

Saint Paul's theConnection

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Super Bowl Party!

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Kindermusik Now Enrolling for the Winter/Spring Semester

"Kindermusik is so much fun!" Those are the words you hear from children enrolled in classes. Our winter/spring semester of classes begins the week of January 24th. The classes are divided into three different age groups: Newborns-18 months, 18 months - 3½ years and 3½ years - 5 years. Classes run for 15 weeks and will be completed in mid-May. Stop by the Kindermusik display in the lobby for more information about this unique music and movement program designed especially for little ones. You may also contact Janet Brown at 623-7090 (ext. 31) or email her at spumcmusic@gmail.com. Sign up now and let your child be a part of the fun!

Rainbow Network Book Signing, January 30th...

Rainbow Network has produced a children's book about Nicaragua to raise awareness and funds for their programs. The author, Louise A. Jackson, will be at Saint Paul's on Jan. 30th to sell and sign books. She will be happy to visit with you about the book. The cost of the book is \$18.99 and all of the proceeds will go to Rainbow programs.

Wednesday Nite Live has begun!

Wednesday Night Live is just now beginning and it's not too late to get connected. We're here to help you "do life better" through a wide variety of courses and groups. Due to high enrollment, only a few courses remain open but, there is still a place for you! For more information please call the church office at 623-7090 or just show up and we will get you connected!

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Saint Paul's Inclement Weather Policy...

If Joplin schools are closed due to inclement weather on Wednesdays, Awesome Adventure Preschool, Kids' Day Out, CrossTraining, and Wednesday Night Live classes will be cancelled. If in doubt check the local television stations.

If school is cancelled on other days of the week, some groups may still meet. Check the local television stations, call your group leader, or call the church @ 623-7090 to find out.

"The primary purpose of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ."

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Aaron Brown, Lead Pastor • Sunday Worship—8:15, 9:30, 11:00, 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. at the Salvage Yard



Brandon Hawkins...

The ZONE Series "DOORS" OPENED on 01.5.11

Join us On Wednesday Nights in The ZONE for our next series called....DOORS ...

This series will be slamming with excitement...A door is defined as a means of entry or access, allowing us to move from one environment to another. And in the physical sense, we understand that. From front doors to garage doors, classroom doors to back doors, we are continually moving from one place to another as we are confronted with doors every day. When it comes to life, there are doors that we consciously choose to open and close as well. Doors can have serious consequences or abundant rewards, depending on what we do with them. In this 3-part series, youth will approach the threshold to some of these doors. We will learn to unlock and do what it takes to close and open the right doors. Invite your friends and don't miss the fun!

Give Blankets & Win!

When you give a warm blanket you will get a warm feeling inside! The Youth in The Zone at Saint Paul's are competing with KidSPace to reach a goal to provide warmth and comfort to those in need. Full, Queen or King sizes are requested. **Our goal is to provide 150 blankets.** Please deliver your blanket or donation to The Zone next Wednesday, January 12th. ??????

If you have any questions please contact The Zone at 417-623-7090.



A Few Words From Aaron...

Since this is my first article of the new year I'll lay out a challenge. Find one or two ways that you will strive to be more active in your faith this year, than you were last year. That could be deciding to find a serving ministry in the church or in the community. It could be to do a personal study on some part of faith like prayer, or the Trinity, or a character in the Bible. It could be to stake out time to read from the New Testament each day, or a few days a week. It could be to pay more attention to your neighbors, or your kids, or your parents. It could be that you join or start a small group or class. It could be that you make a financial stewardship change. It could be that you make the commitment to be in worship unless you're sick or out of town. What one or two things might you do?

As for me I've signed up to be a tutor at Cecil Floyd through the Bright Futures program, and my wife and I are joining a couples small group starting this week. Two new things for me that will help me be more active in my faith. Many people have very busy, very full lives, the challenge is to make sure that what we do includes faith-building activities as well.

This Sunday I wrap up the current series on Jacob. I've got to say that I've had a GREAT time learning and teaching about his life. I'm very thankful for Pastor Adam Hamilton's resources that I drew from and learned from. On January 30 we start a new series where we will look at the prayer lives of some key figures in the Old and New Testament and how they can teach us to have prayer lives that make a difference in us and our world.

