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## Memorial Sunday, May 28

### Bring fresh flowers!

On Sunday May 28, we will celebrate Memorial Sunday by remembering those we love who have died. The service will be a time to rejoice in the living legacies that we carry within us in beautiful and positive ways. To celebrate those lives, we ask everyone to bring fresh cut flowers. As worship begins, everyone will be invited to bring the flowers forward and they will be made into large bouquets reminding us of the beauty and color these people have added to our lives.

## 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!

## Wednesday Night Live Heats Up this June: Hot Topic-- *The DaVinci Code*

*The DaVinci Code* is a highly entertaining and runaway bestseller, and a major summer film release, but what's all the buzz about? Come on Wednesday nights this June to discover the theories of the author, that challenge both the history and the theology of Christianity. Through the issues he raises in the book, author Dan Brown gives us a great opportunity as Christians to explore the answers to questions like; what did the early church really believe about the divinity of Jesus? How and when did the New Testament come together? What was the relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene?

The class is led by Pastor Mark and will be held in the Family Life Center and begins June 7th. Come to one or all four weeks! We are **not** serving dinner, so we'll **meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please register on the Friendship Form at Sunday worship or call the church at 623-7090.

## Youth Rummage Sale...

The youth sponsored rummage sale will be held at Saint Paul's on Friday and Saturday, May 26 & 27, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please bring it to the church or call the youth office at 623-7090. We take clothing, large items and more! All proceeds will go to support our summer camps and mission trips!

## Silent Auction...

Saint Paul's youth are sponsoring a silent auction from Wednesday, May 24 until Sunday, May 28. The items to be auctioned will be displayed in the lobby at the church. Bids will close at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 28. All proceeds from this auction will go to support youth missions and camps.



## Awesome Adventure Preschool Now Enrolling for Fall

We are now taking fall enrollment. Saint Paul's **Awesome Adventure Preschool** offers a Christian-based setting for children ages 3 through 5. Classes meet 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. To enter preschool, your child must be 3 years old by July 31, 2006. Classes will be available on Tuesday/Thursday; Monday/Wednesday/Friday; and Monday through Friday. 7:30 a.m. early morning drop-off is available. Extended Preschool is available until 5:30 p.m. Visit us at Creation Station front desk for more information on cost or call us at 623-7090, ext. 20.

## Upcoming Sermons

- May 21 **Series Finale "Christianity and the Religions of the World—Christianity"**
- May 28 **"A Memorial of My Faith"**

"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, May 21** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday

School 1:20-7:00 p.m. Golf Scramble/Cookout

**Wednesday, May 24** 6-8 p.m. *The Crossing*

**Wednesday & Thursday, May 24 & 25** 11:00 a.m. -  
5:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Setup

**Friday & Saturday, May 26 & 27** 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Rummage Sale

**Sunday, May 28** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Go 4th Sunday  
School

**Wednesday, May 31** 6:30-9:00 p.m. *The Crossing*  
"A Night for Youth, Music & Life" at the Salvage Yard

## Camp Galilee Update - Keep Camp Galilee in mind!

This summer we are sending over 35 youth and 25 children to camp! WOW! What a great experience that these kids will have. At Saint Paul's, we feel that camp is so important to a child's life and spiritual growth, that we pay part of the cost of camp. Each family must pay a \$50 deposit and then another \$50 payment, but Saint Paul's will pay the final cost. That means that our church will have a camp bill of over \$12,000. To date, the church has given \$4,985 in offering toward camp, but we still need to raise \$7,000. If you feel called to help support these youth and children at camp, please make your check out to Saint Paul's UMC and mark the offering "Camp".

## Kindermusik Now Enroll- ing for Summer and Fall

We are pleased to be providing a new summer *Kindermusik* class called *Sign and Sing*. This 5 week class combines songs and playful interaction to help children learn American Sign Language. The class begins the week of June 12th and is designed for children and babies 6 months through 3 years of age.

