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# journey



# Avocation

What are your hobbies? That's a question that sometimes makes me apprehensive, because it seems like an invitation to impress.

I always want to answer with something that makes me sound like a deep and fascinating person. I usually mention kayaking and running, and sometimes I'll add that I like to watch French movies to keep my language skills less rusty. Your go-to list is probably different from mine. Maybe yours includes gardening, sewing, or woodworking; biking, quilting, fishing, or photography. A hobby is usually something we do for fun. It might be an activity that helps us relax. Hobbies usually don't get our attention or our time until we've taken care of our responsibilities – or until we need a distraction from those responsibilities.

I wonder, would you ever list church, worship, or Christian faith as a hobby? I'm guessing the idea probably sounds absurd to you, but for many, it might not be too far off the mark. I recently heard a bishop remark that for most people today, religion is an avocation. Avocation is basically a fancy word for hobby. By definition, avocation is "a hobby or minor occupation." It's something we like to do, but it's never our top priority. It's something to which we can only devote the time and energy that we have to spare. The word comes from the Latin *avocare*, which means "to call away." You can see that it is closely tied to the word vocation, which is a calling. While hobbies are certainly good and help us to maintain healthy lives, an avocation *could* be seen as something that distracts us from our calling.

Surely none of us want to think of our faith that way – as a distraction from the most important things in life. On the contrary, in the midst of hectic schedules and all the challenges each new day might bring, our faith ought to keep us grounded in the most important things in life. As a congregation, we are here to remind each other of what matters most and to invite one another – over and over again – to center ourselves in that.

Beloved author C. S. Lewis once said, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." Faith is not one piece of a life that we are assembling on our own. Faith is the framework within which we build the rest of our lives. It is the lens through which we look at all of our other duties and joys. Like the sun, it is the light that enables us to see every other part of our life for what it is.

Our most basic calling as Christian people is to love God and love one another. Far from a distraction, our faith directs us to live out that calling in every aspect of our lives – whether we're at work, giving a child a bath, cooking a meal, or picking up one of our favorite hobbies.

Another beloved author, the apostle Paul, urges us on, saying, "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." In other words, we ought to worship God with our very selves. All of life is worship. In these pages, find the stories of individuals and a congregation that strives to do just that – to worship God in all of life. And if this way of living, where God's grace informs, shapes, and guides all that we are and all that we do, is something you aspire to, come and center your life in worship, study, service, and prayer.



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Jan Schmidt and Georgia Dugan

## Journey

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## Grab a picker-upper and clean up the neighborhood

The St. Paul corner of the world is a beautiful place. A few times each year, St. Paul people gather to pick up trash and debris in the blocks surrounding the campus. It's called the Make It Yours Neighborhood Cleanup.

This fall's clean-up is Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Supplies and snacks are provided. No need to register, just come! Contact: Jules Irish, [julesi@mchsi.com](mailto:julesi@mchsi.com).

## Open Spirit Ensemble to celebrate 10 years with concert

The Open Spirit Ensemble, which leads contemporary worship each week at the 11:45 a.m. service, will celebrate 10 years of helping people connect with God. A concert will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The group, led by Bill Campbell, played just one time in the old Sanctuary – the weekend before the new sanctuary opened in 2007. Open Spirit worship began with that opening.

“We're hoping people will come out and celebrate,” Bill said. “We will have plenty of chances for people to sing along.”

The concert will last about 75 minutes, he said. It will include time for ensemble members to introduce themselves and talk about what the group means to them. They practice three-four hours each week, and have grown to become good friends. The concert is free and open to the public. Contact: Bill Campbell, [bill@stpaulqc.org](mailto:bill@stpaulqc.org).

## Advent luncheon to be held Dec. 2

All women of St. Paul are invited to gather for an Advent celebration Saturday, Dec. 2. Social time begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a salad luncheon in the Library Commons. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) or the Info Center, indicating if you can bring a salad, quick bread, or dessert.

Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder will lead a Bible study. All women are welcome; bring a friend! Childcare will be available. Contacts: Jan Lloyd, [cmljml@q.com](mailto:cmljml@q.com), and Judy Skogman, [djskog@aol.com](mailto:djskog@aol.com).

