider using this as an opportunity to spend time with someone you don't know as well. What a great way to get acquainted!

Growing through Prayer

Please communicate prayer requests via office phone, e-mail or by utilizing the Getting Connected Card.

Please pray for: Jeanette Stegner- recovering from bypass heart surgery, Orie McCarty, broken wrist; Jerome Bunge; Carla Lange - recovering at home from recent hospitalization, pneumonia; family of Adam Neier; family of Ella Neier; Gerri Thornton, Dan Thornton's mother, trouble breathing; Jenna Hale (Lisa Bollmann's niece) in need of bone marrow transplant; Vera Mittler-at home recovering from stroke; Celeste Schriefer; Lester Rottmann; Anabel Morgan; Eldon Green; Bob Schuster; John Spires; Jerome Bunge; Warner Hinnah; **Those battling cancer:** Mary Hackmann Dierkes; Celeste Mueller; Tim Palitsch; Dee Schuster; Barb Ebker; Charlie Frankenberg, Byron Mott; Eric Franklin; **Those serving in the Military:** Tim Thornton, Keith Theissen, Devon Martin, Zach Rigg, Andrew Hunewill, Chris Boehlein & others seeking to faithfully serve God & Country! **Pray for members in nursing homes** or who are otherwise limited due to mobility/illness.



Please Remember those who can't always be with us with prayer/a visit/letter/card/phone call.

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Please continue to pray for those who are a part of Cross-Training... our Confirmation Ministry.

At the present time, **Seth Bollmann, Shawn Mittler, Lane Mittler, Michael Glosemeyer, Cara Kuchem, Alyssa Zeh, Michael Morgan, and Abby Boehlein** are participating. May this be a time of great spiritual growth for each of the above and their families!



Thank you to those who helped with cemetery cleanup on 10-3-10; Orville Rohe, Jean Webb, Rich Strubberg, Lafe and Amanda Schweissguth, and Roland Mutert.

We thank you for all the loving and caring support we are receiving during our health crises. The cards and calls brighten our days, but your continued prayers are what sustain us. Jeanette gets a little stronger each day but is in for a long recovery. Thanks again. In Jesus name, **Henry & Jeanette Stegner**

We wish to thank all St. Paul's members and especially the Women's Guild for love and care and the wonderful meal after the funeral of our son Randy last month. May God bless all of you. **Eldon & Sue Green**

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP

LEAD USHER:

- 7 Don Lange (9)
Lulu Hasenjaeger (10:30)
- 14 Jim Buescher (9)
Sharon Seeley (10:30)
- 21 Ron Freese (9)
Lulu Hasenjaeger (10:30)
- 28 Wilma Zeh (9)
Tim Kuchem (10:30)

GREETERS:

- Walter & Genny Hoffmann
- Jr. Berg
Rich & Barb Strubberg
- Celeste Schriefer & Ruth Dreyer
- Rohe Family
Kuchem Family

COFFEE HOUR:

- Brenda Garris ... 7
- Audrey Meyer ...14
- Barb Strubberg ...21
- Doris Bunge ...28

**If interested in helping to serve in any of the above capacities, please note such on the Lobby Sign-Up Sheet or contact the church office. Together, we make our church stronger!*

NOVEMBER

November Extra Step Mission: The Pregnancy Assistance Center

This is a ministry whose primary purpose is to save the lives of as many preborn babies as possible, while also assisting the families with their many other needs as well. It is located at 310 International Ave., Washington, Mo. (636-239-1840). You are welcome to stop by when it's convenient.

Some of the services provided range from Pregnancy tests, helping arrange financial aid when needed, guiding client through a primary care physician and delivery doctor or clinic. The Center works with all delivery doctors in Washington, and also with St. Johns Mercy Hospital' OB Clinic, pediatrician clinic and McAuley Clinic.

