



March 2020 Newsletter



Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Pastor Mike Roth: Tuesday-Friday

Pastor Erica Roth: Tuesday-Thursday

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Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the sacrifice that God is going to make so that we might know a better life, **our BEST life**. We can best prepare ourselves by acknowledging the overwhelming love poured out by God through Jesus at this time. We can best acknowledge this act of love by becoming better disciples, followers of Jesus—carrying forward this love while working hard to stay on our BEST path. This is the perfect time to pay attention to who we are following and where this might lead us... What are you going to do this LENT to make sure you are being led down the best path?



Preaching series in Lent—

“Lead Me Not... What’s Tempting You?”

Lenten Souper Suppers & Trivia Tuesdays through March

5:30– 6:00 p.m. Come eat soup or chicken nuggets/chips

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. 20 Trivia questions & a chance to give to your charity of choice! *

“G.I.F.T.S. for Parenting: Following Christ’s Example in Reaching the Hearts of Our Children”

Small-Group study on Tuesday nights in March following the Lenten Souper Suppers

6:30-7:30 p.m. * (an outreach of Children & Family Ministries)

*6:00-7:30 p.m.— childcare provided during trivia & small-group study

Palm Sunday, April 5th— 9 & 11 a.m.

Kids will lead us in waving palms and rejoicing at BOTH worship services

Maundy Thursday, April 9th — 7 p.m.

The Last Supper—a gathering and time of reflection in the Heritage Room

Good Friday, April 10th— 7 p.m. Worship

Holy Saturday, April 11th— 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Easter Extravaganza

Easter egg hunt, crafts, and games for all ages

Easter Sunday, April 12th—9 & 11 a.m. Easter Cantata

“Once Upon a Morning: From Resurrection to Pentecost”

Nursery care and Sunday school will be available for all children



Kingdom Bucks Store

Open March 1
10:15—10:50 a.m.
Social Hall



Children may use their Kingdom Kidz 'bucks' to purchase items from the Kingdom Kidz 'store'. Sunday school students earn 'Kingdom Kidz Bucks' when they attend Sunday school, bring their Bible, share an offering, and/or memorize prayers and Bible verses.

Childcare & Sunday School Sunday Morning Schedule

Childcare

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Nursery

Provided by Jenn Kreisz

Sunday School 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Children gather in the sanctuary and are dismissed after the welcome portion of the worship services.

Activity Time 10:15—10:50 a.m.

Children are invited to participate in supervised activities between services. Activity locations are posted weekly on a table in the Narthex.

Bible Memory Verse

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

WANTED!

Plastic Easter Eggs
For ECH & St. Paul's Kids

Plastic Easter eggs for **Every Child's Hope** will be filled on Sunday, **March 29th**, during Activity Time between services 10:10—11:50 a.m.

Youth Group will prepare eggs for **St. Paul's kids** Easter egg hunt on Sunday, **April 5th**.



March Sunday school lesson theme:

LENT

*What is Lent

*Temptation

*Jesus's Journey to the Cross

*Children's project in church during both worship services on March 29



Holy Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Easter egg hunt, crafts, & games for all ages!

(see page 2 of this newsletter for all church events during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.)

Children & Family Ministries Small-Group Study

"G.I.F.T.S. for Parenting: Following Christ's Example in Reaching the Hearts of Our Children"

6:30—7:30 p.m. every Tuesday night in March following the Lenten Souper Suppers & Trivia

Childcare will be provided

Come and learn about the **'Life Gifts'** that God has given us that we can pass on to our children:

G. (the gift of grace); **I.** (the gift of inspiration); **F.** (the gift of faith); **T.** (the gift of training); **S.** (the gift of service)

This study is based on the book *"The Ministry of Motherhood"* by Sally Clarkson. The devotions, discussions, and prayers are applicable to both moms AND dads! Sally shares biblical wisdom and practical teachings to show EVERY parent how they can make a lasting difference in their children's lives by following the pattern Christ set with his own disciples.



The favor of an R.S.V.P. is appreciated, but not required. Contact: Linda Becker @ linda.becker@sp4u.org

Team Jesus Superbowl Sunday
Windssocks

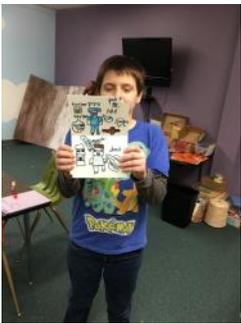


Valentine Bingo



KIDS

Valentine Card Making



WILL BE **I**NSPIRED



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THINGS!



Come join us
every Sunday morning
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
(Activity Time for kids 10:15–10:50 a.m.)



Upcoming DOG gatherings:



Tuesday, March 31st: Lenten Soup Supper/Trivia and Chime Practice. 5:30-7:30 p.m. We would like to play chimes at our Good Friday Worship Service (April 10th @ 7 p.m.). We will have chimes practice on Tuesday, March 31st. There will be a Lenten Soup Supper at the church so we will eat together, play trivia and then practice chimes. Anyone that doesn't want to play chimes can still come to the soup supper and hang out.



Wednesday, April 29th: 6-8 p.m. Scrapbooking Night! We will provide some snacks (eat dinner before), some photo books, photos of DOG group at events, scrapbooking supplies, etc. You just need to come out and make a DOG memory book. Send Pastor Erica any great DOG pictures to print!



SALT Youth Group (3rd, 4th and 5th grades)



Sunday, March 8th: SALT will have it's yearly **MYSTERY EVENT!** We will meet after the 2nd service (around noon) and will eat together, play and learn something about the GOOD STUFF in the Bible. We should be done at 3 p.m.!

