

ST. PAUL connections



Today marks the beginning of what Christians call Holy Week. These sacred eight days take us from the heights of ushering Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna!" to the depths of Christ's suffering and death on a cross. We know that Easter Joy awaits us, and yet there's great importance in moving deliberately towards celebrating the resurrection.

These days are meant to move a little slower and with more significance. They give us time to reflect on God's willingness to step into the messiness of this world and offer a promise of new life and new hope. So make this week different than the other 51 out of the year. Fill them with moments of prayer, worship, or silence. Make it a truly *holy* week.

today at st. paul

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
9:20 Alleluia, Jubilate, & Cantate
choirs; Chorale

Communion served at all services

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

next weekend

April 16 - Easter Sunday

Preaching:

6:00 Ryan Bailey
8:00/9:45 &
11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

8:00 Chorale
9:45 Youth Choir & Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; Jeremiah 31:
1-6; Colossians 3: 1-4; Matthew
28: 1-10; John 20: 1-18

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 April 6)

Lee Marbach
Jenny Vogel

Death:

Carl Rauch, March 30
Diane Wilke, April 6

With sympathy:

LeeAnn & Steve Ollenburg, her
father Charles Goodwin
Mike Wilke, wife Diane Wilke

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

Holy Week & Easter

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13 | Worship at 12 noon & 7 p.m.

Jesus' last meal on earth comes with a mandate to love. Katy Warren preaches. Fourth-graders celebrate First Communion at the 7 p.m. service.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 14 | Worship at 12 noon, 4:30, & 8 p.m.

12 noon: A 45-minute contemplative service. Amy Diller preaching.

3:30 Pretzel-making: Children make cross-shaped creations in Fellowship Hall.

4:30 Family service for all: Featuring a children's message; children's choirs sing.

8:00 Tenebrae service of darkness: Chorale sings. Peter W. Marty preaching.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16 | Worship at 6, 8, 9:45, & 11:45 a.m.

6:00 Sunrise: Begin outside in the Memorial Garden. Ryan Bailey preaching.

8:00 & 9:45 Festive services: Choirs. Brass. Organ fanfare. Peter W. Marty preaching.

11:45 Contemporary: The Open Spirit ensemble leads. Peter W. Marty preaching.

*No Saturday worship Easter weekend. Holy Communion is included in all services.
Childcare is available from 7:45 a.m.-1:00 p.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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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MONDAY, APRIL 10

8:45am Preschool
6:30pm Personnel committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

8:15am Madison Market food
unloading
8:45am Preschool/Easter egg hunt
1:30pm Madison Market
2pm Ridgecrest circle
7pm Theology Pub

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

7:30am Finance committee
8:45am Preschool/Easter egg hunt
9:30am Staff meeting
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6pm All choirs rehearse
6:45pm High school small group

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

No Preschool/Easter break
11:30am Book Corner open
12noon Maundy Thursday worship
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Book Corner open
7pm Maundy Thursday worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

No Preschool/Easter break
12noon Good Friday service
3:30pm Good Friday pretzels
4:30pm Good Friday Service for All
7pm Chorale rehearsal
8pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

6am Easter Sunrise Worship
8am Easter Worship
9:45am Easter Worship
11:45am Easter Worship

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS
are available at the Info Center
and online at www.stpaulqc.org/connections-flyer.

MOLDING FAITH: Fourth-graders at St. Paul are preparing for their First Communion this Lenten season. Recently, they created clay chalices which will be fired and on display on Maundy Thursday, their First Communion.



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 **Monday, May 15, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, June 10, 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

LEARNING FOR ALL AGES: Except for the fourth-grade First Communion preparation class today, Sunday morning learning classes for all ages will be on break this Sunday and next, April 9 and 16 (Easter).

children

FOURTH GRADERS meet with Pastor Marty this Sunday, April 9, during the learning hour (10:45-11:30 a.m.) for the final session in preparation for first communion. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org

CALLING ALL PRETZEL BAKERS! Join us for pretzel making, baking, and eating on Good Friday, April 14. Families will gather at 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to form big cross-shaped pretzels. A pretzel team will gather from 2-4:30 p.m. in the kitchen to begin baking. After the pretzels are baked, enjoy fresh-out-of-the-oven goodness. If you can be part of the pre-baking team, contact Joanna Roland, joanna@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 219.

adults

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 20 (please note date change from last week's *Connections*), 7 p.m., listen to the whisper of God's voice in the pages of good books. April's selection is *A Sainly Killing* by Martha Ockley. Katie Hanson, katiehanson@augustana.edu

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.



ST. PAUL COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Prepare the St. Paul Community Garden for another year of vegetable growing. Clean the garden beds and plant some cold-tolerant plants. Bring garden tools and seeds if you'd like. The rain/cold date is Saturday, April 29. The vegetables and herbs grown in the garden are donated to Café on Vine, the Madison Market, neighbors, and St. Paul people. Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com or 563-340-9980.

1st Grade Faith Milestone: 10 Commandments

Sunday, April 23, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

St. Paul first-graders and their parents explore the Ten Commandments during Sunday school, learning ways to love God and others. Join Pastor Amy Diller for a family learning event to celebrate this important faith milestone. At the end, children will work with a professional potter in creating a personalized clay cross.

Please register online at stpaulqc.org/signups.



OF SPECIAL NOTE

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WEEKEND opens the most sacred week in the church year. These are the eight days that tell the events of our salvation. As Jesus accepted the people's praises to their proclamation of "Hosanna" and "Jesus is Lord," he also knowingly went to face opposition from powerful religious and political leaders.

ENVIRONMENTAL PALMS: St. Paul purchases palms harvested in an environmentally sustainable way. This Lutheran World Relief (LWR) project helps harvesters earn a fair income for their labor, while limiting the amount of palms taken from the forest.

PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT EASTER WORSHIP TIMES next Sunday (see front panel).

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.

FOURTH GRADERS celebrate their First Communion this Thursday evening during the 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service. We rejoice with them, following their weeks of preparation and anticipation.

GOOD FRIDAY: If you have never experienced Good Friday worship, make room for it in your faith life this year. Your Easter will be all the more powerful if you can get a deep sense of Christ's suffering and crucifixion beforehand. The Chorale sings at 8 p.m.

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 other gifts of faith.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 23, 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this short meeting will be to call Kelsey Fitting-Snyder and Joshua Kestner as pastors at St. Paul through St. Paul's Residency Program. This two-year program is designed to sharpen vocational identity, and shape wise pastoral practices and habits in the context of a healthy congregation and a supportive multi-staff setting.

TIPS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Easter parking: Besides St. Paul parking lots & side streets, Madison School, Vander Veer Park, and St. Ambrose lots are available.

Easter crowds: Help with the anticipated crowd at the 9:45 service. Consider worshipping at the 6, 8, or 11:45 services.

Sunday learning for children and adults will not be held on Palm or Easter Sunday.