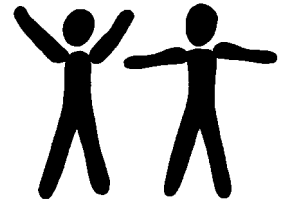


The Post

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Saint Paul's UMC



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Upcoming Easter Events

- **Easter Musical**, Sunday, April 1, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**, Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunrise Service**, Sunday, April 8, 6:45 a.m. Join us for an Easter Sunrise Breakfast, immediately following the service in the Family Life Center until 8:15 a.m. Donations go to support youth missions and camps.
- **Easter Worship Services**, Sunday, April 8th, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. at The Salvage Yard.

Love Loaves Mission Offering

Mission Love Loaves will be distributed on Sunday, February 25th and Sunday, March 4 at all 3 services. There will be a slot in the Love Loaves for loose change or bills. This is a great family project for young and old. We will need them returned by April 1st. The proceeds from this project will go half to World Vision and half to local missions. For more information contact Mark Statler, 623-7090 at the church.

Mark Your Calendar!!! **CAMP GALILEE!**

Camp Galilee is a Christian camp situated on 240 acres located outside of El Dorado Springs, MO. Galilee's facilities consist of over 40 buildings located throughout the camp. The camp has a dining hall, cabins, shower houses, swimming pool, worship centers and a retreat center. Camp Galilee provides activities such as fishing, boating, basketball, volleyball, hiking, and an open ball field for many other games and activities. Kids will have a great experience!

June 3-9: Any youth 15 or older can serve as a Jr. Counselor at the 5th and 6th grade camp.

June 4-9: Older elementary kids entering 5th & 6th grade.

June 4-9: Mid High youth entering grades 7th & 9th.

July 5-7: Mid elementary kids entering 3rd and 4th grade.

Sign up now as limited spots are available! A \$100.00 registration fee holds your spot. For more information, contact Todd Taylor @623-7090.



Team members from L to R: Evan Menke, Mark Statler, Steve Menke, Jiro (interpreter), Cindy and Kenny Neal, Stephanie Osborne, Lou Heilig.

Mission Team Returns from Nicaragua!

Members from our church spent an amazing 4 days in the village of Las Rosas, a community that Saint Paul's is sponsoring through the Rainbow Network, a community development ministry. In addition to observing the dramatic effect of the Rainbow Network's programs of economic development, health care, education and housing in Las Rosas, the team also helped the community construct a new feeding center.

Team members met high school students who receive sponsorships from people in our church, served lunch at a feeding center, shared craft projects and gifts to students in the elementary classes, and visited with grateful people who are now well after a needed medical procedure was provided through our church's sponsorship of this village. They even taught them the chicken dance!

If you are interested in going on the trip this summer (July 9-14), please contact Mark Statler at 623-7090.

Upcoming Sermons

Current Series, "Character Tour"

February 25 "Courage in the Face of Giants"

March 4 "Courage When You Fail"

"The primary purpose of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ."

Student Ministries!

Saint Paul's Youth

Grades 6-12

The Crossing meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Youth Corner

Friday & Saturday, March 2 & 3 4 p.m.-Sat. @ 11 p.m.

Acquire the Fire

Sunday, March 4 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday

School 4-6 p.m. 24/7

Wednesday, March 7 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

Summer Missions and Camps...

Join us this summer on one of our youth sponsored camps and mission trips. To reserve your space, please send in your deposit soon. Deposit for missions is \$25.00 Deposit for camp is \$100.00. The

camps and missions trip balances can be raised through the various youth fundraisers.



To get more information on any of these weeks, please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday,

March 4 at 10:30 a.m. in The Zone.

