

ST. PAUL connections

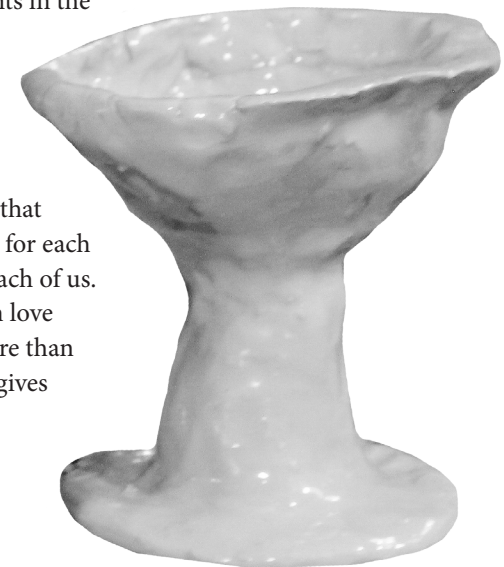
FED & FORGIVEN


St. Paul fourth-graders are preparing for their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13.

Communion, they learn, is one important part of faith – giving us Christ’s promise of real presence as well as the forgiveness he offers. Through this meal, we are strengthened in faith and receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. From this meal, we are sent to bear the grace of God to the world.

Communion is one of two sacraments in the Lutheran faith – the other is baptism. Communion and baptism are something Jesus commanded us to do, use a physical element, and give us God’s grace, love, and forgiveness.

Most importantly, each child learns that communion is the body of Christ, given for each of us, and the blood of Christ shed for each of us. Jesus is very specific: He does more than love *people* – he loves *each of us*. He does more than give his body and blood for *people* – he gives them for *each of us*.





PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 8 & 9, all services

Festive processions with large palm branches commemorate Jesus’ triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. But there is more to the story: Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried in Jerusalem.



RESURRECTION

It seems all of creation is aching for spring to get here. Any day now, the brown yards and grey trees will turn a brilliant green. Flowers will bloom, and coats will be packed up for the season.

In a way, the climate outside is a great parallel for where we are in Lent. It’s not quite winter, but it’s not yet time for Easter celebrations. As we eagerly anticipate the new life of spring, today’s readings are full of stories about resurrection.

Through Jesus, we know that new life will always spring from death. If you look closely in your flower beds today, you’ll see those dormant spring flowers peeking out of the dirt. If you listen closely to God’s promises, you’ll hear that Easter and resurrection are already here.

today at st. paul

April 1 & 2 - Lent 5

Preaching:

5:30/11:45 Amy Diller
8:00/9:20 Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

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

Communion served at all services

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14;
Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45

next weekend

April 8 & 9 - Passion/Palm Sunday

Preaching:

5:30/8:00 Sara Olson-Smith
9:20/11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

8:00 St. Paul Quartet
9:20am Alleluia, Jubilate, & Cantate choirs; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

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 March 30)

*Darlys Dickman
Carroll Hultgren
*Ashley Lammers
Lee Marbach
Carolyn Paustian
*Marilyn Potter
*Venita Sharp
Jenny Vogel

Death:

Mike Kanzaki, March 28

With sympathy:

Michelle Kanzaki, husband Mike

Easter & Holy Week

Maundy Thursday: April 13 — 12 & 7 p.m.
Good Friday: April 14 — 12, 4:30, 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday: April 16 — 6, 8, 9:45, 11:45 a.m.

staff connections

PASTORS

Peter W. Marty *Senior pastor*
Sara Olson-Smith *Associate pastor*
Katy Warren *Associate pastor*
Amy Diller *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*
Allison Adams *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 supervisor*
Matt Spencer *Custodial 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 & kids’ learning*
Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*
Michelle Juehring *Children & family life*
Dana Welser *Neighborhood schools*
Tammy Hermanson *Residency administrator*
Teresa Whitbeck *Childcare coordinator*

