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Hearts and Hammers, April 29th

8:00 a.m. at Landreth Park Pavilion

Saint Paul's is a proud supporter of this community-wide ministry of essential home repair and maintenance for people in need of assistance! So far, 60 people from Saint Paul's have signed up to be placed on teams. Our volunteers, along with volunteers from other churches and organizations, will assist 16 homes. It's not too late to get involved! Just show up on Saturday, April 29th at 8:00 a.m. at the Landreth Park Pavilion, and Hearts and Hammers will find you a place to work. At 5:00 p.m. you are invited back to Landreth Park for a celebration and cookout!



Golf Scramble/ Cookout May 21

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 21 for the Saint Paul's four man golf scramble at Schifferdecker Park. This will be a fun golf outing with prizes given to the 1st place team, the closest to the pin and the longest drive. You can sign up in the lobby or sign up on the Friendship Form in the Sunday worship program. The cost for 18 holes, cart and cookout is \$30.00 per person. The tee time begins at 1:20 p.m.



We will also have a **church-wide cookout** that evening at Schifferdecker Park shelter #1 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. If you are not golfing, we would love for you to join us for



the cookout! Hamburgers, hotdogs, pasta salad, drinks and desserts will be served. Please register for the cookout on the Friendship Form. All proceeds will go to support youth missions and camp!

Annual White Elephant/ Bake Sale Fundraiser!

Mark Your Calendars!!!

The annual White Elephant/Bake Sale Fundraiser is coming soon! The doors open at 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. It is sponsored by the Lamplighters and Ruby Circle. The proceeds will benefit several ministries such as Vacation Bible School, Scholarship Fund, Salvage Yard, Crosslines, and Hispanic Ministry. Please come and find that special treasure and a delicious baked treat! A light lunch will be available. Donations are still accepted.

Bake Sale...

As part of the White Elephant event, there be a bake sale. If you can donate "goodies" we would appreciate having those at Saint Paul's by Thursday, evening May 4 or early Friday, May 5. Please deliver them to the kitchen and mark "For Bake Sale." If you have questions regarding the bake sale, call Loretta Crim at 623-5415.

National Day of Prayer...

Thursday, May 4, is National Day of Prayer. Please set aside five minutes on this day to pray for five segments of our nation that carry the greatest influence: the government; media; education system; church and family. Pray that the Lord's presence and authority would be brought to bear on these five divisions of society.

Your Presence Is Requested At

*The Saint Paul's United
Methodist Church*

**Youth Confirmation
Service 4:30 p.m.**

Sunday, April 30, 2006

Reception Following Service

Upcoming Sermons

April 23 'Christianity and the Religions of the World—
Buddhism'

April 30 'Christianity and the Religions of the World—
Hinduism'

"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

Sunday, April 23 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday School

Wednesday, April 26 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing* Night of Worship

Saturday, April 29 11 a.m.-12 Noon Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, April 30 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Service

Wednesday, May 3 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

Sunday, May 7 10:30 a.m. Graduation Reception

Youth Rummage Sale...

The youth sponsored rummage sale will be held at Saint Paul's on Friday and Saturday, May 26 & 27. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please bring it to the church or call the youth office at 623-7090. All proceeds will go to support our summer camps and mission trips!



Graduates Recognized, Sunday, May 7!

If you are graduating this year from high school or college, we want to honor you! On Sunday, May 7, we will honor all graduating Seniors at Saint Paul's.



We will recognize all seniors at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. We will hold a reception for all graduates from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Please contact the youth office at 623-7090 or email at youth@saintpauls-umc.com if you are a graduating senior. We need names of all graduates by April 30.

Scholarships Awarded!

Congratulations to the recipients of Saint Paul's Methodist Women scholarships. They are: Marly Ramsour; Tammy S. Jones; Robert Coats; and Laura Beth Karch.

May God Bless each of them as they continue their education in His name.

A few words from Aaron...

I want to begin with a few words of thanks. Two weeks ago our music department did a truly amazing job on the Easter Musical *Eyes of Faith*. Janet and the Choir, the soloists, and Fred Hampton and Mark Swab with the sound, lighting and multimedia brought together a time of worship, music and a message that set the stage for an amazing Holy Week.

I also want to thank all those who served on Easter Sunday on our First Impressions Teams. You men and women did a truly awesome job of making everyone (especially our guests and visitors) feel warmly welcomed. You not only helped people feel at home, and find seats together in worship, but you made sure the bathrooms were clean, the coffee was hot, and people could find a place to park. We had record worship attendance and your servanthood on Easter helped to make those many people feel at home and ready to worship Jesus Christ as we celebrated his resurrection.

This week I'm looking forward to continuing the message series I started last week on Christianity and the Religions of the World. This week I'll be talking about Buddhism and I think you'll be surprised by some similarities we share, as well as some of the key differences we have with Buddhism. As I said Sunday, this may be the most important series we have ever done here at Saint Paul's because of the increasing amount of contact we will have with those of other faiths, as well as the increasing violence between faith groups. We must learn how to converse with people of other faiths and at the same time be confident in sharing our faith in Jesus Christ.

And finally, I'll be leaving for a quick trip to Nicaragua next week to scout out a mission possibility in the Matagalpa region. I ask for your prayers for a safe trip and that I might see what God would have me see so that we can discern if this is another place where God would have us reach out to some of the world's neediest people.

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

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Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

| Week of | Total Worship | Sunday Discipleship | WNL | Faith Offering | Making Room For All |
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| Mar 26 | 796 | 205 | 65 | \$13,927 | \$7,542 |
| April 2 | 694 | 205 | 157 | \$18,323 | \$3,623 |
| April 9 | 870 | 183 | 137 | \$14,793 | \$3,361 |
| April 16 | 1,451 | 250 | | \$31,824 | \$8,238 |

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

Complete Church Financial Reports are available at the Info Center.