- **Sr. Hi Mission Trip** - Moss Point, Mississippi, June 9-16. Total cost: \$300. For all youth going into grades 9 through graduating seniors!
- **Mid High Camp Galilee** - June 4-9. Total Cost \$285. We will spend a week at The United Methodist Camp - Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, MO. This camp is open to any youth going into grades 7 - 9.
- **Camp Galilee Jr. Counselor** - June 3-9 NO COST! Join us as we serve as Jr. Counselors at Camp Galilee! Any youth who is 15 and older can help serve as a Jr. Counselor at the 5th and 6th grade camp!
- **Senior High - CIY Camp** - June 23-28 Total Cost: \$250 All youth going into grades 9 - graduating seniors are encouraged to join us this summer for a week in Bolivar, MO with Christ In Youth!!
- **Mid High Mission Trip** - Mt. View, Missouri July 30-Aug 3 Total Cost: \$225. For all youth going into grades 7 - 8! Join us this summer as we go to help people in our own state.

A few words from Aaron...

This week begins the season of the Christian year called Lent. Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays, and is a time to prepare our lives for Easter. This is meant to be a time to look inward at our souls and make course-corrections. Traditionally, it's a time where Christians take on a fast of some sort either by giving up some kind of food, or going without food for one day a week, or one meal a day. The idea behind fasting is to spend that time connecting to God, doing some spiritual house-cleaning, and giving the money saved on meals to the poor. This can also be a time where you do something that you have wanted to. Such as, spend more time in prayer, begin a study of a particular part of the Bible, or start serving others in a specific way. I challenge you to take on one of these traditions during this season, you will be surprised by the spiritual changes that can happen.

On another note, it's wonderful to hear from our mission crew that has returned from Nicaragua. They were amazing ambassadors to our adopted village of Los Rosas and will be sharing what they saw in the coming weeks. Don't forget that we're sending another crew in July. Watch for details.

See you on Sunday, Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

This Newsletter is a gift given by...

Stephanie Osborne

"God is good all the time and all the time,
God is good. Praise be to God."

If you would like to sponsor an issue of The Post Newsletter as an individual or business, contact Linda at 623-7090.

Changes Coming for Newsletter!

Starting in March there will be a slight change in how we deliver this newsletter. It will continue to go out every 2 weeks, but every other newsletter will be sent out to you via email, that is unless you prefer a paper copy.

The reason for the change is three-fold. First, we have more and more families and individuals who prefer to receive the newsletter only via email. Second, as the number of newsletters we send out continues to increase so does the cost. Sending out every other newsletter via email will save between \$5,000 and \$6,000 each year. And third, this will allow us to send out information in new ways, new formats, and with a new look.

So make sure we have your current email address by placing it on your Friendship Form, or by calling the church office (623-7090).

Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Wednesday Nite Live	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Jan 28.....	848	226	174	\$21,626	\$37,929
Feb 4.....	739	199	357	\$19,919	\$3,318
Feb 11.....	711	199	284	\$16,242	\$1,822
Feb 18.....	790	192		\$15,378	\$1,255

Sunday Discipleship includes all children, youth, & adult classes & courses offered on Sundays. WNL includes children, youth & adult ministries from Wednesday Night Live.

Educational Scholarships Available...

Application forms for the Methodist Women's Educational Scholarships may be picked up in the church office. Members of Saint Paul's of all ages who are pursuing any form of education beyond high school are eligible to participate. APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE **NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007.**

If you have questions or would like additional information, please call Loretta Crim at 623-5415.

Recovery Support Group

Do you suffer from alcohol or drug addiction and feel like nobody understands you? Well we understand and want to help you. The Recovery Support Group at Saint Paul's is a small group style, Christ centered program and you are invited to join us.

Recovery is a wonderful thing, so let's celebrate together! We meet each Thursday at 6:00 PM in Room 12 at the church.

If you would like more information call Robby Boyd at 438-2354 or Teddy Steen at 624-3745.

Healthbeat



It's best to do abdominal exercises some time other than the morning. Your spinal disks fill with fluid during the night while you're asleep, making them more prone to injury in the morning--and all ab exercises involve bending the spine.

Keep yourself dedicated to maintaining a healthy weight by weighing yourself at 9:00 a.m., the time of day when most people's weight is lowest. By then, your kidneys have flushed out the excess water weight that accumulated overnight when the kidneys slowed down dramatically so you could sleep soundly.

To keep yourself motivated to stick with your exercise regimen, keep trying to set a personal record for consecutive workouts without a miss. Every time your streak ends, work at extending it at your next attempt.

