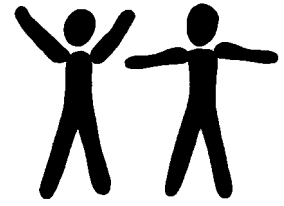


The Post

Reaching Up! Reaching Out!
Saint Paul's UMC



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Easter Celebrations This Weekend, April 8!

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 a.m. Pastor Aaron Brown will preach this youth-led service. Join us for 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 6:00 p.m. at The Salvage Yard. Come celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on this day of days! Rejoice with us in praise and worship. Jesus has risen and is indeed alive!

Time To Return Your Love Loaf!

Your love loaf is a love offering of food to hungry people around the world, so be sure to fill it up with your change and bills and together we can take a big bite out of world hunger. Please **return** your love loaf to the church lobby on **this Sunday!** The Mission Team thanks you for your compassion and your generosity.

Mosaic Worship Has Changed....Next Up, a Bald Ben?

Last Sunday, April 1st, Mosaic worship at The Salvage Yard, changed it's starting time to 6:00 p.m. This will be a permanent change that will make it easier for families to worship in the evening. With the warmer weather, and sunnier evenings approaching, remember that Joplin has a worship alternative for everyone.

Also, Easter Sunday is the Sunday where we will all see if Ben will have his head shaved. There have been many great volunteers who have taken the step to leading the children in worship, but to see if we reached our goal, you will have to be in attendance.

The Salvage Yard is located at 1402 South Main Street. You can reach the club at 417-623-YARD, or www.thesalvageyard.com.

Upcoming Sermons

- April 8 'Making Life Work—The Meaning of Easter'
- April 15 'Making Life Work—Pursue Wisdom'

Jump Start Courses Coming April 11 & 18...

Jump into a short-term course that will help you get your faith moving! These two-week courses start on April 11, running from 6-8 p.m. Dinner is included and there are children and youth programs going on at the same time.

Please pre-register for one of the courses below through the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship program, or call the church office at 623-7090.

Spiritual Gifts Course will help you identify and utilize your spiritual gifts. Limit 25 people, and led by Dan Distler.

Saint Paul's Experience—evening edition is a great first step in learning about the mission and values of Saint Paul's. This course is an essential step for anyone who is interested in joining our church. Led by pastor Mark Statler (*This course is also offered every month on Sunday mornings April 15th and 22nd at 11:00 am*).

Introducing the Old Testament and Introducing the New Testament— Week One: Preliminary Matters - Choosing a Bible translation; The Hebrew Bible Structure and Outline; How the Old Testament Came to Be; A Walk Through the Old Testament; A Guide to Reading the Bible. **Week Two:** The Writing of the New Testament - Chronologically; The Order of the New Testament Books; The New Testament Apocrypha. Led by pastor Aaron Brown.

Your Presence Is Requested At
 The Saint Paul's United Methodist Church

Youth Confirmation Service

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29, 2007

2423 W. 26th Street Joplin, Missouri

Reception Following Service

"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, April 6 Head Start Easter party service project
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 7 Easter service practice 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 8 Easter Sunrise Service 6:45 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m. Go 4th 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 11 *The Crossing* "facing your giants"
6-8 p.m.

Sunday, April 15 Go 4th Sunday School
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Youth Summer Stuff!

This summer, we have several great opportunities for all youth! If you are currently in grades 6 – 12, we invite you to go with us this summer on a mission trip or go to camp!

The early bird registration for camp Galilee is April 16 and the mission trip registration is limited to the first 20 paid deposits. So, make your reservation by getting your deposit in to the youth office as soon as possible!

Dates:

June 4 – 9 Mid High youth go to Camp Galilee

June 9 – 16 Senior High youth mission trip to Moss Point Mississippi

July 22 – 26 Senior High youth to Christ In Youth camp

July 30 – August 3 Mid High youth mission trip to Mt. View, Missouri.

Graduation Sunday!



On Sunday, May 6, we will recognize all high school and college graduating seniors. We will honor the graduates at the 9:30 am worship service and with a reception following that service.

If you are a graduating Senior (or the parent of one) please contact the youth office

at 623-7090 or send an email to youth@saintpauls-umc.com to let us know of your upcoming graduation.

Spring Cleaning!

Do you have lots of good stuff that you need to get rid of? Would you like to help support the youth of Saint Paul's on their mission trips? Well... we have just the thing for you! You can donate your used items to the annual youth rummage sale! This sale will be held on Saturday, May 26 and we need your items! You can start your spring cleaning now and then bring your donations to the church and we will store them here until the sale! We accept clothes, furniture, electronics, kids and baby items and more.

For more information contact the youth office at 623-7090.

A few words from Aaron...

This Sunday is Easter and it will be a truly awesome celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and what that means for our lives today! New hope, new strength, new direction, purpose, fellowship and so much more.

We'll have a lot of guests here this Sunday so let me suggest a few things for us all to remember as we strive for radical hospitality.

- **Park** at Cecil Floyd school and walk over. This will help make sure we have plenty of parking for our guests.
- **Sit** in the middle of a row of chairs instead of at the end. This will make it easier for people to find a seat.
- **Consider** worshipping at the 6:45 or 8:15 a.m. services, they will have the most room.
- **Come** with an attitude of joy!
- And don't forget to **invite** someone to come with you. People are very open and receptive to invitations to church on Easter. Your invitation could change a life forever!

I'll be starting a **new message series** on Sunday called "Making Life Work". I'll begin by talking about God's desire for our lives to work and next week we'll start to look at the book of Proverbs and God's timeless wisdom. This will be practical and awesome as we look at how we can make our relationships, careers, families and futures really work God's way.