Missions...

Now collecting Love Loaves

Fill up your Love Loaf with change and bills and together we can take a big bite out of world hunger! Half of the funds received through the Love Loaf offerings are used to feed hungry people throughout the world through World Vision. The other half is used to support local mission needs right here in Joplin. Please give generously and be sure to return your Love Loaf Bank to the basket in the church lobby by April 30.

Red Bird Mission Team Heading for Eastern Kentucky in May

Seven people from Saint Paul's are heading to the Red Bird Mission in the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky. Our team will be doing light construction work on buildings that support Red Bird's wide variety of ministries. To learn more about the Red Bird Mission, visit their website at www.rbmission.org. Our church will formally recognize and hold a dedication service for this team on Sunday, May 7 at the 9:30 a.m. worship celebration.

Community Clinic Volunteers Needed!

The Community Clinic of Joplin is in immediate need of medical volunteers (specifically RNs, LPNs, EMTs, EMT-Ps, or CNAs) to staff clinics on Mondays in the early afternoon and/or Thursdays in the late afternoon and on various other days throughout the month.

The Clinic is a local medical mission that provides primary care for people in Southwest Missouri who are uninsured in a Christ-centered, caring, and positive environment. Our services include primary care, specialty clinics (including cardiology, GI, pediatrics, orthopedics, pediatric orthopedics, and diabetic education), limited dental for adults and kids, and social services. Patients at the Clinic vary from the 40-hour-a-week worker who cannot afford insurance to the homeless to residents of the Lafayette House to those who lost their Medicaid coverage in the recent cuts. If you have questions, please call Stephany at the Clinic 624-5500, ext. 12.

Prime Timers...

The Prime Timers lunch will be at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. The menu is: Fajitas, Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, beans, chips and salsa, coffee and tea. Pay \$5.00 at the door. Call Maril Thompson for reservations at 623-7803.

Prayer Concerns

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| Military Troops & Families | Allison |
| Hazel Hoagland | Audrey Efird |
| Bill McAllister | Roger Hackson & Family |
| Jerry Webster | Rae Endicott |
| Karen Coss | Billie Snyder |
| Carrol Skelton | Andrew & Adriana Lara |
| Keith Johnson | Penny & Chris |
| Patty Forkner | Mary Beth Wawrzyniak |
| Misty Sohosky | Scott Yount |
| Todd Beeler | Brian & Tina Harter |
| Lisa Smittle | Kayla Pekarek & Family |
| Edna & Ervin Dill | Zachary Dugan |
| Patrick Hamilton & Family | Josh Birkemo |
| Amy, Emily, & Tucker Edmonson | Becky Felts |
| Alan Robertson | Chris Geer |
| Kara Hulsey | Tim Scroggins |

Prayer & Healing Service..

"And pray for each other, so that you may be healed."
James 5:16

Come to the Church at 7:00 p.m. on Monday night, April 24. The Prayer & Healing Service will be a worship time that includes prayer, communion, and time for individual prayer for those who desire it. This service is for everyone. The Prayer & Healing Service will be a time to truly rest and recover in His presence.

Severe Weather Policy

April Showers bring May flowers and it also brings severe weather to the four states! With this in mind, we would like to remind everyone about what to do should severe weather strike while activities are going on at the church.

The main thing to remember is to stay away from areas where there is a lot of glass. In the older parts of the church the safe areas are the hallways on the east, north and west sides, and the bathrooms on the east side. In the newer areas of the church, the bathrooms in the hallway connecting to the Creation Station and in Creation Station and the stairwells are the safest places. Remember once you have reached these areas, please get on the floor and cover your head.

WOMAN TO WOMAN

The **Lamplighters Circle** is a group of women at Saint Paul's that meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes. The meetings are for all ages of women - they study, pray and have lots of fun. The next meeting will be April 25th in the home of 'B' York. If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-

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Kids' Corner

Safe Sanctuary Training Event..

If you are going to be a camp counselor for any of the summer camps this year (Camp Galilee, Christ in Youth Colorado Camp), we would like to extend an invitation to attend Safe Sanctuary Training. Safe Sanctuary is required in order to be a camp counselor. This training will be conducted by Rebecca Courtney on **May 3, 2006**, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church. Please bring a copy of your social security card or your driver's license if your license number is your social security number. For more information call Todd Taylor or Nancy Hampton at 623-7090

Join the Fiesta Team

We're searching for amigos to be Crew Leaders and join us for the Fiesta Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon each day from July 24 – 28 at Saint Paul's. If you love the Lord, love children, and love to have fun, this job is for you! Sign up at the VBS table located in the church lobby and Creation Station or contact Fiesta Volunteers Coordinator, Tracy Happs at 483-8825 to join the excitement of being part of the Fiesta! We're also looking for plenty of leaders to help out with snacks, Bible Expedition, games and crafts for this year's Fiesta!!

MAGNIFY with FBI...



FBI (Fully Believe in Jesus) Day Camp is going to use a unique format for kids to have a blast while learning about God's Word. The complete New Testament Bible especially made for children, will come to life by applying to the kids' lives through a magazine format loaded with interesting articles, thought-provoking quizzes, and interactive games. Even a secret decoder will be included to help kids uncover amaz-

ing secrets found in the Bible!

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| Did Ya Know? Fun Facts | God's World |
| Kids Speak Out! | Getting Along |
| | And lots more! |



Pick up a brochure at the Information Center and sign up your kids today... Kindergarten through 4th grade.

VBS Cookbooks...

Hurry...Deadline is April 30! Submit your recipes for the VBS Cookbook. Pre-order your cookbook on the Friendship Form in Sunday's brochure. Cookbooks are only \$7.00.