

ST. PAUL connections



WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD?

On five Sundays this fall, the 9th graders of this congregation affirm their faith as part of our confirmation ministry. Along with moments of blessing during worship, they share their faith stories during the learning hour. These young people authentically and creatively answer the question, "Where do you see God in your life?"

How would you answer that question? You might easily answer it by describing people in your life, or experiences of grace in difficult times, or those moments of awe in nature or worship. It could be a challenging question, if these days are full of doubt and struggle for you.

Our hope comes from the promise that God shows up to love us, even when we can't quite see how. It's true for those 9th graders and for us: no matter what, God is with us.

today at st. paul

September 23/24 - Pentecost 16

Preaching:

5:30/8:00 Josh Kestner
9:20/11:45 Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

8:00 am St. Paul Quartet
9:20 am Chorale; Youth Choir,
Confirmation blessing

All services Communion; installation of
Pastors Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
and Josh Kestner

Readings: Jonah 3: 10-4; 11; Philippians
1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-6

next weekend

Sept. 30/Oct. 1 - Pentecost 17

Preaching:

5:30/8:00 Sara Olson-Smith
9:20/11:45 Katy Warren

Worship notes:

8:00 am St. Paul Quartet
9:20 am Chorale
11:45 Confirmation blessing

Communion served at all services

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philip-
pians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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 Sept. 21)

John Albee
Anna Goodwin
Beckett Nau
Jeanette Stoltenberg

Wedding:

Kayla Jones & Mike Martinez, Sept. 16

With sympathy:

Ryan Bailey, father Thomas
Bailey
Kim & Dave Bush, her father
Clint Curry
Kathy Emorey & Steve Anderson,
niece Rebecca Ryan

confirming faith

Confirmation concludes at the beginning of the ninth-grade year. Students are sharing their faith stories during a series of Sunday-morning sessions in Fellowship Hall, 10:45-11:30 a.m. They will be confirmed during worship on the morning they present their story. Students confirmed today during 9:20 a.m. worship: Madison Bender, Olivia Bowe, Luke Carroll, Alex Dickman, Logan Duin, Sydney Hanna, Liam Latham, Gabrielle Mowbray, Parker Ruth, Michael Shepherd, and Michael VanDerSchaaf.

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*
Rick Ybarra *Outdoor 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 Welser *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*



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MADISON MARKET on the move

The walls are bright, the rooms are spacious. The food at the Madison Market is always delicious – fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs and milk, meat and bread, along with canned goods and yummy treats, too.

Recently, the market, which serves the families of Madison Elementary School, completed its move from the basement cafeteria at the school. It's now one part of the remodeled and remade J.B. Young Opportunity Center – just a couple of blocks south of St. Paul.

The Madison Market is a partnership with the school district and River Bend Foodbank. Twice a month, Madison families come and shop for food. Approximately 50-60 families take part.

Interested in volunteering?

The Madison Market needs you on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Unloading is from 8-10 a.m., the pantry is open from 1-4 p.m. at the J.B. Young Opportunity Center, 1702 N. Main St. (just south of St. Paul). Help fight hunger in our community. Contact: Dana Welser, dana@stpaulqc.org.



THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

LEARNING FOR KIDS & YOUTH (10:45-11:30 AM)

- ▶ Ages 3 & Pre-K: Main Level
- ▶ Kindergarten: Fellowship Hall
- ▶ Grades 1-2: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- ▶ Grades 3-5: Lower Level, Commons area
- ▶ 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)

- ▶ *A few ugly sides to the Reformation:* For all the fresh perspectives and renewing impulses of the 16th century Reformation, there were some dark sides to the words and actions of some of the church reformers and civil authorities of the day. As part of history, these are worth knowing about. Pastor Peter W. Marty. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Deeply rooted for the sake of the world (part 3 of 3):* Discover spiritual practices that are "ever ancient, ever new." Consider how it is that we hear God speak. Elaine Olson, St. Paul member and certified spiritual director. 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. St. Paul member Nancy Ingelson and the book of Mark. In Room 208.

