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Second Annual ECW Celebration Breakfasts



The second annual celebration breakfasts for the dioceses Episcopal Church Women will be held 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 12 at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City and Saturday, June 26 at Christ Church in Springfield.

The St. Augustine's Liturgical Dancers will return and music entertainment will be provided by Jackie Hunt in Kansas City, and Bob Johnson (St. Georges in Camdenton) in Springfield.



Alexandra Connors will be present at both breakfasts. Connors, who is profiled in the spring edition of Spirit magazine, was one of 10 young-adult delegates from the Episcopal Church who attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March. She will be available for a question and answer period. The Rev. Dr. Susan M. Smith will conduct an interactive program with the attendees. Smith is priest associate at St. Paul's in Kansas City and assistant professor of preaching and worship at the St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.

There will also be the very popular time of sharing in which attendees may explain the details of one event or project occurring in their parish. Handouts would be great for those who would like to adopt some new programs. At both breakfasts, the focus will be to celebrate the women of our church as they go about their Holy Living and Tending to Holy Spaces. And, there will be lots of door prizes! Last year, 200 women in the diocese attended the breakfasts.

Registration is required. To register, contact Shirley Bolden, 816-795-6129, or Judy Turner, 417-623-1464. Please make reservations by June 5 for the event in Kansas City and June 19 for the event in Springfield.

Christ Church raises more than \$600 for Episcopal Relief & Development



Christ Church in St. Joseph raised more than \$600 at a recent garage sale to benefit ERD's role in post-earthquake Haiti. Parishioner Cathy Caldwell was the sales organizer.

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Following several months of study and preparation, St. Johns (Springfield) parishioners Jillian Merrill, Nancy Bear, Denise Minor, Mary Marshall and Jayne Bailey took their vows as Daughters of the King on May 2. The new chapter will take the name of St. Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris.

St. Luke's participating in Excelsior Springs Museum and Archives Garden Tour



St. Luke's (Excelsior Springs) is one of six buildings highlighted in this year's Excelsior Springs Museum and Archives Garden Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the event.

The church, which was consecrated in November of 1933, is comprised of locally quarried limestone. All proceeds from the tour will benefit the Excelsior Springs Museum and Archives Garden. For more information, please call 816-630-2309.

Senior High Retreat



The Senior High Retreat, intended for grades 9 through 12 (as of fall 2010), will be Friday, June 25 to Sunday, June 27 at Living Waters Canoe Camp, 40 Cherry Mountain Drive in Mack's Creek, Mo.

Activities will include camping, canoeing the lower section of the Big Niangua River, swimming, arts and crafts, games, prayers, ghost stories and night walks. A cave tour is also planned. Cost is \$25. For more information, please contact either

Kim Snodgrass at 417-793-0780 or Curtis Hamilton at 816-529-5260.

Dean's Cup Classic Golf Tournament



The 2010 Deans Cup Classic Golf Tournament, sponsored by Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, will be held Saturday, June 26 at the Adams Pointe Golf Club in Blue Springs. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Culinary Cornerstones chef training program of Episcopal Community Services.

For a donation of \$150, each golfer will receive 18 holes of golf and cart; range golf balls; a gift bag; continental breakfast; a box lunch and an opportunity to win a variety of prizes. For more information, please call 816-474-8260.

Missionpalooza 2010



This years Missionpalooza, themed Mystery Revealed-Proclaimed-Lived, will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 13 and conclude following the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, July 18 at St. Paul's Church, 11 E. 40th St. in Kansas City.

Intended for grades 8 through 12, Missionpalooza trains teenagers to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. For five days, youth from Kansas, Missouri and elsewhere come together for mission, fellowship and worship both inside and outside the walls of the Church. Students spend their nights at St. Paul's and their days in the urban mission field heeding Christ's call to feed the hungry, visit the sick and comfort those in need. Evenings include fun activities such as games, music, movie night, outdoor barbecue and a trip to either Worlds of Fun or an alternative Saturday afternoon outing. Cost is \$160. To register, please call 417-793-0780.

Cursillo Retreat



A Cursillo weekend retreat will be held Thursday, July 22 to Sunday, July 25 at St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kan. Cursillo is an opportunity for spiritual awakening and focuses on living a life of accountability in accordance with the Baptismal Covenant. The retreat is open to anyone who wants to renew and deepen his or her relationship with Christ.

The lay rector for the weekend will be Rachel Swaney from St. Michaels in Independence. The spiritual advisor is the Rev. Tom Wilson from St. Andrews in Derby, Kan. For more information, please contact St. Michaels at 816-373-5333. Applications are available by clicking the following link: <http://stmichaelschurch.org/pages/cursillo.html>

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