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**YOUR ELECTRONIC UPDATE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING
 IN AND AROUND SAINT PAUL'S**



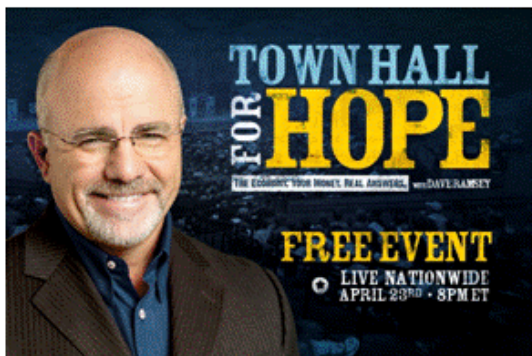
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**"THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH IS TO LEAD PEOPLE TO AN ACTIVE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST"**

Easter Events!

- **Palm Sunday**, April 5th. The choir and band will be performing, "Hands," a multi-media worship experience you won't want to miss! This powerful service will give you an opportunity to praise our awesome creator God, to be reminded of how he guides us with his mighty hand, how he bore the nails for our sins and how we can be his hands in this world today. (8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.)
- **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**, Thursday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m. This is a powerful, meaningful service of darkness. Easter Sunday is even more meaningful if you take part in the Maundy Thursday service.
- **Easter Sunrise Service**, Sunday, April 12th at 6:30 a.m. (Aaron Brown preaching). Join us for **Breakfast** immediately following the service in the Family Life Center until 8:15 a.m.
- **Easter Worship Services**, Sunday, April 12th, 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. at the main campus (Aaron Brown preaching) and 6:00 p.m. at The Salvage Yard (Ben Bainbridge preaching).

Ways to help out on Easter Sunday! Company's coming so let's get ready to warmly receive them. Here are a few suggestions: Think about choosing one of the earlier services (6:30 or 8:15). Think about parking at Cecil Floyd elementary school and walking over (there's a sidewalk the whole way). Think about worshipping in the Family Life Center via the Big Screen at 9:30 or 11 (We may not need the overflow, but if our regulars are ready to jump up and move we'll be practicing radical hospitality for our guests!). Serve on a hospitality team. It's fun! It's a great way to serve! You meet all kinds of people! (Sign up on the Friendship Form).



DAVE RAMSEY LIVE APRIL 23, FREE

Tired of hearing the fear, doom and gloom that's filling the airwaves? Join Dave Ramsey, author of the Financial Peace University course, for a nationwide town hall meeting for some straight talk about today's economy. He'll discuss the history of the economy, a biblical worldview, and some steps to take toward hope! Plus, Dave will answer your questions live throughout the event.

Saint Paul's will be one of thousands of host sites across the country. Join us for this totally free event at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23rd** as we stand together to reignite the fire of hope. For more information about the event, go to www.townhallforhope.com.



Maximum Impact Simulcast...

Leadership That Inspires

Maximum Impact Simulcast Returning to Saint Paul's!

The next simulcast will be on Friday, May 8, 2009 and will include speakers like Tony Blair, John Maxwell and Jack Nicklaus! This event provides an opportunity for business professionals with a day to advance their leadership. Renown authors, business men and women and leadership experts will provide a wealth of information designed to help you grow your influence. This will be a LIVE satellite simulcast at Saint Paul's and tickets are only \$40 for this day-long session (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and lunch is included. Tickets are available at the Saint Paul's bookstore and the Chamber of Commerce.

Send your Prayers for the Confirmation Class!

Each year we make a prayer book for our Confirmation class. We give each Confirmand the book with thoughts and prayers to help them as they grow in their relationship with Christ. Please take a few moments to send a prayer, a thought, a Bible verse or story for this year's Confirmation class. Prayers can be sent to spconnections@gmail.com or dropped off at the church office. Prayers are needed by April 5th.



Life Choices Walk for Life

The Walk for Life 2009 will be held on Sunday, April 26th at 1:00 p.m. at Landreth Park, Joplin.

If you are interested in walking or sponsoring a walker, visit the Life Choices booth in the church lobby or contact Trella James at 850-4013.

“Fill It Up” Cup Reminder

The Fill it Up cups are due back to the church on Easter Sunday, April 12. All donations from the Fill it Up cups go to support the Rainbow Network and local missions.

Mark your calendar for Monday, April 20th, 2009!

Everyone is invited to the April Missions Team meeting to be held on Monday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in room #20-22. Our speaker will be Frank Hanagame, a Navajo Indian from Four Corners Native American Ministry. Mr. Hanagame will speak about the United Methodist Churches on the reservation and how Saint Paul's can possibly partner with them.



Crosslines of Joplin can use your help!

They will be cleaning out and reorganizing their clothing room beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 3. Workers are needed to help sort through the winter clothes and put out the summer clothes. If you want to help that day, just go to Crosslines, 131 South High Street, Joplin.

