

# The VOICE

Pastor's Corner

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♥ February 2024

Greetings in Jesus Christ!

What a wonderful start to the new beginning of a new year! God continues to show and grow us in so many ways. It's an exciting time here at The Anchor Church.

We're starting off the month of February with new members coming in and celebrating all that God is doing among us. And I do want to emphasize that it is God's work being brought into our midst.

This thought leads me to think about the message of 1 Corinthians 3:7 "***So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.***" This is Paul speaking to the church in Corinth about divisions in the church.

Our church has been experiencing many changes recently. But these changes have been necessary.

**Change is hard for anyone and any organization.**

For a number of years, the church was going along the status quo and everyone knew what to expect and how to achieve the things to maintain this status quo. But the status quo does not reflect the love and compassion of God beyond the boundaries that it establishes. **Status quo follows the mere standards of humankind and doesn't allow room for God to grow the humankind into the watering community He has planned.**

Everyday here at The Anchor Church, we are learning something new. We are doing a little planting and a little watering as we go along. We are trying new things and sharing our love of Jesus in many ways. **But it is God who is growing us.** We can see and feel that our God is among us and moving/growing us in so many ways.

***Maybe, there's something in your personal life that is calling you to make changes. Maybe, God is calling you to step away from the status quo. It's called a leap of faith.***

There is so much joy in stepping aside and letting God show us His plans. New things are discovered and experienced. New relationships are made and enjoyed.

**Ash Wednesday is right around the corner. Plan to join us for your Lenten journey starting on Ash Wednesday. Keep a check on our calendar of events for the week of Holy Week.**

***Come and take a leap of faith in your life and with us here at The Anchor Church.***

The Love of Christ belongs to You,

***Pastor Kathi Kraus***

## About "Spiritual Solutions"

~Submitted by Terri Sappington

Spiritual Solutions is "Transitional Housing for recovering drug and alcohol users." It was established in 2019 under the leadership of Sarah Counts, Margie Pinnell and Wayne Dupre.

The mission of Spiritual Solutions is to offer their clients an opportunity to build new relationships and habits. The program requires a 12 step meeting attendance, employment, respect for others and accountability.

They offer affordable housing and employment assistance for both men and women.

There is a \$200 deposit and a self supporting payment of \$100 a week to cover rent and electric.

I would like to see our church offer assistance twice a year - January and July. This support will be helping with their personal items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, cleaning supplies like dish soap, laundry soap, etc. They are responsible for their own living quarters.

Donations of good used clothing can be taken to the Exchange located on Main Street here in Sullivan. Sarah has an account there for their clients that come with nothing of their own. They are able to go and pick out items they need.

## **"Lead Like Jesus"**

### **New Bible Study**

Greg Myers introduced 12 members to a new Bible Study class "Lead Like Jesus" at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21st. The class will be held each Sunday at that time for 7 weeks. The weather delayed the introductory class which was to begin on January 14th. If you are looking for an uplifting and enlightening way to learn more about Jesus, this will be the class for you. If you are interested in joining the study please let Greg or Patti Myers know so lesson plans can be made accordingly for attendance. There will be two more joining soon.

A thought to ponder.....Isn't it interesting it started with 12 members like the 12 disciples who followed Jesus?

We thank you again, Greg, for your devotion in helping us learn more about Jesus.



## **A Favorite Bible Verse**

Kathryn McGill shares her favorite Bible verse with us this month.

Psalm 86:5

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call upon  
you."

"This I remember because it means so much to me. As a child, my family took me to church so I was raised knowing how to live a Christian life.

However, when I grew older, I ventured out into the world and the evils thereof. Many, many years ago (I am now 93!) I found myself in a dark place that I am not proud of and regret. God sent an angel with straw-looking hair that got me back on the path toward the light. I have found that it is easier to forgive someone else than oneself. Psalm 86 is David's prayer for deliverance and it was my prayer as I learned to forgive myself. God is so, so, so good."