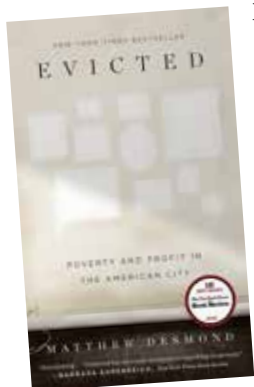
## All St. Paul Reads to feature *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*

*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* is the 2018 All St. Paul Reads selection.

In *Evicted*, Harvard sociologist and MacArthur “Genius” Matthew Desmond follow eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America's most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

*Evicted* is the winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction.

All St. Paul Reads is encouragement for all to read and talk about a single book. The Book Corner sponsors this annual event with everyone invited to a meal followed by spirited book discussion. In 2018, the event will take place on Thursday, February 8, 6-8 p.m. *Evicted* is available for purchase in the St. Paul Book Corner.



## KEEPSAKE LINEN BAPTISMAL NAPKIN MAKING WORKSHOP SET FOR NOV. 16

One of the simple gifts given to each person – infant through adult – baptized at St. Paul is a handmade baptismal napkin created from linen.

On Thursday, Nov. 16, artists Sheila Mesick and Terre Klipsch will lead a drop-in workshop from 3-6 p.m. at St. Paul to make these keepsakes. They will lead participants through cutting, hemming, and embroidering. No prior knowledge of any skill is needed. Some kits will be available for people to take home to work on, too.

The creations made will then be given to those who are baptized at St. Paul. No need to sign up, just come. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).

## Advent daily devotions to begin Dec. 3

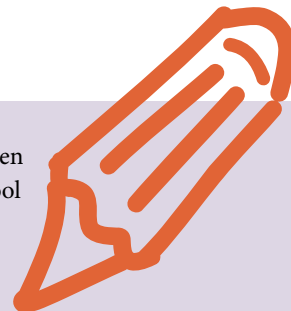
This December, focus on the promise of God's love and light with St. Paul's annual tradition of daily Advent devotions.

Featuring an array of St. Paul voices, these devotions will land in your email box and the St. Paul website, based on the theme of *Light in the Darkness*. The final devotion will be posted on Christmas Day.

Sign up to receive the devotions by email at [ow.ly/TGYC5](http://ow.ly/TGYC5), or read them on the website beginning Sunday, Dec. 3, at [stpaulqc.org/blog](http://stpaulqc.org/blog). Note: If you have received the devotions in the past, you do not need to sign up again.

# Gratitude. Joy. Love.

## Joanna Roland set to retire from St. Paul Preschool



It's when kids like Carver run into her arms and call her Onana. Or when Teddy smiles a big smile and backs up into her lap in the St. Paul Preschool office. Those are the moments that Joanna Roland cherishes the most.

Joanna – known as Onana, JoJo, Joenana, and lots of other pretty adorable versions of her name – will be retiring at the end of this month. She's led the St. Paul Preschool for nearly two decades. She's also played a key role in St. Paul's children and family ministries, as well as congregational hospitality.

"I'm so grateful for this place," she said in her office on the sunny west wing of St. Paul. "I love these kids. The joy and excitement in their little faces warms my heart."

Three words come to mind when she thinks of her time on staff: Gratitude, joy, and love.

Joanna began her work 18 years ago at the preschool. Thirty-nine kids attended then, many of them at no cost. Most of the teachers were volunteers, and St. Paul staff would take the church van and pick kids up for class.

She and the preschool board set out on a journey to grow the preschool slowly and carefully.

Today, St. Paul Preschool has about 100 students who attend various days in six classrooms. One of the most recent significant changes is the school's participation in the statewide initiative to ensure as many four-year-olds as possible have access to high-quality preschool.

St. Paul Preschool is devoted to integrating the love of God into a developmentally appropriate setting for young kids. The program shines with weekly chapel services, art, music, language, science, and math. Special events wrap in family, friends, and honored guests.

Through a longstanding commitment to community outreach, the preschool offers scholarships for at-risk children and families in need.

Joanna calls the school a joyful village.

