

ST. PAUL connections

MONDAY, NOV. 20

8:30am Preschool

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

8:45am Preschool

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

No Preschool/Thanksgiving break
 9:30am Staff meeting
 5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
 6pm Chorale rehearsal/no children or youth choir rehearsals
 6:30pm Book Corner open
 7pm Thanksgiving Eve worship
 8pm Thanksgiving Eve reception

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

Office closed



FRIDAY, NOV. 24

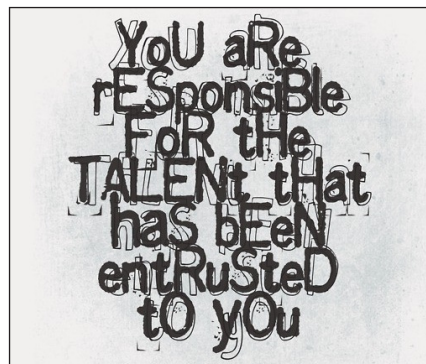
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SATURDAY, NOV. 25

5pm Book Corner open
 5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

8am Worship
 9am Book Corner open
 9:20am Worship
 10:45am Sunday morning learning for adults
 10:45am Family Advent learning
 10:45am Walking the Grief Journey
 11:45am Worship
 12:30pm Food gathering sorting
 6:30pm SNL small group potluck
 7:15pm Sunday Night Live



THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

We are all familiar with the phrase "if you don't use it, you lose it." If we have a skill, we are to keep practicing it so that we don't forget it. That is sort of the point Jesus is making in this parable today. A talent in the parable is actually a large sum of money, but we can gain insight from reading the word "talent" as we use it today.

We think of talents as abilities and skills, and, really, these are given to us by God. As Christians, we are called to use those talents boldly and creatively to serve God and our neighbors in need.

today at st. paul

November 18 & 19 - Pentecost 24

Preaching:
 5:30/9:20 Sara Olson-Smith
 8:00/11:45 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
 Worship notes:
 8:00 am St. Paul Quartet
 9:20 am Jubilate & Youth choirs; Chorale
 Communion served at all services
 Readings: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18;
 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11;
 Matthew 25: 14-30

next weekend

November 25 & 26 - Reign of Christ

Preaching:
 5:30/11:45 Josh Kestner
 8:00/9:20 Ryan Bailey
 Worship notes:
 9:20 am Chorale
 Communion served at all services
 Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24;
 Ephesians 1: 15-23;
 Matthew 25: 31-46

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 Nov. 16)

Evie Haack
 *Nasaih Kolwey

Deaths:

Ronald Ralfs, Nov. 14
 Sheila Thorberg, Nov. 13

With sympathy:

Evette & Brian Lovaas, her father Bob Reed
 Zach, Jared, & Morgan Lovaas, grandfather Bob Reed
 Marilyn Ralfs, husband Ronald
 Myron Thorberg, wife Sheila
 Kristie & Charlie Roberts, her mother Sheila Thorberg
 Jadelyn Roberts, grandmother Sheila Thorberg

WOVEN together

St. Paul members: Have you pledged for 2018? Thank you for taking care of this commitment as soon as possible. With hearts of faith, we enter the coming year enthusiastic for serving in Christ's name. The financial pledges of every St. Paul household make 2018 possible. Think as generously as your faith and blessings allow.

To pledge yourself to St. Paul's Daily Ministry, please direct your purple pledge card in envelope to Marcia Robertson, stewardship coordinator, or make your pledge online at stpaulqc.org/pledge-2018.

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*

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*

food gathering for the
FRIENDLY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Stock a paper bag with nonperishable food items and bring it to worship on Thanksgiving Eve (see below) or the weekend of Nov. 25-26. Grocery bags will be distributed this weekend.

The Friendly House food pantry is open to Davenport residents living west of Harrison Street, south of Kimberly Road to 8th Street and east of Division Street. The pantry is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

What's needed? Soups, mac & cheese, canned meat (chicken & tuna), cereal, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry soap, feminine hygiene products. Please note: Expired items will be accepted and donated to River Bend Foodbank.

To help sort the collection at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26, sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.




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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
- ▶ Grades 6-12: 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 re-charged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

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

- ▶ *The refugee as stranger*: Discuss the situation of refugees in the U.S. and the rest of the world before reflecting on competing views regarding our obligations to strangers. Peter Kivisto, professor of sociology, anthropology, and social welfare, Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Feeding people, not landfills*: The Food Rescue Partnership is a Quad Cities coalition that promotes rescuing food for its best possible use. Elizabeth Hogan-Wells, board vice chair. 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. Ryan Bailey, director of faith formation, and the Letters of John. In Room 208.

