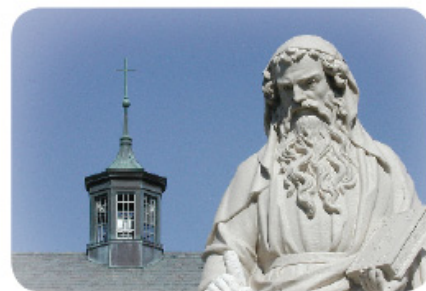


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Alumni Newsletter

St. Paul's College

Saint Paul Lutheran High School
Concordia, Missouri

St. Paul's College High

125th Anniversary Celebration Kicks Off Campaign

In Christ Jesus He raised us... in order to show in the coming ages the immeasurable riches of His grace...
Ephesians 2:6, 7

Sunday, August 12, 2007, marks the inauguration of a yearlong celebration. Under the theme *Designed for the Ages* the 125th academic year will begin with worship.

The celebration will praise God and commemorate those who began the Saint Paul journey in the 19th century, built on those beginnings through the 20th century, and sustain that tradition of distinction today. These saints truly established a Christ-centered educational institution *Designed for the Ages*.

Looking back, however, is not simply sentimental reflection, but a compelling motivation to outline a vision for tomorrow. Our task is to build on this heritage, reaching ever higher, to equip students who will effectively witness for Christ in the 21st century.

Now is the time to shape the future, so that generations to come will celebrate and say of us, "They laid plans *Designed for the Ages*."



Designed for the Ages
The immeasurable riches of His grace
Ephesians 2:7

Designed for the Ages is a campaign providing the foundation to build our vision for tomorrow.

View *Designed for the Ages* DVD or register for Homecoming activities @ www.splhs.org

125th Celebration Schedule

Opening Service: Aug 12 – 2:00 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly
President, Missouri District

Board of Visitors: September 14-15

Homecoming: Oct 11 – Volleyball & Bonfire
Oct 12 – Football & World Party
Oct 13 – *Designed for the Ages*
Complimentary Breakfast
Evening Hors d'oeuvres
Banquet & Talent Show

The Challenge

- Over 80% of today's LCMS youth drift away from the church between confirmation and high school graduation – fewer than 25% ever return;
- The number of LCMS students enrolled in the Concordia University System continues to decrease;
- There are 5% fewer LCMS students studying for full-time church work in the Concordia University System today than one year ago;
- Under 15% of LCMS families spend time in faith formation at home;
- Hundreds of LCMS congregations in the heartland face survival issues – many can no longer afford a pastor; and,
- The unchurched population in America has surpassed 50%.

The Opportunity

SAINT PAUL has a **Heritage of Distinction**.

Spiritual leadership and **academic pre-eminence** remain the trademarks as autumn 2007 ushers in the 125th academic year. Thousands of graduates have become pastors, teachers, missionaries, LCMS district and synodical presidents, as well as lay leaders throughout the world.

SAINT PAUL has a **Vision for Continued Excellence**.

The urgent leadership challenge is being met, as over the next three years **SAINT PAUL** will:

- Expand the high school curriculum to include leadership honors courses that equip students to effectively meet the spiritual challenges of a constantly changing society;
- Build an instructional system that opens the door for an expanded student body through modern educational technology;
- Create intentional, practical multi-cultural training modules for effective leadership in a global society;
- Establish integrated learning opportunities for church leaders to mentor high school students;



- Provide leadership training for lay and professional workers in
 - Evangelism and outreach,
 - Care for church workers and their families,
 - Faith formation in the home and family life issues,
 - College and university student peer ministry training,
 - Rural and small town ministry revitalization and expansion,
 - Cultural change and transition,
 - Stewardship; and,
- Reconfigure the campus to
 - Establish a heartland hub for large group leadership training events, and
 - Fashion state of the art learning environments across the secondary curriculum.

The Outcome

- Young people strengthened, encouraged, and mentored to be the leaders of tomorrow;
- More high school students drawn by the Holy Spirit to pursue full-time church worker careers;
- Professional and lay workers better equipped to lead the church in Gospel proclamation, service, and outreach; and,
- Growing missional congregations, spiritually healthier families, and increased international outreach.

Envision a vibrant educational environment where annually thousands of God's people, from the high school freshman to the senior servant, are equipped to be effective Great Commission leaders.



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The Blessing

You! People just like you, *of one mind in Christ*, make ministry happen.

SAINT PAUL has a rich heritage of distinction, preparing leaders who declare Christ.

SAINT PAUL has a vision of excellence that is designed for the ages.

As you join others, using the resources God has entrusted to you,

- Young people will be strengthened, encouraged, and mentored;
- The bounty of full-time church workers will increase;
- Professional and lay workers will be better equipped to lead; and above all

Souls will be brought to Christ!

Prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to help. The Lord be with you always.

The Resources

- **Phase #1**
 - Long-distance Learning and Leadership Training Center **\$3,100,000**
 - Biltz Hall Renovation
- **Phase #2**
 - **Premier Worship, Performing Arts, and Conference Center** **\$1,800,000**
Remodel Kaepfel Hall
 - **Campus Reconfiguration** **\$250,000**
Quad restoration accommodating expanded educational opportunities
 - **Instructional Development and Organization** **\$500,000**
Premier Learning Environment – curriculum and technology

Total **\$2,550,000**
- **Phase #3**
 - Superlative Science and Mathematics Laboratories
 - Modernized Athletic Facilities **\$2,750,000**
 - Securing the Future Scholarship Endowment Increase

Completed

Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to help accomplish this vision. Someone will contact you soon.

