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# journey



# No safe zones

A few little kids were playing tag on our church playground last Sunday. Eeny, meeny, miny, moe. Then, they'd all go scrambling.

Someone designated as "it" chases down a bunch of other friends running like mad until another player gets tagged. Then that one becomes "it." That's how the game works. Kids or adults run without plot, rest, or end until they decide to quit in their exhaustion.

Not every game of tag must end. There are ten males who attended a Spokane, Washington, Catholic prep school in the 80s, and who have been playing the same game of tag for 26 years. That's correct – 26 years.

This funny band of ten, all now approaching 50-years old, played tag in high school before disbanding for college and careers across the country. Joey Carferro, nicknamed "Beef," was the last guy tagged before high school graduation. After years of recognizing that he would be "it" for life, a permanent distinction of humiliation by his reckoning, Joey concocted a plan. He and his buddies settled on continuing the game. It would be live for the entire month of February every year. The person tagged as "it" would have to live with that label for a full year, since there are no "tag-backs."

Joe Tombari, one of the gang now teaching math at the same high school, speaks of the fear that February brings on. "You're like a deer or elk in hunting season," he said. Any one of the guys who is not "it" becomes fair game. One player schedules an extended vacation for Hawaii each February, just to hide. Tombari himself locks his classroom door during off-periods, fearful that one of his out-of-town buddies will surprise him.

Over the years different members of the group have hidden in bushes for days, or donned fake disguises to appear as a street vagrant, a package delivery driver, and even an elderly granny. Pat was tagged "it" at his dad's funeral one year when his buddy walked forward for communion and placed his hand on Pat's shoulder, only to whisper, "You're it." They both laughed. Clearly, there are no safe zones in this 26-years-and-running game.

Sean Raftis, another one of the Tag Brothers, is now a Catholic priest in Montana. He knows he's a sitting duck on Sunday mornings. "Once I step foot outside the rectory, all bets are off," he says. Raftis and others breathe a huge sigh of relief come March 1 each year.

What is so wonderful about these grown men playing tag across whole time zones is the way they transcend distance. Most of us stay connected with our far-away friends through technology. We send a text, write a letter, place a call, or engage FaceTime. But the infec-

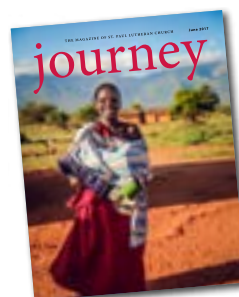
tious camaraderie of the Tag Brothers is built on personal contact – that is, literal touch. For Joe Tombari, the lessons others might gain from their silliness are simple: "Be friends. Care for each other. Don't be afraid to push yourself and go out and connect with somebody. Tell 'em you care about 'em."

When the Christian calendar rolls around to Ascension Day every spring, Christians mark that 40th day after Easter as the going up, up, and away of Jesus. The scriptures tell us that Jesus, led to sit at God's right hand and rule over more than Palestine, did something important before he ascended into that cloud. He tagged his followers, breathed a little up-close spirit into them, and took off. He challenged them to be the church, and assured them there would be no safe zones in their work.

We've been trying to make sense of that tag and challenge ever since. In our best moments, we act like true witnesses, declaring what we have heard, seen, looked at, "and touched with our own hands concerning the word of life" (1 John 1:1). Caring for others. Being unafraid to push ourselves and go out and connect with a whole lot of somebodies. Telling them we care about 'em. It's a game that's hardly confined to February. It's a way of life that never ends.



**PETER W. MARTY**  
senior pastor



**ON THE COVER:**

A woman who lives in the area where Empower Tanzania works.

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## Support, prayer groups continue to meet during summer

While the pace at St. Paul slows down a bit during the summer, prayer and support groups continue their meeting times.

