

# ST. PAUL connections



## NO ID REQUIRED

From time to time, we're required to prove that we belong where we are. We're accustomed to showing a form of photo identification before we can board an airplane. Many people clip on badges to help gain access to their particular workplaces. Students wear or carry cards as they move around their school. At some point or another, all of us are asked to show our "credentials."

And yet, our loving God doesn't seem very concerned about such identification or credentials. Over and over again, scripture reminds us that we belong to God regardless of what all we've achieved or what status our name badge conveys. There's no need to prove anything to gain access to God's grace. God already knows our name and says that we belong.

## today at st. paul

### Sept. 30/Oct. 1 - Pentecost 17

Preaching:

5:30/8:00 Sara Olson-Smith  
9:20/11:45 Katy Warren

Worship notes:

8:00 am St. Paul Quartet  
9:20 am Chorale

11:45 Confirmation blessing  
Communion served at all services

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philip-  
pians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

## next weekend

### October 7 & 8 - Pentecost 18

Preaching:

5:30/8/9:20 Peter W. Marty  
11:45 Ryan Bailey

Worship notes:

8:00 am St. Paul Quartet  
9:20 am Cantate Choir; Chorale  
11:45 Confirmation blessing

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Philippians 3:  
4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

Privacy laws prevent hospitals from automatically informing churches of members admitted. You can easily notify our pastoral care staff of a hospitalization: 563-326-3547 x211 or becky@stpaulqc.org.

### Hospitalized: (\*released as of Sept. 28)

\*John Albee  
Anna Goodwin  
Barb Hiesterman  
Beckett Nau  
Beth Popowski  
\*Jeanette Stoltenberg  
Sheila Thorberg  
Arnie Thoren

### Birth:

Lydia Jane Popowski, daughter  
of Beth & Jared Popowski, Sept. 26

### With sympathy:

Joy Crane, uncle Robert Elwood  
Art & Joyce Hayes, his brother Ronald  
Hayes

## confirming faith

Confirmation concludes at the beginning of the ninth-grade year. Students are sharing their faith stories during a series of Sunday-morning sessions in Fellowship Hall, 10:45-11:30 a.m. They will be confirmed during worship on the morning they present their story. Students confirmed today during 11:45 a.m. worship: Rohan Abernathy-Wee, Will Behrens, Kalen Bunch, Maddie Hamborg, Dane Juehring, Skyler Partee, Wyeth Platt, Owen Schmidt, Sarah Schmidt, Annika Skogman, and Megan Strusz.

## staff connections

### PASTORS

Peter W. Marty *Senior pastor*  
Sara Olson-Smith *Associate pastor*  
Katy Warren *Associate pastor*  
Kelsey Fitting-Snyder *Pastor in residency*  
Joshua Kestner *Pastor in residency*  
Ron Huber *Visitation pastor*

### COMMUNICATIONS

Ann McGlynn *Director of communication*  
Lauren Brown *Artistic director*  
Becky Harper *Adm. asst. to sr. pastor*  
Karen Holden *Book Corner manager*  
Griffin Rasche *Communications intern*

### OPERATIONS

Todd Byerly *Operations director*  
Paula Durham *Business manager*  
Jennifer Garvey *Receptionist*  
Tessa Hahn *Business office assistant*  
Marcia Robertson *Stewardship coordinator*  
Harris Schneckloth *Campus and grounds*  
Matt Spencer *Building manager*  
Jim Akright *Custodial/Maintenance*  
Paul Caldwell *Weekend host*  
Ron Mullen *Weekend host*  
Joe Wollett *Evening host*  
Rick Ybarra *Outdoor host*

### LEARNING

Ryan Bailey *Director of faith formation*  
Joanna Roland *Preschool director*  
Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*  
Michelle Juehring *Director of children's ministries*  
Dana Welsler *Neighborhood schools*  
Tammy Hermanson *Residency administrator*  
Teresa Whitbeck *Childcare team leader*  
Michelle Henry *Youth ministries intern*

### MUSIC

Chris Nelson *Director of music ministries*  
Bill Campbell *Contemporary music*  
Linda Allebach *Assistant organist*  
Nathan Windt *Chorale director*  
Dan Pepper *Youth choir director*  
Katie Casey *Children's choir director*  
Sara Harless *Children's choir director*  
Margaret Thompson *Children's choir director*  
Kyle Schneider *Contemporary worship assistant*



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## Warmer. Safer. Drier.