MUSIC

Chris Nelson *Director of music ministries*
Bill Campbell *Contemporary music*
Linda Allebach *Assistant organist*
Nathan Windt *Chorale director*
Dan Pepper *Youth choir director*
Sara Harless *Children’s choir director*
Rosita Tendall *Children’s choir director*
Margaret Thompson *Children’s choir director*



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MONDAY, APRIL 3

8:45am Preschool
9:15am Lydia circle
12:30pm Anna (day) circle
6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

8:45am Preschool
9:15am Dorcas circle
1:30pm Sarah circle
6:30pm Anna (evening) circle
7pm Personnel meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

8:45am Preschool
9:30am Staff meeting
11:30am Book Corner open
12noon Lenten worship
5pm Book Corner open
5:30pm Lenten meal
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
5:30pm Lenten study
6pm All choirs rehearse
6:15pm Men’s Bible study
6:30pm Confirmation
7pm Lenten worship

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

8:45am Preschool
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
12noon Staff lunch
12:30pm Ruth circle
5pm 2136 servant project
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Membership inquiry class
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
6:30pm WELCA spring gathering

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

8:45am Preschool
9am Moms’ Morning

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

9am Second Saturday Men
9am Motherless Daughters
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8am Worship
9am Book Corner open
9:20am Worship
10:45am 4th grade milestone/first communion
10:45am Walking the Grief Journey
10:45am Youth mission trip leader meeting
11:45am Worship
6:30pm High school small groups
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

THIS SUNDAY

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 & Fellowship Hall
- ▶ 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 satisfaction theology – Bach's St. Matthew Passion:* Johann Sebastian Bach is often called the "Fifth Evangelist" for his vivid musical settings of the Passions. In his St. Matthew Passion, Bach explores the theological concept of satisfaction: the spotless Lamb being the only acceptable sacrifice to redeem humanity. Nathan Windt, assistant professor of music at St. Ambrose University, and St. Paul Chorale director. *In the Chapel.*
- ▶ *First impressions – how they can distance us from God:* Hear personal experiences with first impressions and review perspectives from communication literature. Discussion will center on these impressions, relationships, and faith. Pam Bulat, St. Paul member and social worker focused on research, grant writing, project development. In the Loft.
- ▶ *The word for today - tarry:* In this weekly Bible study, consider passages of scripture in light of current circumstances, listening carefully for God's living word for us today. Led by Ryan Bailey, director of faith formation. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

LEARNING BREAK FOR ALL AGES: Sunday morning learning classes for all ages will be on break April 9 and 16, for Palm Sunday and Easter. Fourth-graders will meet for their final first communion prep with Pastor Marty next Sunday, April 9.

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 **Thursday, April 6, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Monday, May 15, 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

adults

COLLEGE LUNCH: College students gather together for some lunch and conversation today, Sunday, April 2, 12:45 p.m. in the Library Commons. No need to sign up; just show up! Zach Ebener, zebener84@hotmail.com

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS: 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. Meet in the Library Conference Room on Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. No need to sign up, just come. Contact: Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): April 3, 12:30 p.m. (Joyce Nuernberger's home); Anna (evening): April 4, 6:30 p.m. (Sharon Sanyi's home); Dorcas: April 4, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: April 3, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: April 11, 2 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Ruth: April 6, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: April 4, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

2136: Join the 2136 group (young adults in their 20/30s) for a service project. Gather on Thursday, April 6, at Riverbend Food Bank in Davenport to help pack food. Our time slot is from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Drop in when you can. Pastor Amy Diller, amy@stpaulqc.org

WELCA SPRING GATHERING: The Women of the ELCA will hold their annual spring gathering on Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel.

The evening will begin with a thank-offering service led by Pastor Katy Warren. Staff from World Relief Moline, which partners with St. Paul in refugee resettlement ministry, will present a program. Pam Crowe will sing, with Linda Allebach as accompanist. Spring desserts will follow the program. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or at the Info Center. Contact: Judy Skogman, 563-940-4111, or Jan Lloyd, cmljml@q.com.