We also help provide vitamins, much educational information on child care, anger management, nutrition and many other things as needed. We also work through Love Basket if adoption services are required. The Center works with the client throughout the pregnancy and after the baby is born, helping to provide baby clothing, formula, baby food and other items such as cribs, safety seats, high chairs, etc. Birthing classes are taught by a Registered Nurse on a regular schedule.

Many families that receive assistance also receive food at Easter and Thanksgiving, as well as gifts for Christmas. During this last year the Pregnancy Assistance Center has served over 4,000 persons. St. Paul's has been a blessing in the past by helping to furnish needed gifts for many years.

Beginning the middle of November through the middle of December there will be a Christmas Tree in the hallway with suggested items needed on the ornaments. Everyone who would like to help make Christmas a special time for some family or child may take an ornament with them and bring that gift back sometime before December 12-15th. We will take them to the Pregnancy Center to be wrapped and given to individual families. You have helped to brighten someone's life in a sometimes difficult situation.

What a blessing!

Looking for a Christmas Tree!

The Missions Committee is looking for a small/medium artificial Christmas Tree to display the Pregnancy Assistance Center Ornaments (gift tags) during late November and December. Contact Cheryl Parsons @ 636-932-9961.

For a copy of Worship (for shut-ins)
OR Message's on audio tape for personal use / share with a friend, please speak to someone at the sound booth, contact the church office or pick up one from the basket on the lobby table.



"...My house shall be called a house of prayer...."

"Prayer that Binds Generations" Prayers continue to be actively covering our students with daily prayer. Some are contacting their students via notes, email or phone calls. Some students are asking who is praying for them and sharing prayer requests. Look for the November calendar on the Prayer table! If anyone still wants someone to pray for, leave your name at the Prayer table.

The **October Prayer Watch** focused on our Pastor and his family. The unity and fellowship of believers gathered there was a huge blessing for everyone who attended. Pastor George, Kelly, Molly, and McKenzie were covered with prayers. Tributes of appreciation from each generation were given to each of them. It was a blessing for the congregation to come together for the purpose of surrounding our Pastor and family with prayer. Some felt the gathering had the flavor of what it might have been like in the early church.

Pastor's Prayer Partners will be meeting with the Pastor for their kick-off meeting. If you are interested in committing to pray daily for Pastor George, sign up at the Prayer table so we can include you.

November prayer will focus on our move back into the sanctuary.

The **email prayer chain** is organizing. If you want to be included in the prayer emails, sign up at the Prayer table.

Prayer Ministry continues to meet every Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome to attend!

YOUTH CONNECTION

Calling All Those Interested In Creative Arts!

Consider joining Hands Fulla Good News, the creative arts team at our church.

This fall, the team will practice prior to the Wednesday dinners. We will work on a mime presentation, puppet skits, traditional skits, human videos, and drama with sticks! New members are welcome, 5th grade-senior citizen. Younger members will be considered if they are highly motivated. For info, contact Cheryl Parsons at 636-932-9961 or cheryl.ann.1210@gmail.com.

Nov. Nursery schedule

7th Lori Strubberg
14th Karla Aholt
21st Brenda Roloff



Children's Christmas Program "Star of Wonder" Sunday, December 19, 7 p.m.

Adult volunteers are needed for set & costume committees.

Anyone interested should contact Amanda Griesheimer at 314-479-6029 or agriesheimer@washmo.org. First planning meeting will be **Monday, November 8th, 7 p.m.** at the Griesheimer house—803 Wilshire Drive, Washington.

Rehearsal Schedule

Star Choir (with Praise Singers)—Wednesdays Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8: 6:30-7 p.m. at St. Paul's.

Full Cast—Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12 after church

Dress Rehearsal—Saturday, December 18, 10:30 a.m. followed by Pizza Party!

Family Faith Night Continues!

