

ST. PAUL connections



FREEDOM

Summer time is a time of celebrating freedom. Memorial Day has passed, when we remembered those who protected our nation's freedom. Juneteenth was celebrated this week, commemorating the emancipation proclamation. The 4th of July is just around the corner. We commemorate these holidays to remind us of freedom, and the dedication it takes to live as a free society.

As we celebrate these holidays, we also need to remember the freedom we have that is far deeper than anything a country or nation can offer — the freedom God has given us through Christ. The gospel writer John says "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." In Christ we are freed from ways of life that kill our soul, we are freed from living as people who have no future, we are set free to live as holy and loved children of God. That is something we can celebrate all year long.

today at st. paul

June 24/25 - Pentecost 3

Preaching:

5:30/9:20 Amy Diller
8:00/11:00 Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

9:20 Women's Choir
Communion served at all services

Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39

next weekend

July 1/2 - Pentecost 4

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

Readings: Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

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 22)

*John Berry
*Jordan Drane
Tabatha McMahan
*Ken Thode
Ben Wollett

Adoptions:

Rosie, Maisie, & Marzell Kolwey, children of Jenny & Bill Kolwey

Birth:

Nolan Lewis, son of Suzie & Zach Lewis, June 13

Wedding:

Rachel Storjohann & Jon Davidshofer, June 17

With sympathy:

Mollie & Phil Hart, her mother Vivian Barrent
Dave & Karen Christianson, his father Einar "Chris" Christianson
Family of Virginia Rockrohr:
Gail & Gene Zager, her mother
Aryn & Ben Lloyd, her grandmother
Anne Zager, grandmother
Matt Zager, grandmother
Judy & Bill Cleaver, her father Walter Geuthen

MENTAL HEALTH Movie Nights

For four weeks beginning Wednesday, July 5, St. Paul Lutheran Church's Mental Health Awareness Team will host a midsummer mental health movie series. Come and watch a movie and join in discussion afterwards. Movies begin at 6:30 p.m., popcorn included.

The series is free and open to the public. It will include the showing of:

JULY 5, INFINITELY POLAR BEAR

Cameron Stuart lives with his wife and daughters in an isolated house in the countryside. When Cam is fired from his job, he experiences severe mental distress. His wife applies to an MBA program to improve her income and asks Cam to take care of the girls for 18 months. He agrees, despite his fears.

JULY 12, AS GOOD AS IT GETS

Melvin Udall, a cranky, obsessive compulsive writer, finds his life turned upside down when his neighbor is hospitalized and entrusts his dog to Melvin. And Carol, the only waitress at a local cafe who will tolerate him, must leave work to care for her sick son, making it impossible for Melvin to eat breakfast.

JULY 19, LIFE, ANIMATED

This is the inspirational story of Owen Suskind, a young man who was unable to speak as a child until he and his family discovered a unique way to communicate by immersing themselves in the world of classic Disney animated films.

JULY 26, TOUCHED WITH FIRE

A story about two poets with bipolar disorder whose art is fueled by their emotional extremes. Their passion breaks outside the bounds of sanity, swinging them from fantastical highs to tormented lows until they ultimately must choose between sanity and love.

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*



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MONDAY, JUNE 26

6pm Community garden harvest work
6pm Friends & Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

8:15am Madison Market food unloading
11:30am Staff lunch
1:30pm Madison Market
6pm Confirmation family meeting
7pm Confirmation family meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

9:30am Staff meeting
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
5:45pm Confirmation family meeting
6:30pm 678 Night

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

SATURDAY, JULY 1

5pm Book Corner open
5:30pm Worship
6:30pm Healing liturgy

SUNDAY, JULY 2

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

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

A NEW HOME

Othniel and Mwamini broke ground at their new home at 901 Farnam Street, Davenport. St. Paul people will help them build their home this summer (and already pitched in to help raise another). To sign up, visit stpaulqc.org/signups.



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 **Wednesday, July 19, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, August 19, 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

SIGN UP FOR CONFIRMATION: Students entering 7th grade this fall are encouraged to sign up now for St. Paul's confirmation program. Meeting the first three Wednesdays of each month from September through April, confirmation is key to shaping the faith of middle school students. For more information and registration materials, contact Ryan Bailey, ryan@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 224.

678 NIGHT: Wednesday, June 28, 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

SO ALL MAY EAT: Saturday, July 29. 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. Meet in the lower level kitchen at 2:30 p.m. for meal prep; 5 p.m. for food delivery and serving. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

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 June 26. *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, sara@stpaulqc.org



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 26, 6 p.m. Contact Matt Schroeder to help, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.



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 5:** Monastery Door, Peter W. Marty and Karen Holden
- ▶ **July 12:** Wittenberg Door, Ryan Bailey and Amy Diller
- ▶ **July 19:** Wartburg Castle Door, Katy Warren and Ann McGlynn
- ▶ **July 26:** Home Door, Sara Olson-Smith and Tammy Hermanson

OF SPECIAL NOTE

FAREWELL TO RESIDENT PASTOR AMY DILLER: The St. Paul congregation will bid farewell to Pastor Amy during worship services and congregational receptions following each service the weekend of July 15/16. Pastor Amy's two-year call to serve in the St. Paul pastoral residency program concludes that weekend. If you'd like to donate to a gift for Amy, please write a check to St. Paul clearly marked for "Resident Gift." You're also invited to send individual cards or notes to the church, or drop a written expression in the basket on farewell weekend. To serve as a reception cookie baker or host, please contact Tammy Hermanson, tammy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x215.

A MARVELOUS GROUP OF NEW MEMBERS joins today, Sunday, June 25, at the 11 a.m. service. Look for them in the Gathering Area after worship. Be part of their welcome through our own hospitality. Thanks for doing the favor of wearing a name tag and taking an interest in others you may not know.

A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, in the Church House Living Room. Each month, on the first Saturday, we provide an opportunity for individuals in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing to come and seek God's goodness and care.

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 Saturday, July 22? Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or contact Pastor Katy, katy@stpaulqc.org for more information.

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 and a family choir this summer, too. Interested? Contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

- ▶ Saturday, July 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., morning & afternoon crew, lunch crew
- ▶ Saturday, August 12, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., morning & afternoon crew

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