



# THE SALVATION ARMY SAINT PAUL CITADEL

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## SALVATION STORIES

### MAY/JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

*Captains' Corner:*

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

I've often wondered how well I would sing this song if the composer had completely changed the point and written, "Great is MY faithfulness, Lord unto Thee!"

I'm actually a bit surprised that I am admitting this, but I am so often disappointed in myself and in that part of my humanity that is so quick to cry out and seek explanations and answers when things don't go as I think they should. I want my burdens to be lifted, my problems to be solved, and my expectations to be met. When things don't seem to happen the way I hope or assume they will, I am so eager to go before God and see what He can do for me. I was reminded of a part of a testimony I heard from a friend of mine who was in extreme pain:

*As a Christian, I have experienced many episodes of difficulty. I already know that the more desperate a Christian is, the more he or she will cry out to God for help. Our sinful human condition moves us to seek less of God when everything is going great, but to pray in depth to God for His intervention when*

*our circumstances get unpleasant.*

This thought became more clear to me as I read about Jesus' betrayal from Matthew 26: 53, "Do you think I cannot call on My Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" Jesus did not call upon God to make everything all better. He could have, but He chose not to. His suffering was for a reason: His reason was OUR salvation. I think of how quickly I run to God to protect me from the difficulties of this life; to rescue me from the consequences of my decisions; to spare me even from reaping what I have sown.

Today, I want to remember to be faithful to Him. I want to not constantly seek to avoid pain and suffering, but to willingly place myself in the hand of God as long as He chooses to allow it. And to accept whatever reason He has to allow it. I have come to realize that the situations I find myself in and the circumstances that seem to find me just might be for a good reason. To beg or plead with God to remove them is probably counterproductive to the work He has yet to do in me.

Oh that I could constantly sing to Him, "Great is my faithfulness, Lord unto Thee!" Thank you God, for being constantly faithful to me!

—Lisa Mueller, Captain

**May 29: Memorial  
Sunday Picnic**

**Northwoods Camps**

June 18 – 25: Music Camp  
July 5 – 8: Sunbeam and Explorer  
Troop Camp  
July 26 – 29: Corps Kids/Teen

**Citadel Day Camps  
June 20 – August 12**

Traditional Summer Day Camp  
Sport Camp  
Middle School/Junior High Camp

*Save the Date!*

**Aug 19 – 21:  
Corps Retreat at  
Northwoods**

*Below: Easter Balloon Launch filled  
the sky!*



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## THANK YOU!

In addition to our church family here at the Citadel, we are blessed to know the many regular volunteers who make up our service family at West 7th. Many thanks to those who extend their time, talents and cheer to the food distribution and other service-based programs at the St. Paul Citadel... *We appreciate you!*

## New Bible Studies

*"We cannot separate God from God's Word. We must become what we read"*

The month of May once again began new opportunities for Bible Studies. Our attendance has grown so greatly these past few years, multiple Bible Studies are offered to maintain the ministry of small groups. Each Wednesday at 6:30 you may choose to attend a study called Digging Deeper, which is an in-depth look and further study of the Sunday preaching passage, or The Church Ignited, which is a study on the book of Acts and the birth of the early church. Either study will ensure that you are in the Word and growing with the support and encouragement of other believers. Child care is provided.

## Women's Fellowship and Service Update

The monthly Women's Fellowship spent time together in April doing a service project for the Corps. We packed all of our Nursing Home visit boxes, made all of the Easter eggs for Easter Sunday, and created gift bags for a Child Development Center project. Thanks ladies! To insure that we didn't strain ourselves, Cyndi Mueller came and gave complimentary massages to each of us—Thanks to you, Cyndi!

Women's Fellowship, which meets on the second Friday evening of each month, provides social and service time for women currently attending our church. If you would like to learn more, please email Cree Zadra at twilight729@yahoo.com ("Women's Fellowship" in subject line).



## Youth Councils

10 Corps members attended Youth Councils at Northwoods Camp. Corps Intern Denesia Polusca was asked to give the Sunday morning message. As she shared on the Fruit of the Spirit, God spoke through her. We are proud of Denesia and all the teens— Mee Lee, PaChia Lee, Xiong Mee Vang, Kao Sia Lee, Breyia Brown, Toua Thao, and Amiya—that attended this conference!