SECOND SATURDAY MEN: Saturday, April 8, at 9 a.m. All men of St. Paul are welcome. We'll be taking a "field trip" within the St. Paul facility to get a first-hand look at the proposed boiler systems project. The idea of Second Saturday Men is to strengthen guys of all ages in Christian faith and service. Todd Byerly, todd@stpaulqc.org

MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS: Second Saturdays, 9 a.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering April 8. Open for any woman who has experienced mother-loss at any time. We celebrate our mothers and develop a network for continuous healing. Nicole Rathje, rathjefamily@gmail.com

THEOLOGY PUB is a time for folks to get together, have something to drink and/or eat, and have great conversation about matters of faith. Meet Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m., downstairs at Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Brett Hagen, hagenman@gmail.com

FAITHFUL READERS: On Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m., listen to the whisper of God's voice in the pages of good books. April's selection is *A Saintly Killing* by Martha Ockley. Katie Hanson, katiehanson@augustana.edu

ST. PAUL MIDWEEK LENTEN GIVING:

ELCA World Hunger

From health clinics to water wells, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

All midweek Lenten offerings at St. Paul (known to some by the purple envelope) will be given to fight hunger. We hope to exceed \$20,000. If you would like to make an additional Lenten offering towards this cause, please earmark your check memo line with "World Hunger."



OF SPECIAL NOTE

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others Thursday, April 6, 6:30-9 p.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. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

SPARE COPIES OF PASTOR MARTY'S recent pastoral letter are available at the Info Center.

HOLY BAPTISM: Haden Dalhoff, son of Heather and Jason Dalhoff, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism this weekend during our 11:45 a.m. worship service. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

LAST CHANCE FOR EASTER BLOOMS: On Easter, April 16, the Sanctuary will be abloom with lilies and spring flowers, thanks to member contributions for flowers. If you would like to donate a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, place your order today, April 2. The cost is \$12 per plant. Forms are available at the Info Center. Form with payment (checks made out to St. Paul) may be left at the receptionist's desk.

EASTER HOSPITALITY: Spread the joy of Easter morning by serving as a greeter that day, April 16. Help is needed for each service: 6, 8, 9:45, and 11:45 a.m. Would you like to extend a smile and a hello to those who come to celebrate Jesus' resurrection? Want to help? Contact Jennifer Garvey: jennifer@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 210.

ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL SEEKS PRE-K TEACHER: St. Paul Preschool is searching for a part-time pre-k teacher to begin work in Fall 2017. This person will be part of a team that provides a stimulating, safe, and developmentally appropriate educational environment where preschool children have the opportunity to develop cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills. To learn more about the position and how to apply, visit stpaulqc.org/about/employment.

BOOKS AND GIFTS OF FAITH: The Book Corner has a large selection of books as well as an ever-changing selection of cards and fair trade gifts, including First Communion and Easter cards, jewelry, and bookmarks. Open Sunday mornings and Wednesdays in Lent. Check in the Book Corner for hours.

faith on wheels

Wednesdays
in Lent
March 8 - April 5

- ▶ **Worship | 12 noon-12:30 p.m.**
Chapel gatherings will include music, silence, a pastoral reflection, and Holy Communion.
- ▶ **Suppers | 5:30-6:55 p.m.**
A freewill donation of \$7/ person or \$20/family is welcome to cover the cost. This week: Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw.
- ▶ **Lenten study: Intentional lives of faith | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**
Get acquainted with the Small Catechism — a teaching tool created by Martin Luther — a simple, but profound handbook of faith. Large group session led by Ryan Bailey, followed by small group discussion. In the Luther Loft. No need to sign up, just come.
- ▶ **Worship | 7-7:35 p.m.**
A service in the Sanctuary features the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy. *Faith on Wheels* is the unifying theme. Ride along on the journeys of a taxi driver, as he encounters the lives of his passengers.