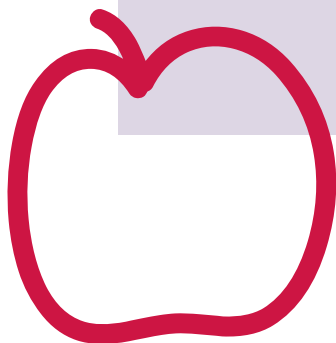
As she steps away from her role at St. Paul, Joanna will be moving into her new role as grandmother. Her daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Jered Popowski, are new parents to Lydia Jane. Joanna and her husband, George, will care for Lydia while mom and dad are at work.

She couldn't be happier to be with Lydia. Joanna is a bit sad about leaving the preschool. However, she finds great comfort in Hebrews 13:8: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

"My heart is overflowing with gratitude," she said. "I've grown spiritually, personally, and professionally. It's been a joy to work with so many wonderful people. I start every day by thanking God for this place."

If you'd like to donate to a retirement gift for Joanna, please write a check to St. Paul clearly marked for "Joanna Gift." You're also invited to send individual cards or notes to the church, or drop a written expression in the basket on her farewell weekend, December 2-3.

The personnel committee expects to wrap up the search phase and final interview process for a new preschool director very soon. Stay tuned.



# Is poverty a sin?

Augustana College senior presents findings about an individualistic vs. systemic consideration

On the way home from a youth group trip during my sophomore year of high school, our St. Paul Lutheran church minivan passed by a person on the side of the road. Begging for money or food, the middle-aged man held up a cardboard sign for passersby to see.

As we approached, our youth pastor asked if we should stop. Feeling unsure, a few of us said yes. I hopped out of the van with a couple of other kids to give the man a banana, a granola bar, and about \$10. Thanking us, he told us that his name was James Parker, and he asked us to pray for him.

A friend of mine was angry. "Why should we enable his laziness by giving him our hard-earned money? What if he buys drugs or alcohol?" While I understood her concern, her anger confused me. I had never heard of Jesus refusing to give money or food to the poor.

For the past six years, I've been trying to figure out where my friend was coming from. I began to realize that her perspective is summed up in the work of Max Weber, a sociologist who examined what he calls "The Protestant Work Ethic."

The Puritans thought that being lazy was a sin. You've probably heard the adage: "Idleness is the devil's play thing." Idleness dishonors God, so the Puritans believed that hard work would prepare them to receive God's grace – that is, if God had elected them.

The narrative of the Protestant Work Ethic continues to influence Christians and Americans today. If only the poor chose to work for God's glory instead of standing on the side of the road in idleness, and if only the poor spent their money on God-honoring possessions, then poverty might cease. Giving to the beggar rewards idleness. It is not only seen as unwise, but sinful.

Last spring, I did an analysis of a local pastor's sermon series on money management to see if elements of Weber's thesis rang true. I used the theoretical framework of narrative analysis as described by Sonja Foss and

Walter Fisher.

The pastor diagnosed the problem of poverty as a spiritual failure: "If there's something wrong with the way you handle your money, then there is something you're doing wrong with your heart." Overtly linking individual actions, money management, and morality, the pastor framed the cause, the consequence, and the potential for a solution as the fault and duty of individual, moral actors.

I argue for a new conception of sin that recognizes both individual and communal contributions to sin and works for in-the-world salvation. Rather than framing Christian discourse concerning wealth and poverty by considering the cause and solution to poverty in the context of the personal lives of individuals, Christians should adopt an alternative narrative that imagines salvation in the context of community.

I recently noticed just how easily I – a white, middle class, educated woman – avoid contact with poverty when I was riding the public bus. I realized I'm not used to traveling with strangers. I own a car, which prevents me from interacting with poverty in the ways that I did while riding the bus. Carrying large backpacks, blankets, and coats, many of my fellow passengers appeared to live in poverty.

How can democratic discussion of wealth and poverty flourish in this highly individualistic, homogenous economic and social environment? If Americans want to improve our democracy, we must also facilitate



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friendships with people of diverse economic situations. The dichotomy that Weber theorizes, where good Americans/Christians work hard and therefore become wealthy and bad Americans/Christians are lazy and succumb to poverty, subverts both the task of democratic tolerance and the Christian task of loving one's neighbor, while restraining both individual and societal forms of sin.