### St. Paul crew heads to Jonesville, Virginia

A St. Paul team will leave for rural Appalachia on Saturday to make homes there warmer, safer, and drier. The church's partnership with Appalachia Service Project translates into twice-a-year serving experiences.

In Appalachia, poverty is more than double the national average. Jobs are few and far between in these mountains. Homes are crumbling. Walls buckle. Roofs leak. Sagging floors pose a hazard.

In the serving, something quite amazing happens. Real people practice faith. They give and receive. Friendships are forged. Hearts are transformed.



### HELP IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden cleanup: A cleanup of the St. Paul Community Garden is set for Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Crews will clear the raised beds in the backyard of 2025 Main Street as well as the southern plot down the alleyway. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 15, 2-4 p.m. Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.

## THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

### LEARNING FOR KIDS & YOUTH (10:45-11:30 AM)

- ▶ Ages 3 & Pre-K: Main Level
- ▶ Grades K-2: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- ▶ Grades 3-5: Lower Level, Commons area
- ▶ Grades 6-8: Lower Level, Sanctuary

### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL), GRADES 9-12 (7:15-8:30 PM)

SNL gathers most Sunday nights at St. Paul. It's a strong framework for high school youth to live, grow, and serve joyfully. It's also a fun place to get recharged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, [andy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org), 326-3547 x228

### LEARNING FOR ADULTS (10:45-11:30 AM)

- ▶ *The Book of Revelation and Ecology (part 1 of 2)*: Does a biblical book replete with destruction of the Earth and the entire cosmos have anything to say to us today about care of creation? Consider Revelation's ecological context in the Roman empire and its depiction of animals in light of Roman gladiator games. Micah Kiel, associate professor of theology, St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Hope at the Brick House*: This brick building just a few blocks from St. Paul is a joyful presence in the area, offering after school and summer programs for kids, neighborhood meetings, meals, and help with resources. Joyce Klopp, director. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *The Bible project*: Using just one page of creative illustrations and diagrams, discover the key themes of each book in the New Testament. St. Paul member Jeff Keller and the book of 1 Peter. In Room 208.

ADULTS

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *The Book of Revelation and Ecology (part 2 of 2)*. Micah Kiel, associate professor of theology, St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Spirituality and the workplace*. Steve Ollenburg, president and CEO, Modern Woodmen Bank. In Luther Loft.
- ▶ *The Bible project*: Led by St. Paul member Jeff Keller. In Room 208.

**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP:** Please join others for coffee, doughnuts, juice, and conversation in the gathering areas on the main level.

**A BLUE BOOK, "Welcome to St. Paul,"** is situated in every pew near the aisle seat. Please take a moment to share your name and pass the book. As it returns to you, glance at other names and look for your chance to greet one another after worship. The warmth of your greeting can brighten the whole day.

**NURSERY:** We believe children belong in worship. But if your child needs a break, please assist other worshipers and seek out our staffed nursery in the "Kid's Corner" in the Library Commons. Silent pagers available. For nursing moms, a designated room is available to you, just 20 feet left of the elevator.

**CHILDREN:** Children's messages are a part of our Sunday services at 9:20 and 11:45 a.m. Special bulletins are available from an usher. Worship bags for children are at entrances to the Sanctuary.

**COMMUNION:** The Lord's Table is open to believers of all Christian traditions. Adults and children who do not commune are invited to come forward, crossing arms upon the chest for a blessing. Communion is distributed by a practice called intinction; please touch your wafer lightly to the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available at all stations. Grape juice is available on Sundays in the potter's chalice at the station furthest left.