~Kathryn~

## **Session Highlights - January 19, 2024**

- Deacon training will be finished soon.
- Approved the membership of Charlie and Audrey Lindsey on 2/4/24 by reaffirmation.
- Valeta Betz will be Clerk in Training.
- Tonette Barnes to retire the middle of the summer after everyone is trained.
- Approved the Annual Statistical Reports.
- Will install a Knox box so the Fire Dept. can get in the building if needed.
- Checking on the PA system in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Great News For Turning Point**

The Turning Point Advocacy Services believes it has found a site for a Franklin County safe house for victims of domestic violence. The site will be in Union, MO. Stay tuned to our website [the-anchor.org](http://the-anchor.org) for further updates. You will recall they are the organization we held a Trivia Night for and raised funds to bring them over their limit needed to proceed. Very exciting news!!!!

## February 2024 Happenings

**Sunday Worship services** Starting 10:30 AM  
(1st & 3rd Sundays Celebrate communion and  
all special services)

**Disciple Time** included in each worship  
service.

**Fellowship** immediately follows our worship  
service in the Fellowship hall for Cookies, juice  
and coffee.

**Knitters** Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM

**Adult Bible Study** 2nd through the 4th  
Thursday of each month at 3:30 PM in the  
library at the church.

**Praying with Flair** meets 1st Thursday  
monthly via zoom 7:00 PM. Please submit your  
email address to join the group.

**Believers** meet the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the  
month from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

**Session** 3rd Wednesday monthly 1:00 PM.

**Movie Matinee** the last Wednesday of the  
month at 1:00 PM. Free for all.

**TOPS meets** Thursdays 5:00 PM

**AA meets** Mondays & Thursdays 7:00 PM

**NA meets** Tuesdays 6:00 PM,  
Fridays 9:00 PM and Saturdays 4:00 PM

### Upcoming Dates

### Mark Your Calendars

♥♥ **February 11th - Wear Red  
or Match Your Mate Day** ♥♥

**February 14th** - Ash Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

**February 28th** - Movie Matinee 1 p.m.

**March 15-16** - Art Fair in Fellowship Hall

### THANK YOU!!!

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for  
the prayers, assistance and recent love offering  
collected for us. We want to thank everybody that has  
helped us in any way. God Bless you all as you have  
blessed us.

~Dave & Robert Law~

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

8...Peter Kraus IV

8...Hannah Kraus

9...Jean Krebs

11...Zenas Blevins

20...Kammi Kraus

22...Connie Delcour

### Anniversaries

4...Charlie & Valeta Betz

13...Bob & Terri Sappington

15...Greg & Patti Myers

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

1...Ransom Dudley

6...Carol Kroenung

7...Terri Sappington

11...Al Watz

12...Jane Watz

19...Michelle Walka

24...Barb Komo

29...Dennis Komo

### No Anniversaries

## Greeters

### February, 2024

4 Royce Scott

11 Steve & Kathy Gallop

18 Walka Family

25 Greg & Patti Myers

### March

3 Pat Andrae

10 Jack & Sharon Blanton

17 Kathryn McGill

24 Charlie & Valeta Betz

31 Tim & Nettie Peterson

### Liturgist for February

Pete Kraus

### Elder on Call for February

Dan McWhorter



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### Meet Our Staff

Pastor: Kathi Kraus  
Pastor Assistant/Treasurer: Valeta Betz  
Clerk of Session: Tonette Barnes

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### We are NOW Live Streaming our Worship

You are welcome to join us each Sunday morning from  
wherever you are through live stream. Please follow us  
on FaceBook or go to our website to join us in worship.  
Join us in the pew every chance you get!

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Join us for worship service every  
Sunday at 10:30am.

Fellowship immediately follows with cookies,  
juice and coffee!



### Life Team Members are as follows:

**Team A** - Patti & Greg Myers  
Pete & Kathi Kraus

**Team B** - Michelle Walka & Dave Law  
Tim & Nettie Peterson

### Cookies



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- 10 Suzanne & Royce Scott
- 17 Jack & Sharon Blanton
- 24 Marilyn & Dan McWhorter
- 31 Terri Sappington