On another note, don't forget about the upcoming Jump Start classes. There are three to choose from, they're just 2 weeks long and each one will be a great way to take another step in your faith journey. I'm looking forward to teaching an introduction to the Old and New Testaments, so if you want to get a handle on the Bible or get a refresher on this amazing book, jump in!

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

Sponsor a Newsletter!

Would you like the opportunity to reach 1,300 families and help your church at the same time? You could do this by sponsoring a newsletter. Every other week, we send out approximately 1,500 newsletters to families in our community and throughout the country. You can publicize your business or an upcoming event, show a loved one your appreciation, or simply praise God for His blessings.

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

Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Wednesday Nite Live	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Mar 11	691	145		\$12,966	\$4,594
Mar 18	644	156	264	\$12,070	\$6,271
Mar 25	774	207	227	\$16,731	\$881
April 1	914	117		\$21,564	\$1,591

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

Building Repair Update

The church sustained quite a bit of damage from the ice storm in January. Parts that are still in need of repair include the roof over the classrooms in the Family Life Center, the ceiling on either side of the Family Life Center, guttering around the church and several air conditioning units.

Things are progressing slowly, but all of our quotes have been turned in to our insurance company and we are ready to move ahead with repairs as soon as they release the funds to make those repairs happen.

Maximum Impact Leadership Conference May 11

This will be a live satellite simulcast with top business leaders, speakers and authors who are also people of deep faith. Speakers include **John C. Maxwell**, best-selling author of "The Difference Maker" and acclaimed leadership speaker; **Terry Bradshaw**, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback and today's preeminent NFL studio personality; **Herman Boone**, famous high school football coach chronicled in the movie "Remember the Titans"; **Tim Sanders**, author and former Chief Solutions Officer at Yahoo!; **Malcolm Gladwell**, best selling author of "The Tipping Point" and "Blink"; **Jackie Freiberg**, female leader and author of "Guts!"; **Bill Strickland**, one of the world's great social innovators; and **Ken Blanchard**, leadership guru and author of "Self Leadership" and the "One Minute Manager".

Saint Paul's will be one of 600 satellite sites around the world! Tickets are only \$35 for this day-long session and will soon be available at the Information Center. We'll also need volunteers to help with hospitality so watch for details and get the word out! Go to www.Maximumimpact.com/mis for more info.

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.

Prayer Concerns

Serving in Iraq:

Josh Walker

Cancer Treatment:

Tom Gibson

Health & Healing:

Linda Overturf

Ben & Kaleb Miller

Jane Montee

Vi Green

Linda Koehler

Danny Lesh & Jimmy

Tasha Lindsay

Chrisfer Howell

Peggy Rodriguez

Hospitalized:

Frank Hoffmann

Grief:

O'Flarety Family at the loss of father

The family of Don

Zimmerhagl at his death

Other Concerns:

Lauren

Impact Dwellings Discipleship House, Godstock 2007

Zachery Oden

Tom Curtis

Marguerite Elliott

Jordan Hicks

Brandie

Vivian Harper

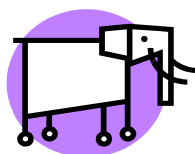
White Elephants & Plants Wanted!

Spring is coming! It's time to clean out rooms, closets, cabinets and drawers for the **May 19th "White Elephant & Plant Sale" at Saint Paul's!** The sale is sponsored by The Lamplighters women's group. Storage for your useable, unwanted items is available in Pauline Lewis's



garage. Be sure to call her first at 623-1393, before you deliver items.

No clothing please! Plants may be brought in on setup day (May 18th.)



For more information, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.

Easter Lilies Are In!

The Easter Lilies are in and will be displayed in the church on Easter Sunday. If you have ordered a plant and would like to keep it, please pick it up following the Easter services or early the following week.



WOMAN TO WOMAN

R(each) U(p) B(eyond) Y(ourself) THE RUBY CIRCLE

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18th, at 11:30 a.m. in room #51 at the church.

Dr. Carolyn English, a local practicing Chiropractic physician, will present an enlightening/interesting program for healthful living. All women of the church are invited to attend, and as always, bring your lunch if you desire.

For more information, call Loretta Crim at 623-5415.



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Preschool and Kids' Day Out...Now Enrolling For Summer & Fall Sessions!

Saint Paul's Awesome Adventure Preschool & Kids Day Out offers a Christian-based setting for children ages 12 months through 5 years.

Classes meet 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. To enter preschool, your child must be 3 years old by July. 31. Classes will be available on Tuesday/Thursday, Mon/Wed/Fri, and Monday through Friday. Kids Day Out classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon for children 12 months to 3 years old. Extended Pre-school now available 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Visit us at KidSpace front desk for more information or call us at 623-7090, ext. 20.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE APRIL 16

An 'EGGS'TRAORDINARY Vision for Easter...

Often the true meaning of Easter is hidden behind bunnies, painted eggs, and candy treats. That's why we are so excited about the Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt and Stations of the Cross – a children's Easter event with a life-changing message.



On Easter Sunday, April 8th Saint Paul's will hold a resurrection egg hunt during 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for nursery age kids. The event will be held on the playground.

Children K-5th grade will travel through the Stations of the Cross during 9:30 Sunday school and 11:00 KidMo. This journey will be held in the Family life center. The Stations of the Cross is a special way to help children discover the true meaning of Easter.

Join us at Avalanche Ranch

A wild ride through God's word!

...Kids worshiping in powerful ways.

....Children praying for each other.

...Adults and teens modeling Jesus' love to children.

...Children serving each other.

...A Child hearing about God's love for the first time.

All this and more will happen during Vacation Bible School this summer July 25-29, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church – come be a part of it!