Student Ministries

SpiLiRa 2009

SpiLiRa (abbreviation for Spiritual Life Rally) is for students who have finished 6th grade through graduating seniors. July 13-17th at the University of Missouri in Columbia. A MUST ATTEND EVENT with lots of other youth, great bands and awesome workshops! This five day summer camp is held only once every four years! Registration forms available at the Information Center in the church lobby or in The Zone. Check it out at www.spilira.org

2009 Church Camp for Youth

Camp Galilee is in Eldorado Springs, Missouri, and will be here before you know it. The dates are listed below. Please begin signing up now. \$100.00 deposit holds your spot. Registration forms available in Information Center in the church lobby and The Zone.

Junior High Youth Entering 7th - 9th Grade - June 2-6, 2009

Senior High Youth Entering 10th -13th Grade -June 15-20, 2009



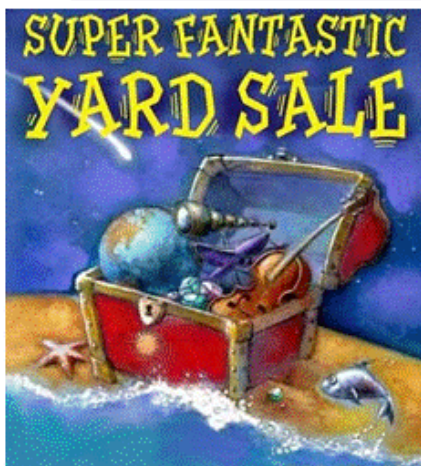
Easter Egg Hunt!

On Sunday, April 12th (Easter) at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., pre-school age children will enjoy the fun of an Easter egg hunt on the playground! Check in and pick up will be as usual.



Children Walking with Jesus

On Easter Sunday, April 12th, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. K thru 5th grade children will experience the Stations of the Cross. Kids will walk the walk that Jesus walked. They will experience his love and discover the true meaning of Easter through 14 different stations.

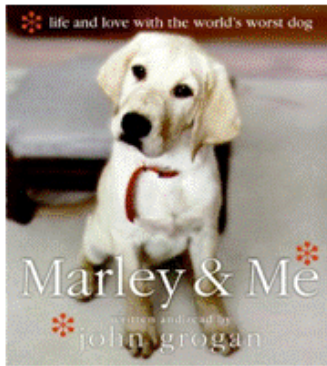


Spring Yard Sale Fundraiser!

Start your spring cleaning early and often. This year's yard sale will be Saturday May 2nd. All proceeds will go to support Children's and Youth Summer Camps this year. Please start bringing your gently used items for the sale.

Items needed: Household items; Furniture - Indoor and Out; Appliances; Tools; Camping Gear; Toys; Baby gear; etc. No Clothes, Please! Thanks!

Please drop off your items at the church beginning April 13, 2009. (a semi trailer will be available for storage)



Movie Night Fundraiser in the Family Life Center

Movie Night at Saint Paul's on **April 17, 2009**
Presented by Children and Youth Ministries.

On Friday, April 17, 2009, bring your family and support the children and youth in their fundraising efforts to raise money for summer camps this year. The movie of the night is "Marley & Me", Starring Owen Wilson & Jennifer Aniston. Doors open at 6:00 PM, Movie starts at 6:30 PM. Food and concessions available for purchase. Pre-sale Admission: \$5.00 adults / \$3.00 children (children under 3 are free). \$20.00 Max for families of six or more – immediate family only.

Vacation Bible School July 20-24 9am to Noon

Are your kids ready to sink their teeth into BIG fun?

That's just what they'll do at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light! Crocodile Dock is filled with incredible Bible-learning that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project called Kids Helping Kids. Kids will collect items for the children in Nicaragua! **Register your kids today! Volunteering Opportunities are available - Check out the church bulletin for signing up!**



FBI Day Camp Beginning June 8...

FBI Agents can now attend 3 or 5 days per week!

FBI Agents (K thr 5th Grade) become part of the secret agency known as A.I.M. (*Agents In Motion*). We need your help to change the world! Join Special Agents as they travel to secret hide-outs and follow the clues to learn how to cause positive change in your family, your church, your friends, your community and even the world! Your mission begins soon! 7:30 a.m. early morning drop-off available!

\$15 registration fee (covers T-shirt and snacks), and costs for FBI are:

- Mon-Fri = \$425
- Mon, Wed, Fri w/early drop-off = \$290
- Mon-Fri w/early drop-off = \$485.

To register, please call Stephany Pace or Todd Taylor at KidSPace, 623-7090 x20, or stop by and pick a registration form. You will NOT want your kids to miss out on this amazing summer adventure!

Church Camp for Grade-schoolers

Camp Galilee is in Eldorado Springs, Missouri, and will be here before you know it. The dates are listed below. The summer camp is open to kids entering 3rd through 13th Grade. Please begin signing up now. \$100.00 deposit holds your spot. Registration forms available in Church Main Lobby, KidSPace, and The Zone.

- Older Elementary Children Entering 5th & 6th Grade - June 2- 6, 2009
- Middle Elementary Children entering 3rd & 4th Grade - June 29, 30- July 1 2009