

# ST. PAUL connections



## WHEN STORMS COME

Every now and then a big thunderstorm moves through our neck of the woods. You know the kind: where lightning and torrential rains unnerve even the biggest lovers of exciting storms. Even in these somewhat dry days of August, loud claps of thunder or rising rivers are easy to recall.

Sometimes we forget that when Jesus walked on water, he wasn't floating on a peaceful lake. The whole story takes place in the midst of a storm, with crashing waves and blasting winds. Unfazed by the rains, Jesus comes to the disciples, who have been up all night maneuvering around rocks and worrying about their boat possibly sinking.

Maybe the storms of life have battered your soul or body. Maybe you're exhausted from trying to stay above water. When you find yourself in the midst of a storm, may you feel the presence of Jesus, who calms our fears and brings peace to our hearts.

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 Aug. 10)

John Albee  
Jerry Fisher  
\*Dick Jensen  
Tabatha McMahon  
Sophia Orfitelli  
\*Shirley Schafnit  
Jeanette Stoltenberg  
Theo Taylor

### Deaths:

Mary Stark, Aug. 4  
Janice Ranson, Aug. 7

### With sympathy:

Linda & Don Allebach, her father William Lewis  
Carrie & Glen Hummel, her grandfather William Lewis  
Lisa & Derek Ball, her father John Schlump  
Emily & David Ball, grandfather John Schlump  
Pam Farrell, her mother Lois Green  
Zach, Jess, & Kevin Farrell, grandmother Lois Green  
John Ranson, mother Janice Ranson  
Carol & Norm Voelliger, her sister Mary Stark

## MY NOTES FROM TODAY

### MONDAY, AUG. 14

### TUESDAY, AUG. 15

6:45am Early morning book group

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

7:30am Finance meeting  
9:30am Staff meeting  
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics  
6pm 9th grade confirmation  
faith stories workshop  
6:15pm Men's Bible study

### THURSDAY, AUG. 17

9am Pastoral residency orientation  
3:45pm Book Corner team meeting  
5pm KnitWits  
6pm Mental health awareness team  
6pm Centering Prayer  
7pm Congregation council

### FRIDAY, AUG. 18

9am Pastoral residency orientation

### SATURDAY, AUG. 19

9am Membership inquiry class  
5:30pm Worship

### SUNDAY, AUG. 20

8am Worship  
8:50am Choir warm-up  
9am Book Corner open  
9:20am Worship/Backpack blessing  
11am Worship/Backpack blessing  
12noon 9th grade confirmation faith stories workshop  
12noon Childcare staff training  
12noon Friendly House food sorting

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## today at st. paul

### August 12/13 - Pentecost 10

Preaching:

5:30/8:00 Ryan Bailey  
9:20/11:00 Katy Warren

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9-18; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

## next weekend

### August 19/20 - Pentecost 11

Preaching:

5:30/8:00 Katy Warren  
9:20/11:00 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

9:20/11:00 Backpack blessing

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8;  
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32;  
Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

## 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 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*  
Margaret Thompson *Children's choir director*  
Kyle Schneider *Contemporary worship assistant*



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AUGUST 19 & 20

Jesus turned to his disciples and said "You give them something to eat."

On Hunger Awareness Weekend at St. Paul, August 19 & 20, food expresses love for our neighbors.

## FRIENDLY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY GATHERING

Stock a paper bag with nonperishable food items and bring it to worship. Grocery bags will be distributed this weekend. What's needed? Soups, mac & cheese, canned meat (chicken & tuna), cereal, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry soap. To help sort the collection at noon on Sunday, Aug. 20, sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

## ST. PAUL COMMUNITY GARDEN SHARE

Tables will be set up in the Gathering Area for St. Paul people to bring bounty from their gardens. A crop from the St. Paul Community Garden will be there, too. St. Paul people are welcome to take what they can use or share with others. The harvest left over will be donated to Café on Vine.

## DISCOVER & CONNECT

**MADISON MARKET, ON THE MOVE:** Can a little bit of construction or cleaning get in the way of Madison Market? No way! When projects at Madison Elementary meant the usual spot for the twice-a-month gathering was out of commission, and the new location at the J.B. Young Opportunity Center was not quite complete, a St. Paul garage did the trick just fine. With popsicles and love, it was a beautiful day.



