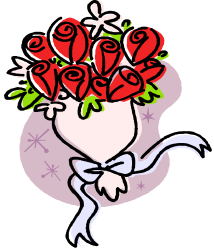
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## Memorial Sunday, May 27

### *Bring fresh flowers!*

On Sunday May 27, 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.

### Charge Conference Update

A Charge Conference was held on May 21st. A Charge Conference is a meeting authorized at our District Superintendent to take care of special business. During this meeting Ben Bainbridge was recommended for candidacy for ministry, and formal approval was given to proceed with the purchase of the Salvage Yard building. These were two important and exciting decisions in the life of our church. Please keep both in your prayers.

### FBI SonForce Day Camp Offered in June and July!

#### *Recruiting Special Agents for Jesus!*

Day camp is a ministry of Saint Paul's that provides summer fun with Christian values. This year Day Camp will begin Monday, June 4, and run through Friday, July 20, 2007.

The program is designed for children Kindergarten through 4th grade. We will run seven weeks of three days (Monday - Wednesday-Friday). Each day will begin at 9:00 am and end at 3:30 pm.

If you are interested in this program please call Todd Taylor at 623-7090 or pick up a FBI - Day Camp brochure and registration form at the information desk in the front lobby or in KidSPace. We are looking forward to see God do great work in our children this year!

### Upcoming Sermons

May 27 "30 Minutes Left to Live"

June 3 "The Real World—Stories of Faith"

June 10 NEW SERIES BEGINS! "The Parables of Jesus—Buried Treasure and Pearls"

### Saint Paul's Experience

#### *Find out more about Saint Paul's!*

The Saint Paul's Experience course is a great way to discover the mission, vision and values that make Saint Paul's one of the fastest growing United Methodist churches in Missouri. The course also covers what we believe membership in the church means. Attendance is highly recommended before joining Saint Paul's. Come join us on Sundays June 10 and 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 40.

### Making Room for All (2)

The Making Room for All Campaign is in its final week. To all of those who have supported this campaign over the last three years, we thank you. We now have one year before we have to refinance our mortgage. Our Finance Team and our Administrative Council have made some important decisions about how to proceed. We are starting a one year capital campaign called Making Room for All (2).

The new campaign has three goals:

1. Eliminate the \$70,000 in short term debt to completely pay for The Zone.
2. Reduce the debt on our current mortgage as much as possible before we have to refinance.
3. Complete the bottom floor of The Zone, which will be used by our Children's Department.

This new campaign will have a goal of \$250,000. The leaders of the church have already made preliminary commitments of \$40,000. This is 16% of the goal, we are off to a great start! Over the next two weeks you will hear more about our needs and goals and on Sunday, June 3, you will be asked to make a commitment to this campaign. Please be praying for the church in this new endeavor and continue to pray "God, what do you want to do in your church through me?"

"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 27** 9:30—10:30 am

Go 4th Sunday School

**Wednesday, May 30** 6:00 – 8:00 pm

*The Crossing* - a night of youth, music and life.

**Sunday, June 3** 9:30—10:30 am

Go 4th Sunday School

2:00 pm counselors depart for camp Galilee

**Monday, June 4** 10:30 am

Youth depart for camp

**Wednesday, June 6** 6:00 – 8:00 pm

*The Crossing* game night in The Zone

**Saturday, June 9** 10:00 am

Camp Galilee ends

3:00 pm Senior High Mission trip departs

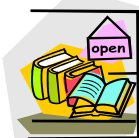
## Go 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Sunday School...

All youth in grades 6 – 12 are invited to join us this summer in the Zone at Go 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday School. Go 4<sup>th</sup> is held on Sundays from 9:30 – 10:30 am and is open to all youth who just completed grades 6 – 12. This summer we will begin the Gilligan's Island series on the seven deadly sins. Don't miss it!

Join us and meet our awesome group of Go 4<sup>th</sup> Leaders! Thanks so much to these leaders: Dan Distler, Benji Kendall, David Hamilton, Laurie Lowery, and Kenny Neal. Also, thanks to these youth leaders: Dani Crosthwait and Melissa Waldo. You all are awesome!

## Book store—New Stuff!

Along with a new look, the Soul Source Bookstore has lots of new things to offer. The reorganized store has a larger selection of Bibles, Saint Paul's logo clothing and coffee mugs, gift cards to restaurants and merchants, graduation gifts, and new "staff favorites" selection (favorite reads from Saint Paul's staff). Also, the Scrip Cards are now available in the bookstore.



The bookstore is on the north side of the lobby and hours are currently Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## A few words from Aaron...