Designed for the ages to . . .
face challenges and help others



William Pope
Class of SPCH 1970

Two years at SPCH made a tremendous impact upon the life of William Pope.

Following graduation, William found himself in the Army where he quickly rose through the ranks, eventually

retiring as a Captain. He served as a Chaplain's Assistant and was selected for special duty with the Pastoral Care Department of a post hospital and a major Army Medical Center.

William faced the tragic and unexpected death of his father and newborn daughter, and the severe long-term hospitalization and handicaps of her twin sister. He became a counselor and mentor to other parents of handicapped children. Today he continues as a special education teacher in an inner city public school in San Antonio.

"The character lessons I received at SPCH aided me in Army life. St. Paul's strengthened my relationship with God and helped me through the death of my father and newborn daughter, as well as her sister's life of handicaps. At SPCH I learned to persevere and to count the blessings that also come with tragedy."

Designed for the ages to . . .
assist coffee farmers in Nicaragua



Summer Lewis
Class of SPLHS 1999

How does a girl from Kansas get linked to coffee farmers in Nicaragua? It all began at SPLHS.

After graduation Summer studied abroad, eventually connecting with the Interfaith Program at Equal Exchange near Boston.

Summer works with producers from around the world and Lutheran congregations across the United States, addressing issues related to trade, the global economy, and social justice. She took part in a Lutheran World Relief "Coffee with a Conscience" delegation to Nicaragua where she learned first-hand how Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program bridges coffee, tea, and cocoa farming communities throughout the world.

"At SPLHS I was exposed to different cultures and viewpoints. Interacting and becoming friends with students from around the world gave me a desire to explore. Through learning about God's world I was inspired to work for peace and social justice."

Designed for the ages to . . .
develop personal gifts for ministry



Tim Wesemann
SPCH Class of 1978
SPC Class of 1979

While at SPCH and SPC, Tim entered Creative Arts contests sponsored by the school newspaper, but never thought writing was his gift.

Tim attended Appalachian State, majoring in Communications-Broadcasting. After graduation he dabbled in freelance writing with, as he puts it, an emphasis on "free."

After working at a radio station, he moved to North Carolina with the goal of full-time writing. Three years later, Tim entered the seminary to study for the pastoral ministry.

Following eleven years as a parish pastor, Tim moved into full-time writing and speaking. In 2000, he founded **Foolish Words**, a full-time writing and speaking ministry. He has authored 26 books for children and adults with more than 650,000 copies in print. You'll find more information about his ministry at his Web site www.FoolishWords.com.

"I realize that my gifts for ministry as a pastor, writer and speaker first developed at my Alma Mater in Concordia. The desire for the pastoral ministry was with me ever since my junior year at SPCH."

Designed for the ages to . . .
equip others in Nigeria



Joel Loesche
SPCH 1976-1979

Joel's employment has led him to leave the comforts of America and travel to Lagos, Nigeria, Africa.

As Operations and Procurement Manager at a gas turbine power plant on

the Lagos Lagoon, Joel faces constant challenges: personnel problems, customs and immigration issues, political matters, customer payment concerns, getting parts and services into the country, kickbacks and bribes, social responsibility, and much more.

Joel works to find ways for his operators and personnel to understand their abilities, help each other, and strive to improve.

"SPCH prepared me by challenging me. Little did I realize that through those challenges the Lord was preparing me for a Lagos, Nigeria, experience."

Designed for the ages to . . .
achieve career goals



Amber Petersen
SPLHS Class of 1997

Amber's course was set during her sophomore year at Johnston High School, in Johnston, Iowa. Following PageMaker 101 advertising and marketing has been in her blood. She works for Glynn Devins Advertising

and Marketing as a production artist.

"As a senior at SPLHS I was pushed to believe that I could attain anything through God. My experiences molded me into a well-rounded individual. Yearbook helped me develop the patience to help others, and to show people how to work in the programs."

Designed for the ages to . . .
lead by serving



Doug Tieman
SPCH Class of 1973
SPC Class of 1975

Doug came to the campus and developed a strong study and work ethic. That ethic has been the foundation for his

leadership at the Caron Foundation.

In 12 years as President/CEO for Caron Treatment Centers, Doug has helped the organization increase six-fold to become one of the country's largest addiction support providers. Among the many people he has met in connection with his position are Tara Conner (Miss USA) and Tetra Levin (former Miss Germany) at Caron's fundraising event in Palm Beach, Florida, which was chaired by Donald Trump.

"St. Paul's prepared me to be successful by providing a competitive study program and extra-curricular participation."

Tee Time
4th Annual Saints Golf Classic
Saturday, August 25, 2007
Emma Country Club

SPLHS now supports 15 interscholastic teams. More students than ever have the opportunity to participate in athletics.

The Saints Golf Classic provides a great way for alumni to help financially assist the athletic program. Join us this year!

For information and registration, contact Monte Pitsch, Athletic Director at SPLHS, P.O. Box 719, Concordia MO 64020; phone: 660-463-2238 ext 227; email: mpitsch@splhs.org.



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Homecoming: October 11-14

“GPA’s and tardy slips... some things
never change! Look inside and find out
about BIG changes at Saint Paul!” r f



“No time for spades! Take a look inside!”

