

# ST. PAUL connections



### GROWING NEW GRACEFULLY

If it's true that people get better at living over time, that more experience and the acquisition of certain skills helps them better handle life's challenges, it's no surprise that seniors enjoy a certain happiness that younger people do not. Research bears this out.

Our elders enjoy the ability to see the same situation from multiple perspectives. They know how to be compassionate and appropriately detached, both at the same time. They have learned that most setbacks are not the end of the world. They possess a wisdom that is formed by their capacity to balance honesty, kindness, patience, and a whole repertoire of other traits.

For all of these reasons and more, we celebrate our members who are 75+ years old. The Golden Agers worship and lunch happens this Wednesday at St. Paul. God be thanked for all ages at St. Paul, but this week for our elders especially.

### today at st. paul

#### 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

### next weekend

#### 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

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. 5)

- \*Alan Hamilton  
Kara Holeman  
Beckett Nau  
Ron Rimrodt  
\*Sheila Thorberg

#### Birth:

- McCarthy "Mack" Holeman, son of Kara & Matt Holeman, little brother of Ian, Oct. 3

#### Death:

- Carolyn Nissen, Sept. 29

#### With sympathy:

- Don Nissen, wife Carolyn  
Paige & Ron Anderson, her mother  
Carolyn Nissen  
Kyle & Rachel Anderson, grandmother  
Carolyn Nissen

## 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: Mason Barnes, Collin Burnett, Carson Golinghorst, Connor Good, Addie Hegland, Anna Kunau, Paige Pearson, Alex Thorne, and Anna Thorne.

### 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 Welser *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*

## Golden Agers Luncheon

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m.

They break bread in worship, then they share a meal.

The Golden Agers Worship & Luncheon is a joy-filled annual tradition at St. Paul. For those who are age 75 and older, it's a time of togetherness – a message, songs, entertainment, and food.

This year's Golden Agers will be Wednesday, Oct. 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

The morning begins with worship in the Chapel. The St. Paul staff will sing a song, Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder will offer a message, and Chris Nelson, director of music ministries, will lead the music.

Then it's off to Fellowship Hall for a catered meal. The Women of the ELCA guide the volunteers. With a bit of entertainment and great conversation, it's a beautiful day of fellowship.

RSVPs are asked for. Please call Jennifer at 563-326-3547 or email [jennifer@stpaulqc.org](mailto:jennifer@stpaulqc.org).



### 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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).



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## THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

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

- ▶ Ages 3 & Pre-K-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, 326-3547 x228

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

- ▶ *The Book of Revelation and Ecology (part 2 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.
- ▶ *Spirituality and the workplace*: Consider how faith extends beyond Sunday to impact our daily routines and relationships. One St. Paul member shares his experience of how religion and spirituality have been integrated into the workplace. Steve Ollenburg, president and CEO, Modern Woodmen Bank. 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 Hebrews. In Room 208.

ADULTS

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Faith, resilience, and grief*. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and Joel Moore, ELCA deacon and nurse manager. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Free Indeed*, a ministry taking shape at the Anamosa State Penitentiary. Jerry Collell, ELCA pastor. 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 potery 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

### children/families

**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

### youth

**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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

### adults

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. There are two more circle meeting dates/times in Oct., onsite and offsite: **Explore WELCA:** Oct. 12, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); **Ridgecrest:** Oct. 13, 1:30 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

**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

**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 or Dave Crowe, david-crowe@augustana.edu

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN:** Men of the congregation gather for service, fellowship, and discussion, second Saturday morning of each month, next gathering Oct. 14, 9 a.m., in the Lower Commons. The idea is to strengthen guys in Christian faith, relationships, and service. Todd Byerly, todd@stpaulqc.org

**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

**HABITAT BUILD DAY:** St. Paul people are building a home, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity in the Quad Cities. The next build date is Thursday, Oct. 18, 5-8 p.m., at 901 Farnam St., Davenport. Swing a hammer, raise a wall, run a table saw. No prior construction experience needed. To sign up, visit [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

**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 Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**CLEANUP FOR ST. PAUL COMMUNITY GARDEN:** After a season of abundance in the St. Paul Community Garden, it is time for the soil to rest for the winter. A cleanup 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.

**MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS:** Join a group of others Saturday, Oct. 14, 9-11:30 a.m., exploring life and faith in this place. Find out what the commitments, values, and directions are for this congregation. Sign up at the Info Center or online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

**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

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Meredith Leigh Brown, daughter of Lauren and Tony Brown, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism during 5:30 p.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, sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org

**DISASTER RELIEF:** From recent hurricanes, to earthquakes, to the refugee crisis – 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).



## 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. To sign up to give, visit [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).



## Nova Singers Concert

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

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m.

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! Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