The second session of FFN resumes on Wednesday, November 3 and will run through December 8 (NOTE: Nov. 24 there will be NO FFN....Thanksgiving Eve). This session will focus on the biblical heroes of the Advent & Christmas season as we approach the celebration of Jesus' birth. FFN is for students in grades K-6th. We begin at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy various games, crafts, story-time and/or drama...all to help families grow in their faith! We will conclude at 6:30pm. FFN includes a kid-friendly meal @ 6pm, served and cleaned up by the kids (wow!) with participants and adults sitting together family style. All are invited to be a part of this meal, interacting with various generations from within our congregation. It's a great way to get better acquainted and to encourage others, especially the younger generation, at the same time! To help cover expenses, donations will be greatly appreciated.



St. Paul's UCC Praise Singers

The kids' choir will be practicing and performing again soon. If your children are interested, please see Amanda Griesheimer (314-479-6029 or agriesheimer@washmo.org) for a new CD and lyrics.

**Rehearsals will be 6:30-7 p.m
November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 8.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



November Birthdays

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2: Britni Rohe | 11: Amy Laymon |
| Barb Strubberg | Robert Schuster |
| 3: Janice Collier | 12: Loretta Davis |
| Luke Hasenjaeger | 14: Kathy Scholz |
| 4: James Buescher | 17: Rueben Eichmeyer |
| 5: Patsy Berg | 19: Cindy Buescher |
| Earl Eichmeyer | Joell Engelage |
| Melanie Briggs | 20: Abigail Boehlein |
| James Collier | 21: Stacie Aholt |
| Colleen Kuchem | Ryan Laymon |
| 6: Marvin Engelage | 22: Thekla Hagenbuch |
| Brian Lange | 23: Brenda Roloff |
| Walter Hoffmann | Cara Kuchem |
| 7: Paul Freese | 25: Mabel Eichmeyer |
| Tim Thornton | 26: James Berg |
| 8: Erika Siem | Angie Hilbert |
| 10: Kevin Cordle | Aubrie Cordle |
| Shane Tague | 28: Shannon Dothage |
| | 30: Charles Driemeyer |



November Wedding Anniversaries

- 2: Rob & Thekla Hagenbuch
- 4: Walter & Genny Hoffmann– 1944
- 11: Dale & Debi Verges
- 22: Tony & Sally Rohe
- 24: Bryan & Cindy Niemeyer
- 27: Tim & Deb Kuchem
- 28: Otto & Susie Thierbach
- 30: Robert & Karen Dohrer



November Anniversaries of Baptism

- 1: Sierra Hausermann
- 8: Bryce Mayer
- Brayden Mayer
- Kersten Mayer
- Kennady Mayer
- 17: Timothy Boehlein
- 26: Allison Walker
- 28: Lucas Walker
- 30: Kathleen Strubberg

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

By Pastor George

On Tuesday, November 23, we will join together with the people of Charrette Baptist Church in a combined worship service. The worship will begin at 7pm at Charrette Baptist Church (6027 Highway O, Marthasville, (636) 433-2077...take highway 47 North just past the Infield and the banks, take a Right on Hwy O, the church is on your left approximately 1 mile up the road. The church sits on the hill about 150 yards off the road.)

As in the past, Charrette's worship and drama teams will lead worship, Pastor George will lead Children's Time & the Thanksgiving Message, and the church will host a reception afterwards with an array of foods, desserts, etc. Let's see if we can top last year's crowd of nearly 100 participants. After all, we all have much for which to give thanks!

Compassion Letter Writing Party -

Friday Evening, November 5, at Rich and Shannon Dothage's. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Shannon (433-5759 or shannon5759@hotmail.com) by November 3.



TOTENFEST - A Time to Remember

On Sunday, November 21 during both the 9 & 10:30am worship services, we will remember those who died in the past 12 months as well as the anniversaries of those who died 25 & 50 years ago. We are planning a picture presentation during the service. If your loved one's death fits the above dates, please deliver a picture to the church office by Sunday, November 14. This picture will be returned to you.

FIRST SATURDAY SERVE!

In attempt to keep our facility in top shape, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to be a part of **FIRST SATURDAY SERVE!** **Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of each month, 8am-12noon, and come ready to make a difference.** Please plan to stop by and serve this November 6. Join with others in making a difference!