### EARLY MORNING BOOK GROUP:

Wake up with coffee and time together over a good book on Tuesdays, Aug. 15, 22, and 29, 6:45-7:30 a.m. The book, *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott, is available in the Book Corner. Please read chapters 1-3 for this Tuesday. Pastor Katy Warren, [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org)

**KNITWITS:** Knitters and crocheters are invited to share time over yarn as we work on service and individual projects. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'll be glad to teach you. Next gathering is Thursday, Aug. 17, 5 p.m. in the Church House Living Room. Belinda Holbrook, [bholbrook@mchsi.com](mailto:bholbrook@mchsi.com)

**CONNECT AND SERVE:** All women of St. Paul are invited to a morning of togetherness on Saturday, Aug. 26, 9-11:30 a.m. Guest will be Muriel Johannessen, in a portrayal of Katharina Von Bora Luther. Refreshments will be followed by quilting and assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Opportunities to explore other St. Paul ministries and ways to become involved will be available. Signup at the Info Center or [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

### WINE & BRUNCH IN THE VILLAGE:

Prime Time 50+ invites folks 50 and older to gather at Wide River Winery in the Village of East Davenport on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 11 a.m. Enjoy wine sampling for \$7, which includes five samples plus a souvenir glass. We will walk across the street for brunch at a new eatery, Baked and Brew. Afterward, explore the shops in the Village. Signup at the Info Center. Contact Joan Lahl, 563-320-8760, or Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850.

**CC CONVERSATIONS** is a new opportunity for St. Paul people to discuss with each other faith, politics, and culture, based on articles and news from *The Christian Century* magazine. Think critically and faithfully about a whole host of contemporary issues. Beginning Sept. 7, and on the first Thursday of each month, 6-7:15 p.m., Pastor Peter Marty will facilitate discussion. Participants will want to have read the Aug. 16 and 30 issues in advance, either by stopping at the church to read one of the copies secured in the library or through a subscription (special St. Paul rate cards are available at the Info Center).

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**EVERYONE BUT THE CHURCH MOUSE CHOIR:** On Sunday, Aug. 20, singers of all ages who can carry a tune are invited to be part of a SATB choir during 9:20 a.m. worship. There is a rehearsal today, Aug. 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. For more info, contact Chris Nelson, [chris@stpaulqc.org](mailto:chris@stpaulqc.org), 326-3547 x214.

**MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS:** Join a group of others Saturday, Aug. 19, 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](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org)

**OUR TWO NEW PASTORAL RESIDENTS** have now moved to the Quad Cities. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder and Josh Kestner join us for their first Sunday in St. Paul worship on August 20.

**SO ALL MAY EAT:** Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Saturday, Sept. 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*. Shoppers, cooks, and servers are needed for both dates. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Katy Warren, [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org)

**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. Ann McGlynn, [ann@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ann@stpaulqc.org)

**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.

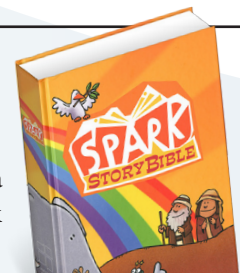
**FAITH RESOURCES:** A library and the nonprofit Book Corner on the main level provide wonderful resources for growing your faith. Check them out.

**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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups), at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

### Three-year-old Milestone

Sunday, Aug. 27, 12 noon - 1 p.m.

A late-summer event welcomes three-year-olds and their parents into Sunday-morning learning. It's a big step into a classroom setting. Each child receives a colorful storybook Bible. Signup at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).



### 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? Build days include:

► Wednesdays, Sept. 27 & Oct. 18, 5-8 p.m.

To sign up, visit [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren at [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org) or 326-3547.



### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Sunday, Aug. 20

Bring your backpacks and school bags for a blessing during worship at 9:20 & 11 a.m.



### NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Saturday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Grab a picker-upper and help pick up the St. Paul neighborhood. Supplies and snacks will be provided for this environmentally and community-minded crew.

Contact: Jules Irish, [julesi@mchsi.com](mailto:julesi@mchsi.com)