*Kindermusik*

We are also accepting enrollment forms for classes that begin in August. Our fall semester of classes is designed for

children ages Newborn through 7 years. Please stop by the *Kindermusik* table in the church lobby to pick up brochures and enrollment forms for all of our fun and exciting *Kindermusik* programs. You may also contact Janet Brown at 623-7090 (ext. 31) for more information.

## Prime Timers...

The Prime Timers will not meet during the months of June, July and August. We will see you again in September.

## A few words from Aaron...

First of all, Janet and I want to thank the church for the outpouring of love for our new daughter, Abigail. She arrived much sooner than we expected and so many of you have helped us as we scrambled to get everything in place. Thanks for all the diapers! We truly see God's action throughout our adoption process and see Abby's arrival into our home and our lives as nothing short of miraculous. Janet, Zoe, Abby and I say thank you for your prayers and support, we thank God for the new addition to our family.

Second, The movie, *Da Vinci Code*, opens in theaters this week and the controversy over this movie, and the book it is based upon, is swirling again. I addressed the book in a sermon in 2004 when the book was popular and I suggest that you go on our website, download that sermon and read it, especially if you choose to see the movie. We'll also have copies of that sermon available at the Information Center. The bottom line to remember is that book and movie are fictional and that Dan Brown has misrepresented historical fact to tell a fictional story. That is important to keep in mind. We are drawn into conspiracy theories because they contain just enough fact to entice us, but not enough to withstand true scrutiny.

Third, I'll be wrapping up our current message series this Sunday. I have to admit that I'm excited about talking about my faith and belief in Christianity and why I'm a Christian. Don't miss this Sunday!

On a final note, the current building project is nearly complete in phase 1 (the youth floor of the new wing). Our contractor is telling us that we're about 1 month away! This means they'll be finishing sooner than expected. This is fantastic. But it also means that the bills for its construction are also coming in sooner than expected. Our budget for this first phase is \$600,000 and it appears at this point that construction costs will be very near that. Now is the time to give toward this project if you have not. Between now and the end of June we, as a congregation, will need to give approximately \$100,000 to fund construction costs. So if you've been waiting to fulfill your building fund pledge to the Making Room For all Campaign, now is a good time to give. If you've not made a commitment, now is a good time to make one and begin giving. Our congregation continues to grow and making room for more people, especially our children and youth, is vital to our future. Let's step up to this giving challenge together!

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 1,300 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	WNL	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
April 23 ...	719	198	133	\$14,090	\$3,542
April 30 ...	757	183	69	\$14,651	\$8,227
May 7 ...	719	180	109	\$14,279	\$4,776
May 14 ...	882	112		N/A	N/A

*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.*

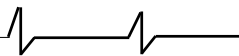
## Missions...

### June is Lafayette House Month

A couple of years ago, the church agreed to adopt Lafayette House during the month of June each year. Our responsibility is to supply paper goods such as: bundles of paper towels, bundles of toilet paper, boxes of tissues and boxes or reams of copy paper. We are also asked to supply economy-sized containers of laundry detergent. By June 1st, containers will be set up in the lobby so donations can be placed in them during June.

Lafayette House provides a retreat for battered and abused women and children, and our help during "Lafayette House Month" (June) will be appreciated very much.

## Healthbeat



### Weight Loss

Losing weight can help you manage your type 2 diabetes, says the American Diabetes Association. Weight loss reduces your insulin resistance so your natural insulin is more effective. Weight loss also helps reduce your cholesterol levels and lowers your blood pressure.

### Tips from successful losers

The National Weight Control Registry contains data on people who have lost at least 30 pounds and kept it off for at least one year. These successful losers credit four strategies:

1. Eating breakfast. This helps prevent overeating later in the day.
2. Consuming foods low in fat and high in carbohydrates. Usually, less than 30 percent of their calories come from fat.
3. Exercising regularly. More than 90 percent of them exercise for about one hour a day.
4. Regularly stepping on the scale or keeping a food journal.

