

ST. PAUL connections



A generous life can take many different shapes. Whether it's a willingness to share what you have with others, an enthusiasm to offer your time through volunteering or service, or an openness to use your particular gifts to enrich the lives of others. There's one thing that all generous people know well: there is a certain unmatched joy that comes from giving.

Ann Frank – wise beyond her years – once wrote: "No one has ever become poor by giving." What a life of gratitude and joy we find when we let go of our attachment to things and instead share our lives with others. At St. Paul, we call this "extravagant generosity," one of our core values, shaping the heart of what we're all about.

today at st. paul

October 14 & 15 - Pentecost 18

Preaching:
5:30/8/9:20 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
11:45 Andy Langdon

Worship notes:
8:00 am St. Paul Quartet
9:20 am Alleluia Choir; Chorale
11:45 Confirmation blessing
Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 25: 1-9; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

next weekend

October 21 & 22 - Pentecost 19

Preaching:
5:30/8:00 Katy Warren
9:20/11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:
8:00 am St. Paul Quartet
9:20 am Jubilate & Youth choirs; 3rd grade Bible blessing
Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 45: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

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 Oct. 12)

John Jesson
Jill Jorgensen
Vicki Keller
*Debbie Melton
Beckett Nau
*Kathy Schutman
George Turnquist

Death:

Alan Hamilton, Oct. 10
Carma Drechsler, Oct. 11

With sympathy:

Nick & Bailie Baker, his father David Baker
Jo Drechsler, wife Carma

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: Maya Beasley, Martha Fey, Naomi Hains, Nick Hartje, Kylie Hayes, Olivia Hoft, Julia Houghton, Alexander Johnson, Abby McLeland, Addison Menke, and Zach Schroeder.

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 Schneekloth *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*



Boo! Trunk or Treat is the annual orange-and-black frivolity at St. Paul for the whole family, especially kids ages 0-6th grade. Gather for a simple meal, a short worship service, treating, and a parking lot dance party. Dressing up for all ages is encouraged. Please be mindful that our church community encompasses children of all ages, and costumes should not be frightening to others.

Sign up by Wednesday, Oct. 18, at stpaulqc.org/signups.

SCHEDULE OF FUN

- 4:45-5:30 p.m.: Park in south lot, decorate trunks
- 5-5:30 p.m.: Photo booth and pizza dinner
- 5:30-5:45 p.m.: Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:45-6:30 p.m.: Treating and dancing in parking lot
- 6:45 p.m.: We're on our way home

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

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, 326-3547 x228

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

- ▶ *Faith, resilience, and grief:* Resilience is the latest buzzword surrounding our human response to loss, tragedy, or bumps along the road of everyday life. Discover how faith and resilience intersect to help us see more light when there is darkness. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and Joel Moore, ELCA deacon/nurse manager. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *FreeIndeed:* A prison ministry taking shape at the Anamosa State Penitentiary, a men's Iowa state prison. It serves nearly 1,000 men, building a community of faith within the confines of the prison. It uses the national Prison Congregations of America model, fostering a network of supporters and assistance for those who are released to the community. Jerry Collell, ELCA pastor. 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 Galatians. In Room 208.

ADULTS

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Martin Luther & Music:* Nathan Windt, St. Paul Chorale director and associate professor of music, St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Pyramids of violence and racism:* Ann McGlynn, director of communication. In Luther Loft.
- ▶ *The Bible project:* Led by Pastor Josh Kestner. 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 **Tuesday Nov. 14, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, Dec. 9, 9-11:30 a.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

DISCOVER & CONNECT

children & youth

THIRD GRADE | GOD'S WORD MILESTONE:

Sunday, Oct. 22, 10:45-11:30 a.m. Students and their parents learn together about God's written Word. Each child receives their own Bible, along with a blessing from the congregation at 9:20 a.m. worship. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org

SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS: St. Paul teens will travel to Houston, Texas, and Omaha, Nebraska, this summer, as part of two different experiences. The National Youth Gathering will be June 25-July 2 in Houston, at a cost of \$600. This is for kids who are currently in 9th-12th grades. The Youth Mission Trip will be in Omaha July 18-22, at a cost of \$250. This is for students who are currently in 8th-12th grades. Forms are available online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

adults

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: First and third Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m., next gathering Oct. 18. St. Paul men gather for a time of fellowship, study, and a light supper in the 129 House on the St. Paul campus, corner of Lombard and Main Streets. Jeff Keller, jeff.keller1964@gmail.com

KNITWITS: Third Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. in the Church House Living Room. Next gathering Oct. 19, knitters and crocheters are invited to share time over yarn working on service and

individual projects. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'll be glad to teach you. Belinda Holbrook, bholbrook@mchsi.com

2136, for adults in their 20s and 30s, will meet Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m., for card decorating and conversation. Come and help spread some of Christ's love to residents in our local senior liv-

ing facilities. Pastor Kelsey, kelsey@stpaulqc.org; Pastor Josh, joshua@stpaulqc.org

QUILTERS: Monday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This devoted group of caring quilters, beginners and experts alike, gather monthly to sew, tie, cut, and piece together quilts that are donated to those in need. Contact Cathy Hagglund, crh4quilts@msn.com or Karin Hanson, 528-2064.

EARLY MORNING BOOK GROUP: Wake up with coffee and time together over a good book on Tuesdays, Oct. 24 & 31 and Nov. 7 & 14, 6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Library Commons. The book, *What is the Bible* by Rob Bell, is available in the Book Corner. Read part 1 for the first week. Pastor Katy, kathy@stpaulqc.org

2136 AND PRIMETIME 50+ MIXER: On Friday, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m., 2136 (adults in their 20s & 30s) and Primetime 50+ (folks in their 50s, 60s & 70s) will get together for *Treats and Trivia*. Bring a treat to share; beverages provided for a freewill donation. Signup at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Ronda Bird, rlbird@mchsi.com, 349-3144

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Fourth Monday of each month, 6 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness, next gathering Oct. 23. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara, sara@stpaulqc.org

ST. PAUL HOSPITALITY HOSTS offer a warm smile, a friendly greeting, a handshake as people arrive for worship. They offer the hospitality that is a core value of St. Paul. If you would like to be part of this welcoming ministry, signup online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Jennifer Garvey, 326-3547, jennifer@stpaulqc.org.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL: Commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with this multi-congregational event at St. Paul on Sunday, Oct. 29, 3 p.m. With Martin Luther's *A Mighty Fortress* as a centerpiece and Psalm 46, *God is our Refuge and Strength*, as the anthem, this afternoon will include beloved hymns, prayers, Scripture readings, and reflections. Free and open to the public.

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. Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org

HOLY BAPTISM: Margo Laine Smith, daughter of Mary and Dillon Smith, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism during 9:20 a.m. worship this weekend. We welcome her into the Lord's family.

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, signup at stpaulqc.org/signups. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org



Nova Singers Concert

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



Walking the Grief Journey

Sundays, Oct. 22-Nov. 19, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Church House Living Room

A supportive, compassionate series for those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. Explore and discover new strength for a hopeful future. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.



Blood Donor Day

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2-6 p.m.

St. Paul people roll up their sleeves twice a year to donate blood for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. The blood collected will be sent to supply one of the 88 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin that relies on these donations.

Rumor has it that St. Paul has some of the best post-donation snacks and conversation around. Sign up to donate at the table in the Elevator Commons today, Sunday, Oct. 15, or online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Parents'
GAME
Night

Friday, Oct. 20, 5:30-8 p.m.
Sign up online:
stpaulqc.org/signups