If Christians want to love others, we must facilitate friendships with people of diverse economic situations. In order to enact the social change we hope to see, Americans and Christians must reframe our discourse concerning wealth and poverty. We must expose societal sin, recognize institutionalized oppression, redistribute power, and facilitate dialogue between people of diverse economic backgrounds.

*Hannah Griggs is a senior at Augustana College studying religion. This is an excerpt of a presentation she gave at the college's fall Symposium Day. Hannah is narrowing her choices for graduate school, and hopes to become a professor.*



# bread & wine AT HOME

Four times a year, St. Paul people visit fellow members and share communion

Vi Ramsey opens the door to her home and welcomes Jan Schmidt inside. Four times a year, Jan visits Vi, ready for lively conversation and recollections of a life well-lived.

Vi shows Jan the hairdresser's studio that she worked from before her retirement. They talk about their families and how they spend their days. Vi loves to watch the cars go by her front windows.

At some point during the visit, Jan brings out a small box. Inside are bread, wine, and a short liturgy. It's hard for Vi to make it to church, so Jan brings church to her.

*Vi, the body of Christ, given for you.*

*Vi, the blood of Christ, shed for you.*

Vi and Jan are one of about two dozen pairs of people who celebrate communion together in the homes and care centers where St. Paul people live.

Vi is nearly 91 years old. When asked how long she's been a member at St. Paul, she said: "Oh my goodness, forever and ever. Fifty years. It's been a long, long time. I've been through several ministers. I love the church."

Jan is a new leader of the home communion team. In partnership with Pastor Ron Huber, she and her sister Georgia Dugan and their

spouses, are part of a storied history of ensuring all people of St. Paul can receive communion.

"This is a gift that is very important to people," Pastor Ron said.



Jan retired about four years ago. She knew going into retirement that she wanted to be a part of taking communion to people who could not be at church.

The reason? When she was hospitalized with a broken leg, a pastor brought her communion. It touched her deeply.

Now, she helps coordinate approximately 20 volunteers. Home communion takes place four times a year – February, May, August, and November – on the first Sunday of the month. Jan makes calls to volunteers to confirm if they can help, and sends a reminder postcard. She and Georgia organize the kits – they can be seen lined up on a table inside the church office after a blessing.

Jan really enjoys her time with Vi.

"Her hair is always beautiful," she said. "And she always has a box of chocolates waiting for visitors in her buffet."



## Interested in volunteering?

Illness or age sideline many of our members from worship. Home Communion wraps them warmly into congregational life. Equipped with special communion kits, volunteers visit our homebound members in care facilities and private homes four times a year. Contact: Pastor Ron Huber, [ron@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ron@stpaulqc.org).



Pastor Ron tells touching stories of his experiences taking communion to people in their homes and care facilities.

One is of visiting a woman admitted to the hospital for treatment of mental health concerns. She cried as she took the bread, bit by bit, and wine, sip by sip. Ron asked if she was OK. “Yes,” she answered. “I know Jesus is with me.”

Another is of a woman who was a bit unsettled – until it was time for the familiar Words of Institution. He recited the words quietly to her.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

And then, just like countless others before her did, and countless others will do, she took a taste of bread and drink of wine as a reminder that God remains with us always.



## JAN & GEORGIA *in the Book Corner*

Two of the newer volunteers in the St. Paul Book Corner are sisters Jan Schmidt and Georgia Dugan.

The sisters love spending time together, so signing up to do just that while working in the Book Corner seemed to be a good way to volunteer. The Book Corner volunteer crew is about 30 strong. Volunteers do a variety of things, from welcoming and helping customers to choosing and managing the card inventory.

Jan and Georgia joined St. Paul together in June 2015.

“We both love books. We both love the Book Corner,” said Georgia, who worked at the Rock Island Arsenal. Jan is a retired school librarian. The two are also involved in the congregation’s book groups as well, and are drawn to St. Paul’s commitments to fighting injustice in the world.



The tapestry of God's love is deep and richly colored. At St. Paul, we embrace how each strand God twists and winds together helps us move toward a kinder, generous, and just world. On Joy Weekend, Nov. 11-12, come and be wrapped with goodness and grace as we look forward to 2018.

