

# The Post

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Saint Paul's UMC



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### Join the Choir for Spring Musical

The Choir will soon be preparing music for the spring musical set for Sunday, April 5th. 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 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Sign up on the Friendship Form on Sunday morning or call Janet Brown at 623-7090, ext. 31 if you are interested.

We always love to have new voices for this special time of year.

### Ash Wednesday Service

We will begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. This is a very multi-sensory worship service that begins our preparations for Easter. During this special worship time, we will have an opportunity to step away from things that stand between us and a closer relationship with God; to focus on Him, the meaning of the season of Lent and the glory of Easter.

This is always a powerful event that you will not want to miss.

### New Director of Student Ministries...

Please welcome Nancy Thompson as the new Director of Student Ministries. Nancy will begin her new position on Monday, January 26, 2009.

As Director, Nancy will oversee all the activities in Student Ministries. This will include youth in grades 6th through 12th. Nancy will also work with staff and volunteers to develop programs for our growing Student Ministry. Nancy has a strong faith and background in youth ministry, a friendly demeanor and enthusiasm for youth. Give her a warm welcome!



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

## Student Ministries

Saint Paul's Youth Grades 6-12  
*The Crossing* meets Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
 Go 4th: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

### Confirmation Schedule 2009...

Sunday, February 22, 2009 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Group building time for Confirmands and Mentors

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 7:00 p.m. Ash  
 Wednesday worship service at the church.

Saturday, February 28, 2009 Time TBA Group  
 service project.

Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8 We will have a  
 special retreat for the Confirmands at Shoalkirk -  
 more details will be forthcoming.

Sunday, April 5 Confirmation square is due.

Wednesday, April 8 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Easter Sun-  
 rise Service Rehearsal in Worship Center.

Thursday, April 9 7:00 p.m. Confirmands and  
 Mentors are encouraged to take part in the  
 Maundy Thursday Service.

Saturday, April 11 Time TBA Easter Sunrise  
 Service Rehearsal.

Sunday, April 12 Easter Sunday Confirmands  
 will be taking part in the Easter Sunrise Service.

Sunday, April 19, 2009 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. All  
 Confirmands and Mentors meet for a group ses-  
 sion.

April 19 - 23 Confirmands will meet individually  
 with the Pastoral Staff to discuss their progress  
 and reflect upon their journey during a scheduled  
 appointment.

Sunday, April 26, 2009 Confirmation Service and  
 Reception 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For more information call the youth office at 623-  
 7090, ext. 13.

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### A Few Words From Aaron...

2008 was an amazing year at Saint Paul's! Our primary purpose is to lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ and it seems to be happening. Our worship attendance increased

by 11%, and our participation on Wednesday Night Live grew by over 25%. There is also a growing number of people connected in serving ministries in the community and through the church. It's awesome to see so many people striving to be intentional about their faith development.

2009 might be an unpredictable year in many ways, but you can count on your church to continue to provide excellent ways for you to love God, love others and serve the world. That's what it looks like to live out a life of faith.

In a couple of weeks we'll wrap up this current message series on moving from anxiety to joy. It's been an amazing journey through the book of Philippians. Next we'll be talking about some real basics of life, foundational stuff, in the series *Life's Too Short*. Life's too short to play it safe, to carry a grudge, and to work all the time. God has some powerful things to teach us about each of these.

See you on Sunday, Aaron (stpauls@joplin.com)

### Upcoming Messages

*January 25 "Overcoming Worry with Joy"*

*February 1 "The Real Secret to Contentment and Joy"*

**NEW SERIES BEGINS! "Life's Too Short..."**

*February 8 "Life's Too Short to Play it Safe."*

*February 15 "Life's Too Short to Carry a Grudge"*

### 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	Weekday Discipleship	Faith Offering	Making Room For All
Dec 21	714	189	N/A	\$22,078	\$185
Dec 24	1454				
Dec 28	609	162	N/A	\$40,413	\$894
Jan 4	949	178	548	\$19,354	
Jan 11	1014	193	597	\$28,225	
Jan 18	954	189	N/A	\$21,386	

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

## 2009 Stewardship Report

Thank you to everyone who turned in a 2009 Financial Commitment Card. This year 207 families have made a commitment which is 32 more than 2008! Your faithful giving is a blessing to this church. If you intended to make a commitment but didn't get around to it, it's not too late. You can turn in your card to the church office or put it in the offering basket on Sunday.