If you had 30 minutes left to live, what would you do? What would you want to say to the people who mean the most to you? That's what I'm going to be talking about this Sunday in worship. As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day and remember those we love who have died, I want to share what I would tell you if I had 30 minutes left to live. The best stuff, the most important stuff there is. Don't forget to bring a fresh cut flower as a way to celebrate the lives of those we love but see no more.

On another note, we want to celebrate that on Monday night Ben Bainbridge was recommended for the next step in his journey of ministry. The next step is that he has been referred to the District Committee on Ministry where he will be supervised. He will also continue to work with a ministry mentor. Ben shared with the Administrative Council that his plans are to begin the process of becoming a licensed local pastor. This will include licensing school and the Course of Study. Ben sees that process beginning next summer. Keep him in your prayers and congratulate him when you see him next! This is an important step. Saint Paul's wants to be a place where people are free to explore various callings to ministry. If God is tugging on your heart don't hesitate to call me or Pastor Mark, or Ben.

See you on Sunday!

Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

## Update Email Addresses

Please be sure to keep us updated on all your new email addresses. That way you won't miss out on any emails sent from Saint Paul's! Send changes to stpauls@fastfreedom.net or let us know on your Friendship Form on Sunday.



## 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
April 22	714	153	86	\$16,739	\$1,694
April 29	804	199	54	\$13,296	\$870
May 6	777	133	60	\$39,391	\$1,650
May 13	939	195	41	\$24,028	\$5,087
May 20	664	155		\$15,196	\$1,487

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

## Messengers Sunday School Class...

Of the twelve apostles, who is the only one whose martyrdom is recorded in the scripture?

To learn the answer to this question and more questions about the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ, attend the Messengers Sunday School Class in Room 32 at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. We are studying about the callings, lives, personalities, and ministries of not only the twelve disciples but others called by Jesus. We will be reading in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and the Book of Acts for what they reveal. We will ponder what these extraordinary yet common persons have to say to us today through open ended discussion.

Come and join us. For more information call Val Christensen at 782-3936 or 622-1936

## 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.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

## 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  
Jason Lewis & The Big Red  
One in Baghdad  
Rudy Will

### Cancer Treatment:

Tom Gibson  
Larry White  
Larry Young

### Health & Healing:

Linda Koehler  
Jane Montee  
Ann Howell  
Shane Gurney

### Surgery:

Tasha Lindsey

### Grief:

The family of Jack Scott

### Other Concerns:

Ariege Sappington  
Sue Love  
Bev Scott  
Bev Murdock  
Marge Lewis  
Phil Crosby  
Dixie Johnson  
Brian Holmes  
Luke Hockman

## From the Mailbox

To Saint Paul's UMC,



At the passing of our father and grandfather Bill Owen, we would like to give a special thanks to the congregation for your cards, food and visits during our time of loss.

In His name, The family of William E. "Bill" Owen  
(Jana & Katelyn Brown)

## Life @Work Groups

Life @ work groups are for people who are ready to integrate their faith into everyday life and grow into the people God designed them to be. This group is especially geared for people in leadership positions and will use an excellent resource called "Life @ Work GroupZine", a combination of a group curriculum and magazine packed with insightful articles. The cost is \$12. Sign up on the Friendship Form in the worship brochure on Sunday or call the church at 623-7090.

## Kindermusik Now Enrolling Summer Kindermusik Sign and Sing And Fall Kindermusik Classes!!!

We are pleased to be providing a unique summer Kindermusik class called *Sign and Sing*. This 5 week class combines songs and playful interaction to help children learn American Sign Language. The week of June 18th and are designed for children 6 months through 3 years of age.



We are also accepting enrollment forms for our Kindermusik classes that begin in August. Our fall semester of classes are designed for children ages newborn through 7 years.

Please stop by the Kindermusik display in the church lobby to pick up brochures and enrollment forms for all our fun and exciting Kindermusik programs. You may also contact Janet Brown at 623-7090 (ext. 31) for more information.



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## 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.

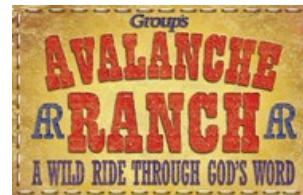


To enter preschool, your child must be 3 years old by July 31, 2007. Classes will be available on Tuesday/Thursday; Monday/Wednesday/

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



## Saddle Up!

**Vacation Bible School July 23-27, 2007 @  
Saint Paul's United Methodist Church**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Monday thru Friday**

Get ready for a "Wild Ride Through God's Word". Come join Todd Taylor and his posse on a Western Adventure you'll never forget! Registration is open to little ranchers three years old through 5th grade.



Registration forms are available at the Information Center in the church lobby and KidSpace.

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