## LAURA DONALDSON

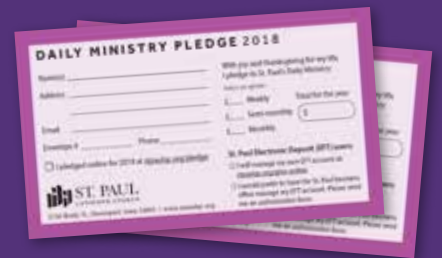
I've had the opportunity to relocate with John Deere three times since graduating from college in May 2013. Normally, one of the most challenging aspects of relocating is finding a new church to call home. In Davenport, I was introduced to St. Paul and found it was everything I

was looking for, and more! After attending one service I knew I'd always be welcomed by and able to grow with the congregation.

The multiple service times have helped me be able to attend service regularly with a demanding travel schedule. You may see me sliding into the 11:45 a.m. service after a red-eye flight back from Arizona where I take MBA classes two weekends a month. Though it may seem crazy to come to church straight from the airport, those are the flights home I look forward to the most. I know after a long flight I'll receive the greatest meal of all and be challenged to be stronger in my faith with the message from the sermon.

Serving the community I live in is a passion of mine. St. Paul's work with Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army have helped me make connections with other members of the church while staying connected to the community I live in.

I am looking forward to growing with the church and in my faith by participating in more book discussions, volunteering at church events, and getting involved in the 2136 programs.



## PLEDGE IN PRINT

In early November, watch for a letter from Pastor Marty. The envelope will include your purple pledge card for Daily Ministry 2018. Take some time to consider and grow your pledge. Return your cards on Joy Weekend, Nov. 11 & 12.



## PLEDGE ONLINE

Visit [stpaulqc.org/pledge-2018](http://stpaulqc.org/pledge-2018) to complete your pledge online. On Joy Weekend, Nov. 11 & 12, you can check "I pledged online for 2018" on your card and return it if you'd like.





## DARLA DEVRIENDT

My religion growing up was Lutheran. We moved to Bettendorf in 1981 and started attending St. Paul. I then met the love of my life and we married at St. Paul in October 1982.

We resided in Illinois where we raised our family. My husband, Ron, was raised Catholic, so we chose this religion until our boys were raised.

Our lives are so full, but yet we recognized over the years that we wrestled the fact that our hearts were not being completely fulfilled. Ron and I felt this emptiness, and knew that we needed to find fulfillment in Christ.

Over two years ago, our beloved son passed away and we found St. Paul once again. St. Paul staff has welcomed us with open arms, and helped us through this very difficult time. No words can describe their compassion, conversations, etc., the list goes on. We are forever grateful.

There is such peace and warmth when you walk into the Sanctuary! There's such positive spirit and energy that you feel when sitting amongst everyone. I have to say....it brings "tears and goosies" to me many times when I listen to the sermon and beautiful music.

We are so blessed that God led us to such an amazing church. We became members in June 2016. St Paul is definitely fulfilling our spiritual void and growing our faith every day.

## CURT AND COLLEEN CZUPKA

Curt and Colleen decided to begin a journey to rediscover life in a faith community. They had raised three kids in a church, but had fallen away a bit. A move to a new house stirred the need for some newness in their lives of faith. They visited St. Paul one Sunday morning in the spring of 2016.

"This was our first stop," Colleen said.

"And it was our last stop," Curt said.

The Czupkas then plugged in the way they best know how – by helping others. They've worked at Habitat for Humanity builds, painted the inside of a home for a refugee family, and served on the planning committee for Mayfest, St. Paul's annual spring picnic. Anyone who ate at Mayfest this year probably saw them – they spent the morning and the afternoon in the food tent.

"We sensed that there was a lot of opportunity to serve here," Curt said. "We've always liked to help people."

Curt owns a painting business. Colleen works in IT at Genesis. They've been married 30 years.

One of Colleen's favorite parts of St. Paul is the children's message during Sunday morning worship. "It's amazing to wake up on Sunday morning and be excited to go to church," she said.