See you on Sunday! Aaron



Prayer Concerns

Health & Healing

Krista Wessels
Sharon Divine
Dan Stewart
Slevi Vazquez
Tamaer Comer

Cancer Treatment:

Charolette Bowzer
Pam Clifton
Rose Hymer
Easton Murdock
Joey Walker
Bob Benefiel

Other Concerns:

Cindy Martin
J.D. & Sierra Armstrong

Sara Divine

Fredie & Jim McGee
Clifford Trewin

Steve Ritter

Austin Lewis

James & Simone & Baby Lesmeister

Ron & Bonnie Curtis

Melissa Thompson

Makiah Newman

Serving in the military:

We honor those serving in the military by placing their names on the Military Board in the east hallway after listing new names here for one week. Please check that board regularly.

Our Stewardship Tells of our Faith . . .

Week of	Total Worship	Sunday Discipleship	Weekday Discipleship	Faith Offering
Dec. 19.....	939	182	N/A	\$22,160
Dec. 24.....				\$16,118
Dec 26.....	561	128	N/A	\$27,237
Jan 2.....	863	176	N/A	\$18,954
Jan 9.....	957	179	N/A	\$23,862
Jan 16.....	843	175	N/A	\$00000

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

Become a Cheergiver!

The Cheergivers visit friends in their homes and care facilities bringing conversation and companionship to them. This ministry requires only 2 or 3 hours a month and is extremely gratifying. If you have questions, call Jim Gant @ 291-4432.

A Few Good Men are Needed to Help with Women's Retreat, January 28-29!

Duties will include - setting up rooms, preparing/serving meals and clean up. The work is easy, the fellowship is fun and the food is good! For more information, contact Mike Robinson @ 623-0174.

Chocolates for your Valentine!

The Lamplighters will be selling homemade chocolate candies for \$3.00 per bag, on Sunday, February 13th. They will be in the church lobby from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to local, national and international missions.

Super Bowl Subs!

The Super Bowl Subs cost \$5.00 each. They are made on hoagie buns with 3 kinds of meat, cheese and lettuce. Vegetarian hoagies are also available. Tomato, pickles and onions on the side. Subs can be picked up after any worship service on Sunday, February 6th, 9:00 - 1:00. Lamplighters will be taking orders thru January. Sign up for your sub on the Connection Form on Sunday. Pay for your sub when you pick it up.

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity...

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When, Why and how of our Congregation. The book is being provided at no cost to our church, including the mailing to each family and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office.

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.

Get Connected..

Newcomers' Class

The Newcomer's class takes place on Sunday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. in room # 53. If you are interested in finding out more about Saint Paul's membership, this class is for you. Sign up by calling the church at 623-7090 or on the Connections form in the Sunday brochure.

Join the Choir for the Spring Worship Experience!

The Choir will soon be preparing music for the annual multimedia spring worship experience set for Sunday, April 17th. This is a great way to sing powerful music about Christ's life, death and resurrection and grow in your faith as well. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings beginning February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Sign up on the Connection Form on Sunday morning or call Janet Brown (623-7090, ext. 31) if you are interested. We always love to have new voices for this special time of year!

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study...

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study will start again on February 3rd in Room 51, 10:00-11:30 a.m. We will study Hebrews. Anyone is welcome to be a part of this group, so bring your Bible and join us. If you have any questions, call Carolyn Schemahorn at 782-0039.

The Ruby Circle...

Ruby Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 26 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 30. The program will be our yearly planning session for 2011. All women of Saint Paul's are invited to attend. For more information, please call Patty Lanener @ 623-1579.



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

From the earliest stories of Genesis, scripture teaches us that life is a sacred gift from God. In Jesus, God came to share life, abundant and eternal, with us. In worship we celebrate that God not only gave us the gift of life, but that God walks through this life with us, that God is present in our living. On Sunday, January 23rd, we will join other churches throughout the nation in recognizing the "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday". The purpose of this recognition is to raise awareness across the country that life, no matter the stage (pre-born, disabled, elderly) is sacred. One of the ways we support the sanctity of life in our community is by supporting LifeChoices of Joplin, which works with women with unwanted pregnancies to help them see options beyond termination of the pregnancy (this is just one of many ministries LifeChoices provides). So, check out the LifeChoices insert on Jan 23rd and find out how you can help with this ministry.

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If you have any questions please contact KidSpace at 417-623-7090 ext. 20.



Parents...
Join your
kids on
Sunday,

Jan. 31, at 11:00 a.m. for
**JUMP Family
Worship in the
Kids' area!**

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS FEB. 14