## 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 May 23, in the home of Becky Burress . If you have questions, call Joyce Hair at 781-4648.

## Prayer Concerns

<b>Military Troops &amp; Families</b>	<b>The Lara Family</b>
<b>Virginia Christensen</b>	<b>Cindy Phillips</b>
<b>Chris Cook &amp; Family</b>	<b>R. J. Koehler</b>
<b>Jennifer McGregor</b>	<b>Gerold Koehler</b>
<b>Becky Felts</b>	<b>Judy Lett</b>
<b>Carrol Skelton</b>	<b>Jamie Easley &amp; Baby</b>
<b>Mary Kennedy</b>	<b>Desi Reyna &amp; Baby</b>
<b>Harry Boyd &amp; Family</b>	<b>Heather Lewis &amp; Family</b>
<b>Brent &amp; Mary Ann Sullivan</b>	<b>Chris Geer</b>
<b>Branden Wilkerson</b>	<b>Brandie Purdy</b>
<b>Jim Wood</b>	<b>Zachary Dugan</b>

## From the Mailbox

The Lamplighter and Ruby Circles would like to thank all of you who contributed to making our Annual White Elephant/Bake Sale a success. We had lots of beautiful items and we truly appreciate your support. We were able to meet our goal and now several church and community ministries will benefit from the proceeds.



## Habitat ReStore in Joplin

The Joplin Habitat for Humanity is preparing to embark on a new venture - a building materials recycling center called the Habitat ReStore. It will offer a service that will save usable materials from the landfill while providing these materials to the public at a fraction of the retail price. In the end, the Habitat ReStore will benefit low-income homeowners, building materials donors and the environment. The first step is to organize a steering committee. *If you would like to volunteer to be on the steering committee, please contact Connie Mosbaugh at 417-782-6533.*

## Healing Hearts 2 Seminar - Wednesday Nights this Summer

This course is for those who have already completed the Healing Hearts Seminar and want to discover an even deeper understanding of self and how that affects relationships. The course will be led by Bob and Dixie Wynne and meets from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** It will run from June 7 thru July 19. Please indicate if you need childcare when you register on the Friendship Form at Sunday worship.

## New Guide Book And Directory



We have contracted Guide Book Publishing to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will be the Who, Where, When, Why and How of our Church. The book is being provided at **no cost** to our Church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office at 623-7090.



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## Kids' Corner

### Kids' FBI Day Camp!



Summer is right around the corner, and at Saint Paul's we are gearing up for Day Camp! Our season will begin Monday, June 5th, and run through Friday, July 21, 2006. This year's program is designed for children kindergarten through 4th grade. We will run a seven week session of three days (Monday-

Wednesday-Friday). Each regular day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Day campers must bring a sack lunch and drink each day. *We will refrigerate all lunches and drinks.*

8:00 a.m. early drop off available. **COST: \$10.00 per week - \$5.00 per week for second child.** Cost for Day Camp 2006 will be \$200 per child. (about \$28 per week) Discounts for Day Camp: multi-child discounts will be available. There is a \$20.00 registration fee.

If you are interested in this program please call Todd Taylor at 623-7090, ext. 20. We are looking forward to seeing God do great work in our children this year!

## Team Camp..New This Summer!

### Day Camp for 5th grade boys and girls!

This is a seven week session on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program will begin on June 6 and will end on July 20, 2006. Registration fee is \$20.00 and tuition is \$150.00.

**NOTE TO CAMPERS** Team Camp is designed to meet your needs. Whether it's trying out a new activity, making new friends, and not being bored this summer. Team Camp is for you! Our team leaders will work with all of you to help YOU have fun and continue to grow in God's love. At Team Camp you are all winners! Our goals are to help you develop a winning attitude, develop a better understanding of God's love, have fun, and make new friends!



**The Staff:** June Holcomb and Scott Yount.

**You may register by picking up a Team Camp Registration Form** at the Information Center or call Todd Taylor at 623-7090 for more information.

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