ADULTS

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Nurturing an inclusive workplace through strengths*: Scott J. VanDeWoestyne, city of Davenport. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Family Advent Learning*: During the learning hour, people of all ages are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Kick off the Advent season with songs, a Bible story, and family craft. Sign up is requested (see next panel). In Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ *The Bible project*: Using just one page of creative illustrations and diagrams, discover the key themes of each book in the New Testament. Led by Pastor Peter Marty. 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, Dec. 9, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30-9 p.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

DISCOVER & CONNECT

ADVENT LEARNING FOR ALL AGES:

Sunday, Nov. 26, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, on the lower level. In place of regular Sunday school, kids and youth ages 3-12th grade, families and members of all ages are invited to join Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder to make a Jesse tree. We'll kick-off Advent season with songs, a Bible story, and an all-ages family craft. Advance registration helps with planning: stpaulqc.org/signups. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org

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 Nov. 27. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara, sara@stpaulqc.org

ADVENT LUNCHEON: All women of St. Paul are invited to gather for an

Advent celebration Saturday, Dec. 2. Advent service of hymns and a Bible study led by Pastor Kelsey will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel, followed by a salad luncheon in the Library Commons. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or the Info Center, indicating if you can bring a salad, quick bread, or dessert. All women are welcome; bring a friend! Childcare will be available. Jan Lloyd, cmljml@q.com and Judy Skogman, djskog@aol.com

YOUTH CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT:

Dec. 8, 4 p.m. – Dec. 9, 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Monastery in Rock Island. Spend 24 hours embracing the stillness of nature, tradition, and contemplation. Guided group experiences, worship with the sisters, walking the trails, deeper conversations and intentional slow free time make this a different sort of youth retreat. Cost is \$50. Sign up online by Nov. 26 at stpaulqc.org/signups. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

SERVING

THANKSGIVING GREETERS: Offer a smile, a handshake, a warm hello as people gather for Thanksgiving Eve worship. A handful of greeters are needed, 6:40-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22, to show hospitality. Interested in helping? Contact Jennifer Garvey at jennifer@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547.

GROCERY CART PROCESSION: Wednesday, Nov. 22, during 7 p.m. worship. The grocery-cart procession, a delightful St. Paul tradition, gives children a chance to push food carts loaded with our food offerings for the Friendly House Food pantry. Children are invited to arrive with their child-sized grocery carts by 6:45 p.m. at the Info Center. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x227

FOOD SORTING: Sunday, Nov. 26, after 11:45 a.m. worship. Help sort the food gathered for the Friendly House Food Pantry during the Thanksgiving holiday. This lively project is one for all ages and abilities . . . and saves the food pantry volunteers and staff days of work. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org

QUILTERS: Tuesday, Nov. 28, 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.

SO ALL MAY EAT: Wednesday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Dec. 30. St. Paul people cook meals at St. Paul and serve at the Salvation Army shelter at 6th and Harrison streets in Davenport. The initiative is called *So All May Eat*. Needed are cooks and servers. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Katy Warren, 326-3547 ext. 232, katy@stpaulqc.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: St. Paul volunteers will swing hammers, create new friendships, and serve in various ways at 901 Farnam St., Davenport. Anyone 16 years of age or older is invited to be part of the work crew on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 5-8 p.m. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Katy Warren, 326-3547 ext. 232, katy@stpaulqc.org

OF SPECIAL NOTE

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will decorate the front of the Sanctuary as Christmas approaches. If you would like to donate a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, orders may be placed in the church office or by mail no later than Sunday, Dec. 10. The cost for each plant is \$10. Forms are available at the Info Center. Payment is due at the time of order.

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. Applications and interviews will be reviewed as they arrive.

JOANNA ROLAND TO RETIRE FROM ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL: Joanna will be retiring at the end of this month. She's led the St. Paul Preschool for nearly two decades and has also played a key role in St. Paul's children and family ministries, as well as congregational hospitality. If you'd like to donate to a retirement gift for Joanna, please write a check to St. Paul clearly marked for "Joanna Gift." You're also invited to send individual cards or notes to the church, or drop a written expression in the basket on her farewell weekend, Dec. 2-3.

NOMINATION FORMS to recommend yourself or others for several 2018 elected leadership spots are available at the Info Center. The Nominating Committee looks forward to receiving all suggestions by Dec. 1. Please leave the form at the receptionist's desk or mail it to the church office c/o the Nominating Committee.

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: ADVENT DEVOTIONS

The December season of waiting and watching is near. Beginning on Dec. 3, read short stories and meditations written by St. Paul people. Sign up to receive these daily devotions by email at: www.ow.ly/TGYC5.



Choral Advent



Sunday, Dec. 10, 8:00 and 9:20 a.m.