### IT'S A PROMISE

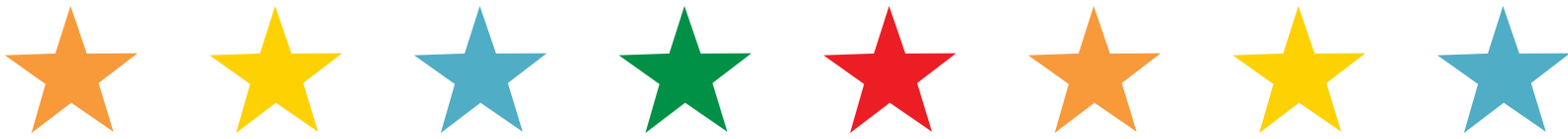
A financial pledge to your congregation is a financial promise. It's your best indication of what you would like to give during the coming year. It's possible that one could give whenever one feels like it, absent of a pledge. But that does little to help the church plan its ministries and mission, locally and globally. It also turns giving into an ad-hoc exercise instead of a long-range spiritual practice that reflects and keeps your life priorities. So pledge, please!

### IT'S A BUILDING BLOCK

Every St. Paul member is asked to complete a pledge commitment. It's one of the expectations of belonging to a congregation that is moving in the same direction. Our Daily Ministry Budget is shaped entirely on the upfront generosity of member pledges. Without them, we have no operating budget.

### IT'S FIRST FRUITS

The Bible calls this kind of considerate giving *first fruits* giving. As an ancient farmer would have pulled the best vegetables and fruits to make an offering to God, we aim not to give what's left over from our living. As unselfishly as possible, we pledge to God ahead of other financial responsibilities. Challenge your giving to grow each year. That's how our church grows its impact. Remember, it's all a faith-based estimate of your personal desire and potential.



FAITH & LIFE SERIES 2017

## NPR News' Tom Gjelten to present at St. Paul on Nov. 12

Tom Gjelten, an NPR News reporter who covers issues of religion, faith, and belief is St. Paul's 2017 Faith & Life Series speaker.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 10:45 a.m. and 4 p.m., Gjelten will present at St. Paul. Every fall, the church brings individuals of national stature to the Quad Cities – sparking new ideas about what it means to live faithfully. The presentations are free and open to the public. After the afternoon presentation, a reception will be held.

► **Adult Learning, 10:45-11:30 a.m.**

Reporting on faith in a faithless age:  
An NPR view

► **Community Lecture, 4 p.m.**

Is America still an exceptional nation?

Gjelten's beat encompasses such areas as the changing religious landscape in America, the formation of personal identity, the role of religion in politics, and social and cultural conflict arising from religious differences. His reporting draws on his many years covering national and international news from posts in Washington and around the world.

In 1986, Gjelten became one of NPR's pioneer foreign correspondents, posted first in Latin America and then in Central Europe. In the years that followed, he covered the wars in Central America, social and political strife in South America, the first Gulf War, the wars in the former Yugoslavia, and the transitions to democracy in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

His reporting from Sarajevo from 1992 to 1994 was the basis for his book *Sarajevo Daily: A City and Its Newspaper Under Siege* (HarperCollins), praised by the New York Times as "a chilling portrayal of a city's slow

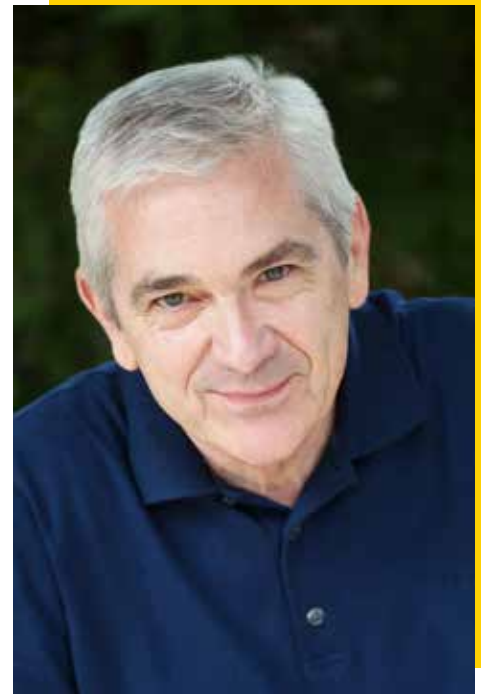
murder." He is also the author of *Professionalism in War Reporting: A Correspondent's View* (Carnegie Corporation) and a contributor to *Crimes of War: What the Public Should Know* (W. W. Norton).