## CCM Visits

Our traditional Easter visits were conducted during the entire month of April. As we visited eight nearby nursing homes and residences, we were able to bring gifts and share the love of Jesus Christ with 649 people! One highlight of our visits was to Galtier Nursing Home, which has an entire floor of Hmong residents. Pao Vang, Hmong Outreach Director, was able to pray with four people and bring them comfort and peace.



## DOING THE MOST GOOD™

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

### CORPS OFFICERS

Captain Bob Mueller and Captain Lisa Mueller

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## Vacation Bible School

Yes, it was pandemonium, but the good kind! In keeping with our pledge to provide quality out-of-school time, we took advantage of St. Paul Schools Spring Break and planned a high-energy Vacation Bible School during the week of March 21-25. *Pandamania!* was our theme and we averaged 80 in attendance each day. The mornings were a flurry of activity including singing, skits, a daily visit from Boomer the Panda, Bible lessons, crafts, and snacks. The afternoons were spent at a variety of fun and exciting places and activities, such as the Water Park of America and rollerskating. Special thanks to all who worked so hard to pull off a very special week!



## Spring Evangelistic Campaign

No rest after a long week of Vacation Bible School, on March 25 we launched right into our Spring Evangelistic Campaign! Captains Julian and Le'One Champion and their Steel Orchestra from The Salvation Army Chicago (Englewood), Illinois, were our special guests. Captain Julian preached powerful messages and the steel drum band, comprised of youth from this south-side Chicago neighborhood, provided great inspiration and blessing. The weekend was highlighted with themed community dinners, and we offer special thanks to those who provided the homemade food for these events! Pao Vang and his family served more than 191 people at Friday's Asian dinner, and Denesia Polusca and helpers served a classic Caribbean dinner to more than 215 people Saturday evening. We were bursting at the seams! Both Friday and Saturday evening meetings were well-attended, and God's Spirit and presence were with us.

On Sunday, the Corps experienced a great blessing as we began to wrap up the weekend in worship and celebration. This was truly an evangelistic effort and many new people were brought into our doors. Thanks to the faithful Soldiers and attendees for providing a warm welcome to all of our visitors. The grand total of people reached throughout the events of the entire weekend was over one thousand! Special thanks to Captains Champion and the youth from Chicago. God is good!



## Easter Celebration

Resurrection morning began early this year as we celebrated our 57th year at the Como Conservatory.

Lt. Colonel Daniel Sjogren delivered the message as we worshipped our risen Savior amid the beauty of the garden.

Back at West 7th, Denesia Polusca prepared and served a fabulous Easter Breakfast to all of our families. Thanks to the Orenstein family and Sue Delgado for so much early morning help! We also thank photographer Michelle Braddock for helping us continue the St. Paul Citadel tradition of providing free family Easter portraits to everyone attending.

Next, a United Sunday School opening featuring the Cherub Choir and the Hand Bell Choir, and then Captain Bob was finally able to see his dream of an Easter Balloon Launch become a reality. Only one balloon escaped early, and it was a beautiful sight to fill the sky with rising balloons as one



a gifted speaker, challenged us to consider the account of the witnesses to the resurrection Christ and open our minds to the possibilities of how the Savior can also impact our own lives. This year, we were blessed with our highest attendances to date for these special events: the Sunrise Service at Como Conservatory topped out at 127 souls, and the Easter Worship Celebration at the Corps ministered to 176 people! He is risen...He is risen indeed!



more reminder of our Risen Lord!

After a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt, the Lord began preparing our hearts for a reverent time of worship which included the enrollment of six new Senior Soldiers and five new Junior Soldiers. Congratulations to each of you who have made a commitment to serve God through His work in The Salvation Army.



Our guests for the entire day were Lt. Colonels Jeff and Dorothy Smith, who serve in our regional headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Colonel Dorothy conducted the Junior Soldier enrollment and shared her gift of music with the congregation. Colonel Jeff Smith,



## City Clean Up and Founders Celebration

Captain Bob Mueller and Hmong Outreach Director Pao Vang, along with Kia Lor, Mai Khou Vang, Manee Vang, Emme Vang, Hannah Vang, Abby Vang, and Vang Lee, spent a recent Saturday afternoon participating in the Saint Paul City Clean Up Project. Youth from all over the area worked together getting our beautiful city ready for spring.

