



VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, California

August 11th, 2017

Last Week Attendance:

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FROM THE PASTORS PEN

While Pastor Robb is on vacation, several staff members of St. Paul's have written reflections to about each of the 5 Core Values of the Staff Team. Our Director of Student Ministries, Liz Flage, shares the following about "Shepherding Radical Spiritual Growth."

"Shepherding Radical Spiritual Growth"

We empower people to take risks as they discern their next steps in faithful discipleship. We do this in the hope that St. Paul's is a church where people regularly ask themselves, "What is God calling me to do next?" and then feel supported as they take that next step.

When sitting down to brainstorm of our Staff Core Values, almost every staff member individually touched on the hope for St. Paul's to be a place that fosters an active faith. Through months of ruminating and tweaking, we prayerfully settled into this value... that we would hold to shepherding radical spiritual growth, both in our own lives, and in the lives of those in our faith community.

Throughout the New Testament we see Jesus referred to as 'Shepherd' over forty times. This means something! A shepherd exemplifies the beautiful balance of a nurturing caregiver - one who will go to tireless lengths to care for each member of his flock, and a strong leader - one who is not afraid to lovingly challenge each member to their true potential. This is who Jesus is in our lives, if we allow Him to be so.

As the St. Paul's staff, it is our deep hope that our church would be a place where you feel nurtured and cared for in your faith, while at the same time feel challenged into radical growth. In *The Weight Of Glory* CS Lewis writes, "It would seem that our Lord would find our desires not too strong, but too weak... we are like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because we cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." We were made for so much more than what we sometimes settle for!

FROM THE PASTORS PEN (Cont'd)

When our staff discussed what this value would look like if implemented at St. Paul's, I was immediately struck by the final scene of one of my favorite films, *Good Will Hunting*. In the film, Will is a young man who is incredibly gifted in mathematics, but who has settled for a remedial life in the Boston projects. Will does not believe in his own potential and is unwilling to step out of his comfort zone. His best friend's sincerest hope is that one day, upon arriving at Will's house, Will will no longer be there because he's finally moved on to do bigger and better things. That is my sincerest hope for our church... that each one of us will become willing to step out of our comfort zones, missionally activating our faith in ways that are true to God's intention and purpose for our lives.

Group and Ministry Notes

ST. PAUL'S ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC AT CONCERT IN THE PARK

August 13 @ 5:00 PM

(Navy Band Southwest) –

Bring a dish to share and look for St. Paul's canopy on the corner of 6th & C Avenue.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER/SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Sunday School Teacher and Small Group Leader training! Saturday, August 26th from 10-2 here at St. Paul's: opening session in the Choir Room. If you are currently - or are considering becoming - a leader in small group ministries, or a volunteer with children or youth ministries, you are encouraged to participate in this "Equipping the Equippers" event. Lunch will be provided (donations accepted.) Let us prepare for your participation - contact Jenni Nesbitt jenninesbitt.spministries@gmail.com or Jen Hoggan jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com to rsvp or with any questions.

“GRACE GIVERS” @ 9:00 A.M. SERVICE

St. Paul's is planning a project to `match` families of young children with a `Grace Giver`, a shepherd for children during worship. Initially, we will identify 4 to 8 adults who will partner with children 3rd grade or younger and they will attend the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. `Grace Givers` will be present on Sunday mornings to greet the child, help them prepare for worship, and then join in worship alongside the child. A `Grace Giver` will be equipped with tools and strategies to make sure our youngest worshippers have the most positive Sunday morning experience possible. If you would like to be connected to a `Grace Giver` or to serve as a `Grace Giver`, please email our Director of Christian Formation, Jenni Nesbitt – jenninesbitt.spministries@gmail.com

GRANDMOTHERS IN PRAYER

Grandmothers in Prayer will begin on August 29 at 9:00 A. M. at the church in Room 201. Besides lifting our grandchildren up in prayer, the 8 week class will use Kay Swatkowski's *A Grandmother's Prayers* for daily devotions and discussion at the weekly meeting. Linda Austin will facilitate the class. Please call her to reserve your book and to get your name on the list: 619-549-1480.

Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS @ ST. PAUL'S COMING!

St. Paul's Summer Fun Nights presents 'Let's Go Camping!'

Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:00pm-7:00pm

Dinner, Fellowship & Worship

\$5 per person/\$15 max per family

Register in advance on the patio on Sundays!

All ages welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 27TH

AUGUST 27 Sunday school Open House - Come upstairs and see our remodeled classrooms & get registration paper work. When registration paper work is completed, the child will receive a "Golden Ticket" to redeem for prizes on Rally Sunday, September 3.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

Summer Youth Schedule...

During the weeks of Summer, both Wednesday night Youth Groups and Sunday morning Youth Bible Study are taking a break.

Join us for youth beach days and 9am Sunday worship!

Sundays For Youth

Join us next Sunday, August 20th, at the 9:00am service. Find Liz on the patio for donuts and a youth worship worksheet before we head in to worship together.

No Youth Beach Day This Week

Youth Beach Day is taking a break this Monday. Join us next Monday, August 21st, for our final Youth Beach Day of the Summer!

MISSION CRAFTERS THANK YOU

Mission Crafters wishes to thank everyone who purchased items at our 4th of July sale. We are well on our way to our goal of being able to sponsor 11 destitute children (or more) through Children of the Nations. Their focus is on providing for the well being of the whole child: Spiritually, Physically, Educationally, Psychologically, Medically.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child for \$32/month through Children of the Nations (COTN), please feel free to talk to Nancy Mowry or head on over to the COTN website and find out more cotni.org.

As always, Mission Crafters invites anyone who loves to craft to join us on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11-1pm. Bring your materials and join in the fun. We are also looking for folks who are willing to help in the shop on 2-4(5)th Sundays or on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11-1. If interested contact Nancy Mowry or Gloria Whalen.

Other Notes and Happenings

NEW ENTRA CASA BEACH PARTY

NEW ENTRA CASA ASSOCIATES present: "A Beach Party...without the sand*" (*We love the beach...the sand, not so much) A Fund Raising Reception for: New Entra Casa****A safe harbor from a restless sea

Sunday, August 20 @ 2:30 p.m. NEW Location: Trinity UMC

3030 Thorn St. San Diego 92104 (10 min across the bridge, in North Park) Parking limited: Call Kim at 619-294-4526 if you would like to carpool from 3575 Pershing Ave.

SAVE THE DATES

September 3 "Rally" Sunday - Sunday school resumes with offerings for children at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship times.

SYMPATHY NOTES

We give our sympathy and love to Cindy and Jerry Usalis and their family. Cindy's Mother EVELYN WILCOX died peacefully Monday, August 7, 2017 in National City. Please keep their family in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Tom Lowe, Dave & Leone Wood, Charlie & Angela Ahern, Mary Pack, Jane New, , Peggy Spence, Lauris Boyer, Jim Black, Emily Grullon, Skip Debaun, Carmella Palo, Mike Miller, Jim Smith, Mark Peterson, Mary Mowry, Marianne Turnipseed, Logan Sandoval, Ann Rutherford, Henrich Family, Norm Ludington, Rome Ruiz, Bob Davidson, Ron Koch, Laura Hall, Dan and Jennifer Shoemaker

The St. Paul's e mail Newsletter will be sent out on Friday each week. We rely on groups/ministries to provide content for the newsletter. If you want to have something included, please e mail the announcement/article/pictures to the communications address below by Wednesday. Also include instructions about how many weeks that you want it to run

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