ADULTS

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *The Book of Revelation and Ecology (part 1 of 2):* Micah Kiel, associate professor of theology, St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Hope at the Brick House.* Joyce Klopp, director. In Luther Loft.
- ▶ *The Bible project:* Led by St. Paul member Jeff Keller. 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 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, Oct. 14, 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

youth

678 NIGHT: Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Library Commons. High-energy games + fun + togetherness + great Bible studies + campfire-style worship = 678! For youth in grades 6, 7, and 8, this group meets periodically throughout the year. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org.

adults

HEART.SOUL.MIND. BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. "So that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." That's why the Gospel of John was written. Explore rich symbols, textured characters, and profound insight. Discover the good news of life promised to us in Jesus. Ryan Bailey, ryan@stpaulqc.org

QUILTERS: Sept. 25, 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 beautiful works of art that are donated to those in need. Contact Cathy Hagglund, crh4quilts@msn.com or Karin Hanson, 563-528-2064.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Fourth Monday of each month, 6 p.m., Church House Living Room. A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness. Next gathering Sept. 25, *Friends & 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, sara@stpaulqc.org

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK: Prime Time 50+ invites folks 50 and older to gather at West Lake's Breezy Point Shelter (gate 6), beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a potluck on Saturday, Sept. 30. A \$3/person donation will help cover costs. Sign up at the Info Center by Sept. 24, indicating what dish you will bring

to share. Please bring your own table service. Drinks are provided. In case of rain, we'll gather at St. Paul. Contact Joan & Paul Marietta 563-349-1973 or Linda & Jim Hoepner 563-940-6737.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS: Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m., Library Conference Room. 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. No need to sign up, just come. Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

GOING DEEPER: Thursdays, Oct. 5-26, 5-6 p.m., Church House Living Room. Longing for deeper conversation about matters of faith? A four-week small group opportunity will make its way through *Grounded* by Diana Butler Bass, a book that explores the shift among believers from a vertical understanding of God to the God found in nature and human community. Please read the first four chapters before the first meeting. Lynn Batcher, ldbatcher@hotmail.com.

CC CONVERSATIONS is a first Thursday of the month discussion opportunity open to all, 6-7:15 p.m. Discuss faith, politics, and culture with Pastor Peter Marty, from articles and news featured in *The Christian Century* (CC) magazine. Pre-readings for Oct. 5 session are: "A God by any other name" (pp 24ff), and "Love becomes fruitful" (p. 35), both in the 9.13.17 issue of CC. Also read "Out of the tombs" (pp 31ff) in the 9.27.17 issue of CC. Onsite copies on a special shelf in the library are available for reading. Special rate subscription cards are available at the Info Center for those who want personal copies.

2136 is a ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s to be social, to study, and to serve, meeting first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m., next gathering Oct. 5. Check out the 2136 Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/stpaul2136. Rachel Evans, mightyrachel@gmail.com

GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul senior adults, 75 years and older, come together each October for the Golden Agers worship and luncheon. RSVP by calling 563-326-3547. Contact: Pastor Ron Huber, ron@stpaulqc.org.



OF SPECIAL NOTE

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. Dec. 1 is the start date for employment.

TWO-WEEK SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for rotational learning leaders. Cooking, art, science, games – you choose the fun you want to lead! Classroom leaders and helpers are there to assist. Perfect for high school students earning volunteer hours, snow birds, or folks with full lives who want to volunteer. To share your gifts with children ages 3-5th grade, sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org

CARE COMPANION TRAINING: Saturday, Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, in Fellowship Hall. A Care Companion is not an expert or counselor but someone who walks alongside and shares a journey for a period of time. Friendship, presence, and prayer are the tools. Be part of this team of compassionate people. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

TRUNK OR TREAT: Sunday, Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m. in the lower south parking lot and Fellowship Hall. It's the annual orange-and-black frivolity at St. Paul for the whole family. Gather for a simple meal, a short worship service, treating, and a parking lot dance party! Costumes are encouraged. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org.

ST. PAUL PASTORS TO HOST USHER TEAM: The St. Paul pastors will break out their breakfast-making skills for a time of conversation and togetherness with the St. Paul usher crew on Saturday, Oct. 21, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Ushers are the people who greet, seat, and care for worshipers and the Sanctuary every weekend. For seasoned ushers and anyone who is interested in being an usher, children and adults. RSVP at stpaulqc.org/signups. Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org

CHAPEL OPEN: The Chapel is open during the 9:20 a.m. service, with a live feed from the Sanctuary. For full Sunday mornings, for those who need a little extra space, or a break during worship. Please note that communion will be in the Sanctuary only.

INSTALLATION OF RESIDENT PASTORS

St. Paul will celebrate the installation of Pastors Kelsey Fitting-Snyder and Josh Kestner this weekend, Sept. 23-24, at all services.

These two first-call pastors are serving at St. Paul for two years in the Pastoral Residency Program supported by the Lilly Endowment. The structure of the program promotes personal growth, building on each young pastor's interests and skills.

Pastors Kelsey and Josh began their journey at St. Paul in August, and will be here through July 2019.



Table Graces

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 4:30-7 p.m., Kitchen

Teams cook, assemble, and freeze meals for those in times of transition — such as a recent hospitalization, or during an extended illness or special circumstance. Sign up to help at stpaulqc.org/signups.