On that same day, five from our own community served in the Twin Cities Founder's Celebration. To commemorate Salvation Army Founder William Booth's birthday, volunteers from all over the Twin Cities met at Divisional Headquarters for a time of worship and information. Then they embarked on clean-up and service projects all over the community. Birthday cake and ice cream ended the day in celebration.

## CDC Field Trip

The little ones from our Child Development Center went on an outing recently to The Salvation Army Central Corps, where they enjoyed playing in the indoor play place and climbing wall. This recreation area is another generous gift from the King Family Foundation.



## Peter King Funeral

On March 21, The Salvation Army said good-bye to Peter J. King at a funeral celebrating his life and work. At Peter's request, music at the service was provided by a Salvation Army Brass band. The King Family Foundation has been a faithful source of support and aid to The Salvation Army in the Twin Cities, and especially here at St. Paul Citadel. We thank the family for providing our bus, used every summer for Day Camp, and for the expansion and renovation of our King Family Child Development Center. Peter King's legacy lives on every day here at West 7th, in the faces and in the lives of the children served through our center.



## Court of Awards

On Wednesday, May 25, we will hold our final Court of Awards for the season. Come out and join our youth as we present emblems to our Moonbeams, Sunbeams, and Cub Scouts. The kids have worked hard all year and this is a special time to recognize both them and their dedicated leaders. We also have seven girls who will be taking their Commissioner Sunbeam test on May 21 and will be awarded at this meeting. Thanks to Judy Secord for her faithfulness with our Sunbeams.



## Change and Challenge at the Citadel

Most of you know that in The Salvation Army, officers often receive changes of appointment and assignment. Captain Bob and I have been reassigned to a new appointment and will be leaving you the end of June. It is important for you to know that we did not request this, and our desire has been to stay here in Saint Paul (with all of you) for a very long time. But years ago we committed ourselves to serve Jesus Christ through this church, knowing that reassignments are part of the structure. We believe our God is sovereign and even in this, His perfect plan for our lives is evident.

Leaving you will be extremely difficult, as we have come to love you as family. We will also be leaving our own kids, Steve, Samantha and Cyndi, and precious granddaughter Summer, so you can imagine the emotions we are feeling.

In spite of all, we know this for sure: God has divinely chosen who will be your next Corps Officers and Pastors. They will come to love you just as we have. Accept them, embrace them, and love them. Open your hearts and your lives to them and God will bless The Saint Paul Citadel Corps and you who have been so faithful.

We love you. Please pray for us, as we will for you:

*"I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us—to Him be the glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

*Eph 3:17-21*

Lisa Mueller, Captain



## Memorial Picnic

Our 2nd annual Memorial Weekend Picnic is set for Sunday, May 29, immediately after morning Worship services. We have reserved picnic shelters in Marthaler Park (1625 Humboldt, West Saint Paul) adjacent to a playground, volleyball court and lots of fun things to do. This will be our second annual picnic intended to reach friends, family and community. The Corps will provide hamburgers and hot

dogs, and all families will be asked to bring something to share. More details will be provided on upcoming Sundays.

## Summer Camps: Northwoods

Northwoods Camp applications are now available through program leaders. This year, youth have the option to attend:

**Music Camp (June 18-25)** is for youth ages 9-17 who either play a brass instrument or desire to work on their vocal abilities.

**Sunbeam and Explorer's Troop Camp (July 5-8)** is for youth who have completed grades 1-5 and are already a registered member of St. Paul Citadel troops.

**Corps Kids/Teen Camp (July 26-29)** is for youth who have completed grades 1-11. This camp is open to those who are not eligible to attend Troop Camp.

All camp applications are due Wednesday, June 1, to Corps Intern Denesia Polusca or staffer Pao Vang. Staff will be available to answer questions and accept applications on-site at the Saint Paul Citadel on Wednesday evening, May 25 at 5:00 pm.

## Summer Day Camps at the Citadel

Saint Paul Citadel staff members are eagerly planning and preparing for Summer Day Camps! This year we will hold three different camps to meet the needs of families throughout the summer. All three camps run June 20 – August 12.

**Traditional Summer Day Camp** is for youth who have completed grades K-4. This year we are able to offer care both before and after the camp. Applications are currently being accepted, and can be requested through Denesia Polusca.