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Military Troops & Families
Jada Ryan Grindstaff
Jason Lewis

Cancer Treatment:

Tom Gibson
Richard Humes
Steve Pollock

Surgery:

Renee Walker

Health & Healing:

Jase York
Mike Surbrugg
Jack Scott
Carrol Skelton

Mary & Barry Hamlin

Jane Montee
Linda Koehler

Testing:

Kara Hulsey

Hospitalized:

Scott Yount

Other Concerns:

Wanda Hull
Jordan Hicks
Tracy
Zachery Oden
Alanna & Joe Wright
Michael W.

Come Join Us for Hoops!



Basketball season is here! Come shoot some hoops! We meet every Monday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center of the church. Everyone is invited!

Have fun, great exercise and very good opportunity to invite someone to see our church. Hope to see you on Monday nights!

If you have questions, contact Scott Moore at 417-825-6178.

Attention Alpha Alumni

Do you remember the blessings you received when you attended your Alpha Overnight Away? Or were you unable to go on the Overnighter when you first attended Alpha? Either way, you have the opportunity to experience the good food, fellowship and ministry times on March 2nd & 3rd!!

You are invited to join with Alpha 17 as we head off to Cave Springs Retreat Center for 24 hours of relaxation and renewal for body, mind and soul!! We will meet at the church on Friday March 2. That evening we will enjoy a great dinner and then we will listen to music by Spirit Force and a variety of activities, ending with s'mores and a bonfire! Then on Saturday we will continue with opportunities to share in worship, small group time, great fellowship and free time to explore the beautiful camp! We will head for home Saturday afternoon.

Cost to attend the event is \$45 per person. For more information contact Mark at 623-7090 or Rebecca at 417/499-8334. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 28th. If the cost is prohibitive, ask us about scholarships!

WOMAN TO WOMAN

Lamplighters Circle - This is a group of women at Saint Paul's that meet every 4th Tuesday of the month in members' homes. The meetings are for all ages of women - they study, pray and have lots of fun. The next meeting will be February 27th in the home of Pauline Lewis at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.



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Day Camp 2007

FBI (Fully Believe in Jesus)

Enrollment Starts Soon!!!

Hey kids!! Join us this summer at FBI Day Camp and become SonForce Kids Special Agents for Jesus! FBI Day Camp will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. beginning June 4 through July 20.

FBI Day Camp is the summer program that is a ministry at Saint Paul's. We are proud to be able to offer this program that allows your children to have a great time, taking on special missions that teach them how to better serve Jesus. At FBI, we work hard to make sure our campers have fun, but we believe that camp is more than swimming, songs, crafts, sports and games – all of which FBI Day Camp offers. FBI is about developing and fostering a relationship with Jesus and making new friends.

We invite you to look through the brochure that will be available soon in KidSpace or at the Information Center in the church lobby and get ready for a summer of secret missions and fun!

AVALANCHE RANCH

Vacation Bible School

Hey, pardners! It's that time again – for Saint Paul's annual Vacation Bible School (VBS), Avalanche Ranch! Three year olds through 5th graders from Saint Paul's and the community may join a ranch crew from 9 a.m. to noon each day, which will provide a relaxed, fun, safe setting that will focus on acquainting kids with Bible stories and activities. These young cowpokes will rotate through western-themed stations like Sing and Play Stampede, Wild Bible Adventures, Cowpoke Crafts and Missions, Chuck Wagon Chow, and Chadder's Wild West Theater. Bible learning is reinforced in everything they do! So mark your calendars for Saint Paul's Avalanche Ranch VBS, the wildest time west of the Mississippi, July 23-27, 2007!

If you are interested in helping with this ministry from July 23-27, 2007, please call KidSpace at 623-7090!

Summer/Fall Sessions Enrolling Soon for Awesome Adventure Preschool and Kids' Day Out!

Come see and experience Saint Paul's exciting preschool and Kids' Day Out programs! Stop by anytime to talk with our staff and teachers. Enrollment materials will be available VERY SOON! For more information about enrollment or these programs, please call the preschool at 623-7090 x20.