April 24th-26th: Weekend mission trip to Saron Church in Linton, IN! We will leave Friday around 5 p.m. and return Sunday around 6 p.m. The entire trip should only cost \$50.00. More details soon!



YOUTH Sponsorship Program

Sponsor a Youth! We have around 55 children/youth/DOG members in our small group ministries. With only \$6000 budgeted for the year, this means that our programming is limited to \$109 per person for the entire year. We do fundraisers and we ask family and participants to pitch in but between all of our retreats and mission trips—we ask a LOT if we want kids/youth to be truly involved. Prayerfully consider sponsoring a Youth for Camp/Retreats/Mission Trips by **giving \$200 towards these events.** You can make checks out to St. Paul's and write **"Sponsor a Youth" in the memo line.** ANY gift will make a huge difference in the life of another. (Prayers are always welcome too!) ?'s—See Pastor Erica



St. Paul's Youth 2019-2020

Sundays: 5:30 meal, 6 p.m. Group Games, 6:30 p.m. Group Time, 7:30 p.m. Free time (Ends between 7:30 and 8 p.m.)

March 1st: Come & See!

March 8th: Come and see!

March 15th: **NO YOUTH GROUP.** Enjoy Spring Break!

March 22nd: Come & See!

March 29th: Come & See! **This is a 5th Sunday so I need Sunday Morning Ushers!**

April 5th: EggCELLENT ACTIVITIES!!!

March 1st: Spirit (prayer)

March 8th: Sacraments—Baptism/Communion (**Spirit Paper Due**)

March 15th: **No Confirmation. Beginning of Spring Break**

March 22nd: **No Confirmation. End of Spring Break**

March 29th: Church (St. Paul's history—Interview Saints in class) (**Sacraments paper due**)

April 5th: Church Project

April 9th: Maundy Thursday, April 10th: Good Friday—services at St. Paul's—7 p.m.

April 12th: No Confirmation. Enjoy Easter!

Confirmation

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. —1 Timothy 4:12



Camp MoVal brochures and registration forms are now available! They can be found on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. Please Contact Pastor Erica with questions or scholarship requests.



Worship Arts Ministries—Worship Arts Upcoming Events-SAVE THE DATE!

The Easter Musical "Once Upon a Morning" will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Soloists, and Narrators on EASTER SUNDAY at 9 and 11 a.m. It is one of the most beautiful musicals that St. Paul's have ever experienced. Invite your friends and family to join you in church for this one!



St. Paul's Food Pantry

Thank you for your generous donations to our Food Pantry! We've been able to keep the "Little Free Pantry" filled as well as our indoor food pantry well stocked. If you'd like to continue to donate, please bring to the church and drop them off in the basket in the breeze-way at the main entrance or in the tub at the top of the stairs at the office entrance.



GAME NIGHTS: Tuesdays—April 7th & 14th from 6-8 p.m. Come play games and bring a snack to share!

Upcoming Bible Study: "Healthy Living!"

6 Tuesdays: April 21st—May 26th from 6:30-8 p.m. Details soon.

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. — 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Ladies Day Out

Wed, March 18 @ 11:30 a.m.

Tucker's Restaurant

3939 Union Road

Call Bonnie Schweisguth at

314-846-4495



Keeping You Posted



No weddings to report this month.



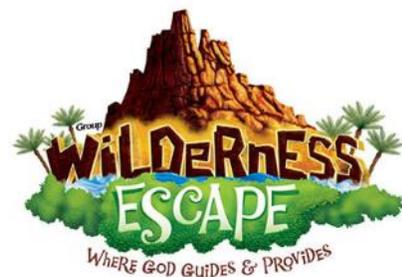
Wyatt Denison Harding , child of Weston and Lauren Harding was born on 9/25/19 and baptized on 2/2/20.



Wayne Light, age 81, (husband of Georgetta Light), passed away on 12/29/19. Visitation was held at St. Paul's on 1/2/20.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Vacation Bible School July 27—31

God is with us,
God gives us what we need,
God gives us strength,
God saves us,
God guides us,
So.....TRUST GOD!





TREEHOUSE NEWS:

February might be the shortest month, but it has still been packed with fun and learning here at TreeHouse!

In Chapel time, our two year old and mixed-age classes have been learning all about John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus. They've learned about how he got his name, as well as his habit of eating bugs dipped in honey. It's hilarious to hear the kids singing "Bugs for Lunch" with the chorus of "Yuck, Yuck, Yuck!".

Our twos and mixed aged kiddos have been doing great with Ms. Linda in our Music classes. She's been working with them on many different topics. There were Valentine's songs, of course, and other uses of rhythm sticks and clapping along. Today I heard them singing about washing their hands. These lessons are hitting on several different topics and ideas, giving not only musical instruction but working on social skills as well!

Finally, we had an amazing luncheon for the TreeHouse staff on President's Day. The TreeHouse Board put together an Italian feast for the teachers, and it was a big hit! The food was amazing, and we even had customized "TreeHouse Trattoria" plates and napkins to set the mood. The staff really appreciated the effort that went into the lunch. In addition, we were able to use this gathering as an opportunity to honor four staff members for their dedication to TreeHouse. Kathy Hernandez, Kim Lindemann, Dawn Davis and Amy Chkautovich have all been with TreeHouse for at least ten years, and we felt this was something worth celebrating! I had a short presentation with a certificate of service and an award of cash and a gift certificate for a night out at Olive and Oak in Webster Groves. The staff members were very surprised and said it made them feel very special to be recognized for their hard work. At the end of the luncheon, everyone came together for a fun and silly picture.