St. Paul's Ministry Calendar, November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9-4:30pm Quilters Christian Education Mtg 7pm	2 Election Day-be sure to vote Small Group Bible Study , 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church 5:30pm- Prayer Ministry, Parlor When God's People Pray Series 7pm, Parlor	3 7:30am-Mission Committee meeting 2pm-Women's Guild 4:30-Puppet Rehearsal Family Faith Night (FFN) 5-6:30pm Kids Praise Singers 6:30pm 7pm-Worship Leaders 7-8:30pm-Confirmation	4 1-5pm Quilters	5	6 1st Saturday Serve!-Church Workday- Help w/ finishing touches in prepara- tion for the first Sunday back in sancti- ary Change clocks back one hour tonight
7 Worship @ 9 & 10:30am Communion 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School	8 9-4:30pm Quilters 7pm-Council	9 Small Group Bible Study , 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church 5:30pm-Prayer Ministry, Parlor When God's People Pray Series 7pm, Parlor 7-8pm-Food Pantry (at Charrette Baptist Church temporarily)	10 4:30-Puppet Rehearsal Family Faith Night (FFN) 5-6:30pm Kids Praise Singers 6:30pm 7pm-Worship Leaders 7-8:30pm-Confirmation	11 1-5pm Quilters	12	13
14 Worship @ 9 & 10:30am 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School	15 9-4:30pm Quilters Pastoral Relations Committee 7pm	16 5:30pm- Prayer Ministry, Parlor When God's People Pray Series 7pm, Parlor	17 4:30-Puppet Rehearsal Family Faith Night (FFN) 5-6:30pm Kids Praise Singers 6:30pm 7pm-Worship Leaders 7-8:30pm-Confirmation	18 1-5pm Quilters	19	20 11am-Noon Food Pantry (temporarily housed at Charrette Baptist Church)
21 Worship @ 9 & 10:30am TolenFest 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School	22 9-4:30pm Quilters 7pm Membership Care Committee	23 Small Group Bible Study , 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church 7pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ Charrette Baptist Church	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving!	26	27
28 Worship @ 9 & 10:30am 1st Sunday in Advent 10am-Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am-Morning L.I.G.H.T. Sunday School	29 9-4:30pm Quilters	30 Small Group Bible Study , 6:30am @ Bread Co. & AGAIN @ 1pm at Church 5:30pm- Prayer Ministry, Parlor When God's People Pray Series 7pm, Parlor				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



If you wish to receive the newsletter in color via the email (this would not only help the environment but would enable St. Paul's Church to be better stewards of our finances - saving on printing, paper and mailing), please call or email the church office.

Are You Afraid of Small Groups or an Adult Sunday School Class?

You say, "they might ask me to find or read something from the Bible", or "I don't know the Bible well enough...". If so, then try out a new group for those who have never studied the Bible or have never been in a group before. Sundays, 10:30-11:30am, in the Parlor Room. The group will begin by looking at the Gospel of John, one of the first four books of the New Testament, telling of who Jesus is and why He came to earth. Join with others who aren't quite sure but want to know more.

Altar flowers

October 3 in memory of Delvin Hasenjaeger, who passed away 5 years ago on Oct. 5, by Lulu, Allan, Darrell Hasenjaeger and Patty Thornton and their families.

October 10 by Henry & Jeanette Stegner

October 17 given by Jr. Berg in memory of Dee Berg, who was born on 10-17-1949.

October 24 by Henry & Jeanette Stegner

October 31: by Henry & Jeanette Stegner

Is there a loved one or friend you would like to remember or honor? A special anniversary or birthday to recognize?

Signup sheet to sponsor altar flowers is posted on the double doors near the church office. Cost is just \$15.00 per Sunday and the florist will bill you. The flowers may be taken home after the last worship service of the day.



The poinsettia sponsor sheet for Christmas decorating will also be posted soon.