

ST. PAUL connections



A SUMMER OF SERVICE

The basement at St. Paul will be transformed into a living space for 75 or so high school students for several weeks this summer, as groups of kids from all over the country come to the Quad Cities to serve for a week at a time.

YouthWorks is a nationwide initiative that connects teens with their faith, each other, and communities through life-changing mission trips. Today, the first crew will arrive.

The teams of teens will be here through the beginning of August.

St. Paul is one of dozens of communities nationwide that host YouthWorks. The organization's staff, along with caring adult leaders, guide teens through a week of thoughtful service and learning about God.

To learn more, visit youthworks.com.



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The Quad Cities region has a number of fine hospitals. Of course, hospitals are only as good as the staffs that operate and lead them. If you see the word "host" tucked inside the word "hospital," you're an up and coming etymologist. If you notice the similarity between hospital and hospitality, you're downright smart.

The best hospitals understand their patients as guests, not just customers. The best churches understand guests as true sisters and brothers in faith, not merely visitors. The best individuals understand a stranger as their neighbor, not as someone not worth their time.

You can practice your hospitality around this church we call St. Paul. Whether you think you're a guest, or believe you might be a host, doesn't matter. You're here and you belong!

today at st. paul

June 10/11 - St. Barnabas

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 11: 19-26;
Matthew 10: 7-16

next weekend

June 17/18 - Pentecost 2

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

Readings: Exodus 19: 2-8a; Romans 5: 1-8;
Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8[9-23]

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 June 8)

*Ewelina Bergert
Mary Fisher
*Edie Hiler
Pat Megown
Lamoine Rekemeyer

Wedding:

Lindsey Harmsen & Chris Gansemer,
June 3

Deaths:

Grace Dennhardt, June 4
Dwain Ruser, June 1

With sympathy:

Sherry & Dennis Burmeister, her mother Grace Dennhardt
Laura & Dave Chester, her father Gary Marti
Carolyn Chester, grandfather Gary Marti
Barb Ruser, husband Dwain Ruser
Steve & Allier Ruser, his father Dwain
Haley & Elijah Ruser, grandfather Dwain

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

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*

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*



It was a fantastic week of awesome adventures at VBS, 678 Experience, and Summer Stretch this week at St. Paul. Kids and teens discovered their strength in God with epic music, fantastic Bible stories, amazing snacks, and all sorts of fun. The verse for the week was Psalm 34:14b: Do good! Seek peace and go after it!



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 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 **Saturday, June 10, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Wednesday, July 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

ENTERING THE REFORMATION: On the four Wednesdays in July (5, 12, 19, & 26), St. Paul pastors and staff will lead a lunch-time series about the four doors of the reformation, doors of the places that offered key backdrops to the life of Luther. They include his monastery, University of Wittenberg, Wartburg Castle, and his home. Bring a sack lunch and come to the Library Commons, 12 noon-1 p.m. The first session on July 5 will be *Monastery Door - Security and seclusion*. Ryan Baily, ryan@stpaulqc.org

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: **Lydia:** June 13, 11:30 a.m. (Sam's Diner); **Ridgecrest:** June 13, 2 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); **Sarah:** June 13, 11 a.m. (Sam's Diner). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

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, June 13, 7 p.m., downstairs at Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Brett Hagen, hagenman@gmail.com

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, June 15, 5 p.m. in the Church House Living Room. Belinda Holbrook, bholbrook@mchsi.com

PRIMETIME AT THE RIVER

BANDITS: Primetime (for people in their 50s/60s/70s or thereabouts) will cheer on the River Bandits at a game at Modern Woodmen Park on Saturday, June 24. Meet at Gazebo 1 (first one west of the ballpark) at 5 p.m. to share appetizers. Tickets are \$10 each to be paid to Tom Lahl at the gazebo. Signup at the Info Center. Contact: Tom and Joan Lahl, 563-320-8760.



MISSION APPALACHIA: FALL DATES SET

The dates for a fall trip to Appalachia have been set. Help make homes warmer, safer, and drier, October 7-14, 2017. Cost is \$325. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Swing a hammer and make new friends. Volunteers will work throughout the summer to build a house for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. Interested in helping? The dates of build days include:

- ▶ Saturdays, June 17, July 22, and August 12, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ▶ Wednesdays, June 14 and July 19, 5-8 p.m.

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



OF SPECIAL NOTE

LUNCH FOR HABITAT CREWS: Perhaps swinging a hammer or putting up siding isn't your forte, but making a few sandwiches for a St. Paul crew working on a Habitat home this summer is. Would you be willing to help, with several others, provide lunch for a dozen or so volunteers on Saturdays, June 17 or July 22? Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or contact Pastor Katy, katy@stpaulqc.org for more information.

WOMEN'S CHOIR: On Sunday, June 25, women of all ages are invited to be part of a choir at 9:20 a.m. worship. There will be two rehearsals: Sundays June 11 and June 18 at 10:30 a.m. on the Lower Level in Room 011. If you have any questions, contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 214.

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? SING A SONG? A much-loved tradition of summer at St. Paul is people sharing their musical talents during 9:20 a.m. worship. Maybe a flute-trombone duet could do, or perhaps you'd like to take your place on the piano bench. Watch for opportunities for a men's choir, women's choir, and family choir this summer, too. Interested? Contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

SUMMER CELEBRATIONS: The St. Paul Book Corner is open this Sunday morning. Stop in to find cards and gifts of faith for all kinds of special occasions, including graduations, Father's Day, baptisms, weddings, and birthdays. This book store is a non-profit congregational venture to help people make the Christian faith a seven-day-a-week experience. Prices are below retail; no tax is charged.

HOLY BAPTISM: Four children step into the embrace of the Christian faith this weekend through holy baptism. During 5:30 p.m. worship Saturday, Olivia Ditzler, daughter of Jaelyn Sciacero and Dan Ditzler; Grant Kintner, son of Amy and Mike Kintner; and Paisley Hamann, daughter of Kara and Tim Hamann. During 11 a.m. worship Sunday, Audrey Rathje, daughter of Jessica and Charlie Rathje. We welcome them into the Lord's family.

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.



HELP IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

These plots of plants are grown to feed those who are food insecure. Volunteers are always needed to help with weeding, watering, and tending these veggies, herbs, fruits, and flowers. Next date is Monday, June 12, 6 p.m. Contact Matt Schroeder to help, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.