**Sport Camp** is also for youth who have completed grades K-4. This camp operates three days per week and is in session from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. There is no before- or after-care provided.

**Middle School/Junior High Camp** is new this year. Youth who have completed grades 5 – 9 may register for this camp, which operates two days per week from 9:00 until 3:00 pm.

We expect to enroll 40 youth in each of our three camps, bringing summer ministry totals to 120 youth. Pray for our staff as we strive to make these camps effective and profitable in the lives of our kids!

## Prayer in Action

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14*

If Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Did you know that during World War II, an advisor to Churchill organized a group of people who collectively prayed for one minute each day at a prescribed time for the safety of England, its people, and peace?

There is now a similar effort here in America. To participate, stop whatever you are doing every evening at 8:00 PM (CST) and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a return to a Godly nation.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Brenda Line, Child Development Center Director  
Call 651.602.3018, Mon – Fri (7:30 am – 5:30 pm)

The King Family CDC is a licensed, Christian day-care center providing quality supervision and enrichment for children ages 15 months to Kindergarten.

**Snapshot** (April 2011): 28 enrollees \* 19 total days of operation \* 1,234 meals served

## Hmong Outreach Program

Pao Lee Vang, Hmong Outreach Supervisor  
Call 651.224.4316, Mon & Wed (5:30 – 8 pm)

The HOP goals are to provide Hmong children an opportunity to know Jesus Christ, as well as to offer fellowship and fun. Sports and games—including traditional Hmong dancing for girls—instill principles of teamwork and physical fitness.

**Snapshot** (April 2011): 40 enrollees \* 8 meetings/events \* 307 meals served

## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Enrique Coreano, Outreach Ministries Supervisor  
Call 651.224.4316, Mon – Fri (2:30 – 5:30 pm)

The ASP is a safe, structured program offering academic support, recreation and enrichment learning to children grades 1 to 5. Open Mon – Fri during the school year, from 2:30 to 5:30 PM.

**Snapshot** (April 2011): 32 enrollees \* 18 total days of operation \* 278 meals served

## JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH OUTREACH PROGRAM

Pao Lee Vang, Hmong Outreach Supervisor  
Call 651.224.4316, Fri (5:30 – 8 pm)

This ministry includes sports, activities, and devotions for teenagers. We are blessed in having children who have aged out of our younger programs who are ready to continue being part of the Citadel family as they begin their teen years.

**Snapshot** (April 2011): 20 enrollees \* 3 meetings/events \* 62 meals served

## COMMUNITY CENTER

Tony Scheurman, Community Center Coordinator  
Call 651.224.4316, Mon – Sat (7 am – 11 pm)

The Citadel Community Center includes a professional-size basketball court that is used by children at our ASP and CDC programs and by community groups.

**Snapshot** (April 2011): 61 members \* 22 days of operation \* 287 events \* 5,834 total attendance

## SPIRITUAL SERVICES

Captains Bob & Lisa Mueller: Call 651.224.4316

The purpose of The Salvation Army has always been to lead men and women into a proper relationship with God. His love drives everything we do—that means *everything*. Captains Bob and Lisa Mueller are the ordained ministers who head the Saint Paul Citadel—a place of worship, spiritual growth, social service and community-building.

### April 2011 Snapshot:

**Sunday Attendance:** 1,223 total attendees

- All-ages events: Holiness Meeting, Sunday School, Sunday Breakfast
- Youth events: Junior Church

**Youth Programs:** 459 total attendees

- Cub and Boy Scouts, Sunbeams, Moonbeams, Family Supper Club

**Adult Programs:** 863 total attendees

- Bible Studies, Women's Ministries, Worship Band, Men's Club, Mid-Week Prayers, CCM

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Yvonne Dobler, Social Services Team Leader  
Call 651.224.6946, Mon – Fri (8:45 am – 4 pm)

The Salvation Army provides basic needs services to thousands of Twin Cities residents through feeding programs, food pantries, thrift store vouchers, housing, rent and utility assistance, transportation, medical aid, employment assistance and seasonal services.

