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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"**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE STARTS SEP 3rd

Let's go!

Get ready, the Fall Session of WNL is coming! But don't just plan to attend, plan to invite someone you know to join you! What we have to offer at WNL is for everyone – it doesn't matter where or even if they go to church. The courses for adults will be built around four themes: Personal Finances, Parenting, Marriage Enrichment, and Spiritual Growth. Don't forget that WNL comes with some great benefits: fellowship around dinner, CrossTraining for the Children, and The Crossing for Youth. So there will be something for everyone and of course, everyone is welcome! There will be a sign-up insert in the worship program on Sunday or you may also call the church at 623-7090. Information on these courses is also on our website spwired.com.

River Baptism Day!

If you are ready to take the next step in your faith and be baptized, or are wanting to re-claim your baptism, join Pastors Aaron and Ben Sunday August 17th at 3pm for a baptismal service at Shoal Creek. We will have a time of worship followed by baptisms. Look for The Salvage Yard Durango at the low-water bridge area where South Jackson Road and Glendale Road meet. This is a time to celebrate the call that God has placed on our lives individually and as a church community. So, bring your friends and family, wear clothing and shoes that can get wet, a towel and even a camera if you would like, and we will celebrate together. For any other information please contact Ben Bainbridge at ben.bainbridge@spwired.com, or call the church at 417-623-7090.

Faithful Fun

Vacation Bible School a big hit for Saint Paul's kids, parents and volunteers!

A letter received on July 28, 2008.

Dear Mr. Todd and Staff at Saint Paul's... Thank you so much for letting Cole come to your VBS. He learned so much each day he would tell me about the chipmunk movie, snack, whether they went outside or not, and what they made. His frequent words about VBS were: shampoo, thunder, lightening, chipmunk and Dewd! But today tears came to my eyes as he told me (now three hours after he had left...) Mommy, Jesus gives you the power to be thankful! He also made me a pretend lunch and said "Mommy, bow your head and he thanked God for food... I can only imagine the thumb-prints left on these children's hearts that are unchurched. Your vision and love for children amazes me. I am so thankful you love Cole (three years old) and have an awesome place for him to pray and learn. Thanks so much!

I love you all.

Carrie Cavitt - AKA Cole's Mom

Kindermusik Enrolling for Fall!



Children love to sing and dance! Here at Saint Paul's we encourage that natural love of music by offering Kindermusik classes for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and children ages 5-7. The fall semester of classes begins the week of August 25th. For detailed brochures and enrollment forms, stop by the Kindermusik display in the church lobby or call Janet Brown (623-7090, ext. 31).



Students Get to "Know Sweat" in Saint Louis

A fantastic group of students spent last week in St. Louis on a mission trip with *Christ in Youth's Know Sweat*. On our trip, we did get to "know sweat" as we worked on two homes in need of paint and minor repairs. We also got to know about how are lives are connected to God's story and we learned how we can love like Him, show mercy like Him and reflect His justice in this world. Thanks for all you do to support the youth so they can have opportunities like this to grow and experience Jesus.



Join the Choir!

The choir has taken a break for the summer, but it is now time to gather again to "make a joyful noise!" If you have ever considered joining the choir, now would be a great time! The choir rehearses on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Childcare is available. Our first rehearsal for this season is August 28th. We would love to see some new faces! Please contact Janet Brown (623-7090, ext. 31). If you need more information or would like to join, you may also sign up on the Friendship Form on Sunday.

Missions

Caminata con Jesus (walk with Jesus) Nicaragua Shoe Drive. Don't forget.... Bring some shoes to church by August 17! We are participating in the Rainbow Network sponsored shoe drive and we are collecting new and gently used shoes. Any shoes are appreciated but rain boots and closed toe shoes are best. Please bring your shoes to church and place them in the mission's box in the front lobby. If you would like to make a financial contribution to Rainbow Network to assist with the shipping costs or other needs for Nicaragua, please place your check in the offering basket on Sunday. Mark your checks "Rainbow Network".

Adoptive Apartment needs. Did you know that Saint Paul's sponsors a family through Economic Security? The Adoptive Apartment program helps families who would otherwise be homeless to get on their feet, find employments and become independent. The family who lives in our sponsored apartment is a young woman and her 3 year old son. She is expecting another baby in October and she had very few baby items. If you have any baby items that you could donate, please bring them to the church. She is looking for a crib, a bassinet, newborn clothes, and other baby items. She is also in need of a couch. All items may be left in the mission box in the lobby or call the church 623-7090 for more information.

Family Needs. A family in Joplin recently lost their home due to a fire. If you would like to make a donation to them, you can leave donations in the mission box in the foyer. Please mark all of these donations "fire victims". They are in need of items for girls ages 3 months and 2 years.

Saint Paul's Blood Drive...

On Sunday, September 7, Saint Paul's will sponsor a blood drive in conjunction with the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks. You can give blood at church in the Family Life Center any time between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on September 7th. If you are willing and able to give blood that day, please sign up on the Friendship Form in the Sunday program or call the church at 623-7090.

Catch the Spirit, September 13!

Get it on your calendar! Our yearly carnival will be on Saturday, September 13. We'll have inflatable games, carnival games, a kid's train, and a classic car show! Food, fun music, and it's all free! It's a great event to invite friends to! Watch for ways you can help out on the Friendship Form on Sunday.

Newcomers Class...

Find out more about Saint Paul's! The Newcomers class 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 class covers what we believe membership in the church means. Attendance is highly recommended before joining Saint Paul's. The next Newcomer's class will be held on Sunday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 22. Sign up on the Friendship Form on Sunday or call the church at 623-7090.



Paper Goods Drive. Thanks to all of the people of Saint Paul's who donated paper goods and food items in July! We were able to send over 300 donated items to Lafayette House, Watered Gardens and Crosslines. Thanks for helping to make a difference in the lives of these many people.

Promotion Sunday August 17 Third Graders to Receive Bibles

On Sunday, August 17th, at all services, the third graders will receive their very own Bibles. We encourage all third graders to attend the 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. worship services or the 6:00 p.m. Mosaic service at the Salvage Yard. On that day we will honor your child by presenting them with the gift of a Bible. If you have questions, call Todd Taylor, Director of Children's Ministries at 623-7090, ext. 22.