

ST. PAUL connections



PAY ATTENTION

Jesus was a keen observer of the natural world, and he used what he noticed to teach his followers about the ways of God. "Look at the birds of the air," or, "Consider the lilies of the field," he said. These sayings lead to some of his most important teachings about what it means to live according to the alternative values of the kingdom of God.

Last week, the gospel reading was a story Jesus told about a farmer who planted seed indiscriminately. This week, Jesus tells a story about wheat and weeds growing in the same field. It's a similar story, but also very different. These stories call us to pay close attention, both to what Jesus says and also to the world around us. "The heavens are telling the glory of God," says Psalm 19, and Jesus shows us that things growing from the earth have plenty of wisdom to share, too, if we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

today at st. paul

July 22/23 - Pentecost 7

Preaching:
5:30/8:20 Ryan Bailey
11:00 Katy Warren

Worship notes:
Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25;
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

next weekend

July 29/30 - Pentecost 8/Jazz Sunday

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

Worship notes:
9:20/11:00 Chicago Jazz Mass
Communion served at all services

Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5-12;
Romans 8: 26-39;
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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 July 20)

Mary Fisher
Pat Megown
*Kurt Nordby
*Kay Patterson
Margaret Patterson
*Carolyn Paustian

Wedding:

Lynn Batchter and
Michael Robinson, July 15

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

staff connections

PASTORS

Peter W. Marty *Senior pastor*
Sara Olson-Smith *Associate pastor*
Katy Warren *Associate pastor*
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*

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 Welsler *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*
Kyle Schneider *Contemporary worship assistant*



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Jazz Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 9:20 & 11 A.M.

Get ready for toe-tappin' worship next Sunday, July 30, 9:20 and 11 a.m.

July jazz is food for the soul on Bix Weekend at St. Paul. It's some of the best jazz in town! A joyful tradition at St. Paul, worship this day is centered in the uniquely moving *Chicago Jazz Mass*. The place rocks with jubilation. The 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday services will be held as usual.

The Chicago-based ChurchJazz ensemble travels to the Quad Cities, celebrating the gift of God's music. Andy Tecson, the principal composer and band leader, is one of seven members of this crew of lifelong, gifted musicians.

The big voice of soloist Daniel Riley will return this year. If you heard Daniel on Jazz Sunday a few years ago, you know your ears are in for a treat. He has worked with professional and community venues all over Chicago, including Lyric Opera of Chicago, Lakeside Singers, and Holy Name Cathedral, among many others. He also served as the music director of the Majestic Midway Theater on the southwest side.

To learn more about all of the members of ChurchJazz, visit www.churchjazz.com.



MONDAY, JULY 24

6pm Community garden harvest work
6pm Friends and Family

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8:15am Madison Market unloading
1:30pm Madison Market

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

9:30am Staff meeting
12noon Luther's Doors: Entering the Reformation
4pm PrimeTime meeting
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6:30pm Mental Health Movie Night: "Touched with Fire"
6:30pm 678 Night

THURSDAY, JULY 27

6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, JULY 28

SATURDAY, JULY 29

2:30pm So All May Eat Meal prep
5pm So All May Eat Meal serving
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8am Worship
9am Book Corner open
9:20am Jazz worship
11am Jazz worship

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

FAREWELL, PASTOR AMY

St. Paul people wished Pastor Amy Diller a fond farewell last weekend, as her time in the pastoral residency program drew to a close. She will be dearly missed as she begins her work as the pastor at the Together in Christ parish – the newly combined All Saints and St. James churches in the Quad Cities.



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 11:00 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 pottery 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, Aug. 19, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Tuesday, Sept. 19, 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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness meets at St. Paul on the fourth Monday of every month, 6-7 p.m., next gathering July 24. *Friends and Family* is for anyone looking for mutual support by sharing with and listening to others. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

678 NIGHT: Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Library Commons. Crazy games, fun fellowship, great Bible study - just for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Free! Sign up by showing up. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

THEOLOGY PUB is a time for folks to get together, have something to drink and eat, and enjoy great conversation

about matters of faith. Meet Tuesday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m., downstairs at Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Brett Hagen, hagenman@gmail.com

EARLY MORNING BOOK GROUP: Wake up with coffee and time together over a good book on Tuesdays, August 15, 22, and 29, 6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Library Commons. The book, *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott, is available in the Book Corner. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, which is always comprised of scripture, food, and some really fine guys, continues to meet at 6:15 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, (next meeting Aug. 2) in the 129 House conference room here on the campus, corner of Lombard and Main streets. Jeff Keller, jeff.keller1964@gmail.com

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

FALL ASP MISSION TRIP: An info meeting for the fall mission trip to Appalachia will be today, Sunday, July 23, 10:30 a.m. in the Church House Living Room. Help make homes warmer, safer, and drier, October 7-14, 2017. Cost is \$325. Interested? Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

COMMUNITY GARDEN: These plots of plants are grown to feed those who are food insecure. Volunteers are needed to help with the harvest day on Monday, July 24, 6 p.m. Contact Matt Schroeder to help, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.

EMPOWERING WOMEN - AN IMMERSION TRIP TO TANZANIA: Leslie Klipsch of Empower Tanzania and Ann McGlynn of St. Paul will lead a journey to Tanzania from April 29-May 10, 2018. The itinerary will include visits to a water project, gender-based violence initiative, village health clinic, and a club for the area's most vulnerable children. The guiding principles will be simple: to be with the people of the area, learn about their lives, and be inspired by their work. Cost is approximately \$3,500-\$4,000. An introductory meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m., at St. Paul. Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Swing a hammer and make new friends. Volunteers continue work to build a house for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. Interested in helping? The final summer build day is:

► Saturday, August 12, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

To sign up, visit stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren at katy@stpaulqc.org or 326-3547.



OF SPECIAL NOTE

HOLY BAPTISM: Three children step into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism this Sunday during 11 a.m. worship: Marzell, Maisie, and Rosie Kolwey, children of Jenny and Bill Kolwey. We welcome them into the Lord's family.

THANK YOU, ST. PAUL PEOPLE, for faithful giving even when you're absent on different weekends. While summer trips create a natural gap for your St. Paul worship, the continuity of your pledge giving means everything to our operation. Our overall ministry requirements and commitment to outside organizations require \$7,255/day to operate. Yes, per day. That's our daily ministry budget. Thanks for taking your church and your personal joy in giving so seriously.

OUR TWO NEW PASTORAL RESIDENTS move to the Quad Cities in the course of these summer weeks. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder and Josh Kestner will appear on the St. Paul scene in worship beginning Sunday, August 20.

LOST AND FOUND: St. Paul has a bin of lost things that accumulate over time. It wouldn't be quite accurate to say that they are found. If you think you may have left or misplaced something at church, see an individual at the information center for those lost items.

BUSY SUMMER SCHEDULE? The 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday evenings offers beautiful worship all year long. During the summer, when schedules are different for many households, it is a great option when Sundays are full. With scripture, preaching, and song, this weekly time offers the Lutheran liturgy and closeness with God.



LUTHER'S DOORS: Entering the Reformation

SUMMER LUNCH SERIES: Bring a sack lunch and come to the Library Commons, Wednesdays, 12 noon-1 p.m., for a discussion about Martin Luther and the places that were important in shaping the Reformation.

► July 26: Home Door, Sara Olson-Smith and Tammy Hermanson

MENTAL HEALTH

Movie Nights

July 26 | Touched with Fire

Movie starts at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn included. Free and open to the public.