After returning from his overseas assignments, Gjelten covered U.S. diplomacy and military affairs, first from the State Department and then from the Pentagon. He was reporting live from the Pentagon at the moment it was hit on September 11, 2001, and he was NPR's lead Pentagon reporter during the early war in Afghanistan and the invasion of Iraq. Gjelten has also reported extensively from Cuba in recent years.

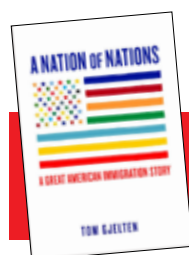
His 2008 book, *Bacardi and the Long Fight for Cuba: The Biography of a Cause* (Viking), is a unique history of modern Cuba, told through the life and times of the Bacardi rum family. The New York Times selected it as a "Notable Nonfiction Book," and the Washington Post, Kansas City Star, and San Francisco Chronicle all listed it among their "Best Books of 2008."

His new book, *A Nation of Nations: A Great American Immigration Story* (Simon & Schuster), recounts the impact on America of the 1965 Immigration Act, which officially opened the country's doors to immigrants of color.

Since joining NPR in 1982 as labor and education reporter, Gjelten has won numer-



ous awards for his work, including two Overseas Press Club Awards, a George Polk Award, and a Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a regular panelist on the PBS program "Washington Week," and a member of the editorial board at World Affairs Journal. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, he began his professional career as a public school teacher and freelance writer.



Tom Gjelten's book, *A Nation of Nations: A Great American Immigration Story*, can be purchased in the St. Paul Book Corner.

## ST. PAUL TO OFFER ADDICTIONS SUPPORT

When John Heath emerged from intensive treatment for alcoholism, he made two decisions. The result? He's been sober for 39 years, and he spent a life devoted to supporting others struggling with addictions.

John, who spent years as an addictions counselor in the Quad Cities, will now be available to help St. Paul individuals and families as they navigate through the bewildering world of addictions.

"Addiction is a family disease," said John, who most recently led a program at Genesis Health Systems. "When one person is affected, everyone is affected. Addiction is prevalent in all sorts of families. Often, it's a family secret."

To set up appointments with John (offered at no cost to individuals and families of St. Paul) call him direct at 563-343-2716.



## ROOFERS WORKED AT ST. PAUL

throughout the month of October. Due to significant hail damage, the shingled roof of the entire St. Paul building – including Sanctuary, Education Wing, Church House, Chapel, and 129 House – was replaced.

**GOLDEN AGERS WORSHIP & LUNCHEON:** Joyful worship, a meal together, a guitar and ukelele performance, and lots of smiles. Golden Agers is a day when St. Paul celebrates those age 75 and older.



## UPCOMING *worship*

### NOVEMBER 4 & 5

*All Saints Weekend*

#### PREACHING

- 5:30** Katy Warren
- 8:00** Peter W. Marty
- 9:20** Peter W. Marty
- 11:45** Katy Warren

#### MUSIC

- 9:20** Chorale, Cantate choir

### NOVEMBER 11 & 12

*Joy Weekend*

#### PREACHING

- 5:30** Peter W. Marty
- 8:00** Peter W. Marty
- 9:20** Peter W. Marty
- 11:45** Peter W. Marty

#### MUSIC

- 9:20** Chorale, Alleluia choir

### NOVEMBER 18 & 19

*Season after Pentecost*

#### PREACHING

- 5:30** Sara Olson-Smith
- 8:00** Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
- 9:20** Sara Olson-Smith
- 11:45** Kelsey Fitting-Snyder

#### MUSIC

- 8:00** Quartet
- 9:20** Chorale, Jubilate & Youth choirs

### NOVEMBER 25 & 26

*Reign of Christ Weekend*

#### PREACHING

- 5:30** Josh Kestner
- 8:00** Ryan Bailey
- 9:20** Ryan Bailey
- 11:45** Josh Kestner

#### MUSIC

- 9:20** Chorale

For more details on the weekly worship schedule at St. Paul, go to [stpaulqc.org/worship](http://stpaulqc.org/worship)



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# THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.

Josh Kestner preaching, music by the Chorale