**FAITH RESOURCES:** A library and the nonprofit Book Corner on the main level provide wonderful resources for growing your faith. Check them out.

**MEMBERSHIP:** A one-session Membership Inquiry Class is offered once each month for those interested in exploring what membership at St. Paul involves. The next opportunity will be on **Saturday, Oct. 14, 9-11:30 a.m.** OR **Tuesday Nov. 14, 6:30-9 p.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups), at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

## DISCOVER & CONNECT

### families

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Sunday, Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m. in the lower south parking lot and Fellowship Hall. It's the annual orange-and-black frivolity at St. Paul for the whole family. Gather for a simple meal, a short worship service, treating, and a parking lot dance party! Costumes are encouraged. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Michelle Juehring, [michelle@stpaulqc.org](mailto:michelle@stpaulqc.org).

### adults

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS:** Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m., Library Conference Room. Offering support for those who have lost a friend or family member to suicide at any time, this monthly gathering is for care, compassion, and encouragement. No need to sign up, just come. Deb and Joe James, [joedeb1984@gmail.com](mailto:joedeb1984@gmail.com)

**GOING DEEPER:** Thursdays, Oct. 5-26, 5-6 p.m., Church House Living Room. A four-week small group opportunity will make its way through *Grounded* by Diana Butler Bass, a book that explores the shift among believers from a vertical understanding of God found in nature and human community. Please read the first four chapters before the first meeting. Lynn Batcher, [ldbatcher@hotmail.com](mailto:ldbatcher@hotmail.com)

**CC CONVERSATIONS** is a first Thursday of the month discussion opportunity open to all, 6-7:15 p.m. Discuss faith, politics, and culture with Pastor Peter Marty, from articles and news featured in *The Christian Century* (CC) magazine. Pre-readings for Oct. 5 session are: "A God by any other name" (pp 24ff), and "Love becomes fruitful" (p.35), both in the 9.13.17 issue of CC. Also read "Out of the tombs" (pp31ff) in the 9.27.17 issue of CC. Onsite copies on a special shelf in the library are available for reading.

**2136** is a ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s to be social, to study, and to serve, meeting first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m., next gathering Oct. 5 in the Lower Commons. Check out the 2136 Facebook page at [facebook.com/groups/stpaul2136](http://facebook.com/groups/stpaul2136).

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): Oct. 2, 12:30 p.m. (Joyce Nuernberger's home); Anna (evening): Oct. 3,

6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Dorcas: Oct. 3, 9:15 a.m. (Ardith Simm's home); Explore WELCA: Oct. 12, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Oct. 2, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: Oct. 13, 1:30 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Ruth: Oct. 5, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: Oct. 3, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, [tkmax2502@gmail.com](mailto:tkmax2502@gmail.com)

### CARE COMPANION TRAINING:

Saturday, Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, in Fellowship Hall. A Care Companion isn't an expert or counselor but someone who walks alongside and shares a journey for a period of time. Friendship, presence, and prayer are the tools. Be part of this compassionate team. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org)

**A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY** will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in the Church House Living Room. Each month, on the first Saturday, we provide an opportunity for individuals in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing to come and seek God's goodness and care.

**THEOLOGY PUB:** Second Tuesday, next gathering Oct. 10, 7 p.m., at Front Street Brewery, Davenport. It's a place with talk of faith, a beverage, and community. Brett Hagen, [hagenman@gmail.com](mailto:hagenman@gmail.com)

**GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON:** Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m. St. Paul senior adults, 75 years and older, come together each October for the Golden Agers worship and luncheon. RSVP by calling 563-326-3547. Pastor Ron Huber, [ron@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ron@stpaulqc.org)

**FAITHFUL READERS,** St. Paul's literature discussion group, meets the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Church House Living Room. At the next gathering, Oct. 12, we will discuss "Tempests" from the book *Babette's Feast and Other Stories* by Isak Dinesen. Katie Hanson, [katiehanson@augustana.edu](mailto:katiehanson@augustana.edu) or Dave Crowe, [davidcrowe@augustana.edu](mailto:davidcrowe@augustana.edu).

**MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS:** Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m., in the Church House Living Room. Open for any woman who has experienced mother-loss at any time and needs a safe place for support. Gather to celebrate our mothers, deepen relationships, and develop a network for continuous healing. Nicole Rathje, [rathjefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rathjefamily@gmail.com)

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**ST. PAUL PASTORS TO HOST USHER TEAM:** The St. Paul pastors will break out their breakfast-making skills for a time of conversation and togetherness with the St. Paul usher crew on Saturday, Oct. 21, 8:30-9:30 a.m. For seasoned ushers and anyone who is interested in being an usher, children and adults. RSVP online: [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Ann McGlynn, [ann@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ann@stpaulqc.org)

**DISASTER RELIEF:** From recent hurricanes, to earthquakes, to refugee crises - Lutheran Disaster Response is at work around the world. Through offerings and pledge commitments, the St. Paul Lutheran congregation is committing funds to the relief efforts long after first responders are gone. If you would like to make an additional gift to help, you might wish to make a check out to St. Paul Lutheran Church and put "hurricane" in the memo line. Money will be sent to ELCA Disaster Response, or donate online at [bit.ly/2xNY6uR](http://bit.ly/2xNY6uR).

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Two children step into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism during 9:20 a.m. worship this weekend: Cameron Foley and Antigone Parker, children of Dylan and Tia Parker. We welcome them into the Lord's family.

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES,** a new position at St. Paul for 10-hours/week (10-months/year) is now open. This individual will have a gift for working with volunteers, a love for children and their faith lives, and a willingness to commit one weekday and two hours on most Sundays for work with children's ministries. Send letter of interest and resume to: [SPLCchildrensministries@gmail.com](mailto:SPLCchildrensministries@gmail.com). Dec. 1 is the start date for employment.

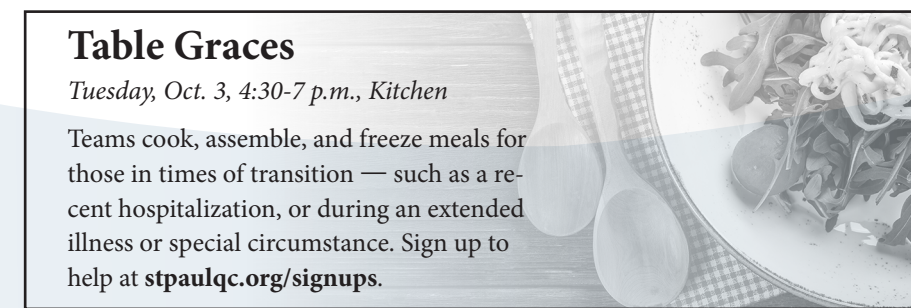
**TWO-WEEK SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for rotational learning leaders. Cooking, art, science, games - you choose! Classroom leaders and helpers are there to assist. Perfect for high school students earning volunteer hours, snow birds, or folks with full lives who want to volunteer. To share your gifts with children ages 3-5th grade, sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Michelle Juehring, [michelle@stpaulqc.org](mailto:michelle@stpaulqc.org)

**ROOFING PROJECT:** Due to significant hail damage, the shingled roof of the entire building is being replaced. The damage was first noted due to a leak in the tall tower at the back of the Sanctuary. The cost will be covered by insurance. Work is expected to be complete by the end of October.

### Table Graces

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 4:30-7 p.m., Kitchen

Teams cook, assemble, and freeze meals for those in times of transition - such as a recent hospitalization, or during an extended illness or special circumstance. Sign up to help at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).



### Nova Singers Concert

Sunday, Oct. 15, 4 p.m., St. Paul Sanctuary