**Number of clients served** (April 2011):

Food Shelf, Brown Bag, Senior Food for Health:

841 households / 277 volunteer hours

Breakfast: 3,895 meals served

Friday Food Share & Prayer: 569 individuals

Emergency Services: 2,537 requests/referrals \*

177 orders/vouchers provided

Employment Services: 168 job leads

Heatshare: 6 households

## OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

Call 651.224.4316, Tues (9:30 am – 2 pm)

The Salvation Army provides a safe, nurturing, pleasant environment for adults to network and grow. Programs are designed to enhance quality of life and encourage independent lifestyles for today's aging population, addressing education, health and spiritual needs.

**Snapshot** (April 2011): 67 members \* 20 meetings/events \* 56 meals served

# Programs and Services Summary & Contact Information



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### *Sunday Worship Schedule (more information: 651.224.4316)*

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	BREAKFAST GATHERING . . . . .	ALL AGES
	9:30 AM	ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION . . . . .	ADULT
	9:30 AM	JUNIOR SOLDIERS . . . . .	YOUTH
	10:00 AM	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . . .	YOUTH
	10:45 AM	WORSHIP GATHERING. . . . .	ALL AGES
	11:15 AM	JUNIOR CHURCH . . . . .	YOUTH

### *Weekly Programs & Worship Schedule (more information: 651.224.4316)*

MON – FRI	7:30 – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST FEEDING PROGRAM . . . . .	ALL AGES
	2:30 – 5:30 PM	AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM (K – 5TH) . . . . .	YOUTH
MONDAY	5:30 – 8:00 PM	HONG OUTREACH PROGRAM (HOP) . . . . .	YOUTH
TUESDAY	9:30 AM	OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES . . . . .	SENIOR
	11:00 AM	HOME LEAGUE. . . . .	SENIOR
	12:00 – 2:00 PM	OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES . . . . .	SENIOR
WEDNESDAY	4:30 PM	MEN'S MINISTRIES. . . . .	ADULT
	5:30 PM	FAMILY DINNER CLUB . . . . .	ALL AGES
	5:30 – 8:00 PM	HONG OUTREACH PROGRAM (HOP) . . . . .	YOUTH
	6:00 PM	PRAYER MEETING. . . . .	ALL AGES
	6:30 PM	MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES (CHILDCARE PROVIDED) . . . . .	ADULT
FRIDAY	10:30 AM	FOOD SHARE & PRAYER. . . . .	ALL AGES
	5:30 – 8:00 PM	JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY. . . . .	YOUTH

### *Upcoming Events (Details within this newsletter, or for more information: 651.224.4316)*

MAY 17 (TUES)	5:45 PM	SUNDAY LEADERS MEETING. . . . .	ADULT
	6:30 PM	CORPS COUNCIL . . . . .	ADULT
MAY 22 (SUN)	12:30 PM	WATERPARK OF AMERICA . . . . .	ALL AGES
MAY 29 (SUN)	12:30 PM	MEMORIAL SUNDAY PICNIC (DETAILS, P. 6). . . . .	ALL AGES
JUNE 1 (WED)		ALL SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE! . . . . .	YOUTH
JUNE 10 – 12 (FRI – SUN)		TERRITORIAL CONGRESS & COMMISSIONING. . . . .	ALL AGES
JUNE 14 (TUES)	5:45 PM	SUNDAY LEADERS MEETING. . . . .	ADULT
	6:30 PM	CORPS COUNCIL . . . . .	ADULT
JUNE 19 (SUN)	12:00 PM	3RD SUNDAY CHURCH FAMILY POTLUCK. . . . .	ALL AGES
JUNE 18 – 25 (SAT – SAT)		MUSIC CAMP (NORTHWOODS). . . . .	YOUTH
JUNE 20 – AUG 12		TRADITIONAL SUMMER DAY CAMP (CITADEL) . . . . .	YOUTH
JUNE 20 – AUG 12 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)		SPORT CAMP (CITADEL) . . . . .	YOUTH
JUNE 20 – AUG 12 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)		MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH CAMP (CITADEL) . . . . .	YOUTH
JULY 5 – 8 (TUES – FRI)		SUNBEAM & EXPLORER TROOP CAMP (NORTHWOODS) . . . . .	YOUTH
JULY 26 – 29 (TUES – FRI)		CORPS KIDS/TEEN CAMP (NORTHWOODS) . . . . .	YOUTH
AUG 19 – 21 (FRI – SUN)		CORPS RETREAT AT NORTHWOODS—SAVE THE DATE! . . . . .	ALL AGES