Thank you again for your support!



## Homebound Services

Homebound Services is a ministry of Saint Paul's that helps homebound persons who have no nearby relatives. Services include transportation to appointments, grocery shopping or handyman work around their homes. Neighbors helping neighbors remain independent.

We would like to give a special thanks to the newest volunteers to join our services: Paul White, Tammy Swab and Lora Champlin. Homebound Services

If you would like to help for an hour or two a month, or for services, call 624-3577.

## Guide Book & Directory Update....

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. The book contains the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of our Church. The book is 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 how to advertise in our book, please call the Church Office at 417-623-7090.

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

## MISSIONS

*Acts 20:35 "And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

**Long John January** Show someone that you care by giving long underwear!

This January, we encourage everyone to give a little added warmth. The Missions team is sponsoring Long John January. We are collecting Long Johns/thermal underwear, scarves, gloves and any other items that will help someone stay warm this winter. The collected items will be given to the homeless during the Joplin Area Project Homeless Connect on January 28. Bring your items to the Missions cargo box in the lobby by Jan. 25.

**Adoptive Apartment** Through Economic Security, Saint Paul's adopts and supports a potentially homeless family as they work hard to get back on their feet. . . and now, our apartment is getting ready for a new family.

The family who is getting ready to move in to the apartment is in need of several items: a full size mattress set, a kitchen table and chairs, twin size sheets, and a TV. If you have any of these items that you could donate, please send an email to Nancy Hampton at [spconnections@gmail.com](mailto:spconnections@gmail.com).

**Upcoming Dates: February 13** Serve lunch at Watered Gardens 12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

## Prayer Concerns

### Serving in Iraq:

Cyle Haywood (non-military)  
Ryan Grindstaff

### Military:

Jesse Smith  
Nathan Lawellin  
Matthew Peak  
Stephen Leadbetter  
Richard Hurst  
James Lesmeister  
Jon Arnold  
Jason Lewis

### Health & Healing:

David White  
Carrol Skelton  
Jr. Skelton  
Don Presley  
Helen Hayes  
Peggy Rodriguez  
Rose Hymer  
Judy Rawlings  
Shirley Wheatley  
Marion Wheatly  
Lois Holman

### Cancer Treatment:

Sonja Davidson  
Tracy Bowman  
Tandy Auman & Family  
Leon Harvey

Mary Cordroy

### Other Concerns:

Mildred Fagen  
Mary Soriano & Family  
Alexander C. Soriano  
Terry Hoagland  
Audrey Efrid  
Andrea Fields  
Patrick & Bobbie Hamilton & Family  
Edna & Ervin Dill  
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Nancy Wilkins  
James Lesmeister  
Shawn & Lacie Adler & Family and Tori

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Dear Parents...

Please take some time to look over the materials that we send home with your kids. Every Sunday, children bring home a program that explains what they learned during 11:00 a.m. KidMo. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday KidMo morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's word together. Kids can bring back the program each week and receive an incentive KidMo Buck.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Make plans now and start preparing for a great summer!**

**June 1 thru 6** - Camp Galilee - Older Elementary (*Children entering 5th and 6th grade*)

**June 29 thru July 1** - Camp Galilee Middle Elementary (*Children entering 3rd and 4th grade*)

**June 1** - FBI Day Camp begins (*Kindergarten thru 5th grade*)

**July 20 thru 24** - Vacation Bible School "*Crocodile Dock*"

## Got MILK?



Imagine a community where all children are nurtured. Envision a place where struggling parents can find the support they need. Picture an environment that fosters healthy families – a world where kids needs are met. There can be such a place and your support will help to sustain this vital mission.

The kids that attend Sunday School are up for the challenge. They have let the cow out and she is in search of canned or powdered milk. Milk is needed to continually stock the food pantry at Crosslines and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are leading the herd for donations.

Please send canned or powdered milk with your kids today. Our community needs your help. This will be an ongoing mission.

For more information please contact Todd Taylor 623-7090 or email [toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net](mailto:toddtaylor@fastfreedom.net)

Thanks for your support!

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