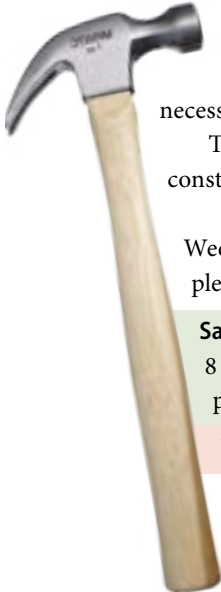
**Adult Children of Alcoholics:** On Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., this is a group for people who grew up in dysfunctional homes of any type. Learn together and support each other using a spiritual approach to problems. Contact: Dick Jensen, [rrjensen65@gmail.com](mailto:rrjensen65@gmail.com).

**Centering Prayer:** Centering prayer was originally used by Christian monks. Today, this holistic prayer helps release unhealthy emotions, while deepening and personalizing your relationship with God. Meet Thursday evenings, 6-7 p.m. Contact: Marcia Jensen, [jensenyetta@gmail.com](mailto:jensenyetta@gmail.com).

**Survivors of Suicide Loss:** People who have suffered a loss from suicide often feel angry, depressed, hopeless, and isolated. This group provides a setting that offers nonjudgmental support, compassion, and hope. It meets on the first Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Deb and Joe James, [joedeb1984@gmail.com](mailto:joedeb1984@gmail.com).

**Friends and Family:** This group is for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness, meeting on the fourth Monday of every month, 6-7 p.m. There's no need to sign up, just come. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).

## Habitat for Humanity build dates set for summer



Put on a tool belt and help build simple, decent houses through this ecumenical ministry. Each summer, St. Paul volunteers work alongside families who dream of owning a home – and do the work necessary to make that dream a reality.

The Quad-Cities Habitat chapter has built 100 homes, including those constructed with St. Paul funding and labor.

The address is 901 Farnam St., Davenport. Several Saturday and Wednesday evening dates are available to work with fellow St. Paul people. They are:

**Saturdays:** June 17, July 22, August 12. The morning shifts are 8 a.m.-noon, the afternoon shifts from noon-4 p.m. Lunch is provided; help is needed to provide lunch as well.

**Wednesday evenings:** June 14 and July 19, 5-8 p.m., dinner provided.

No previous building experience is necessary. To help, visit [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

## ST. PAUL TO HOST YOUTHWORKS THIS SUMMER

The lower level at St. Paul will be transformed into a living space for 75-or-so high school students for seven 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. They will be here from mid-June 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 the teens through a week of thoughtful service and learning about God.

To learn more, visit [youthworks.com](http://youthworks.com).

# Splash!

## All St. Paul swimming party to be June 10

St. Paul will host a swimming party at the Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center, 2828 Eastern Ave., Davenport on Saturday, June 10, 6-8 p.m. The event is free; sign up at [stpaulqc.org/sign-ups](http://stpaulqc.org/sign-ups).

Annie Wittenmyer has a variety of fun features. There is a pool with a zero-depth entry and water sprays. There's also a kiddie slide, two larger slides, diving board and sand area. The center has plenty of room for lounging, a concession area with large shelter and seating, too.

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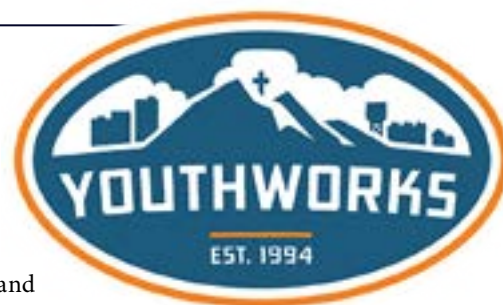
## Help harvest the community garden

The community garden is growing, and help is needed to weed, water, and harvest.

June thru October, the garden crew will be out in the sunshine, gathering fresh vegetables and other goodies for the Madison Market and St. Paul friends. Dates for June are June 12 and 26, 6-7 p.m. Gather in the plots, which are on the west side of the alleyway adjacent to the south parking lot.

Watch for more dates later this summer on Saturdays to harvest produce for Café on Vine.

Contact: Matt Schroeder, [schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com](mailto:schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com).





Summer discussion series

# LUTHER'S DOORS: Entering *the* Reformation

For four weeks this summer, July 5-26, 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.

## Monastery Door – Security & seclusion

July 5

From the moment Martin Luther entered the Erfurt monastery doors in 1505 until he exited in 1512, how did he experience life? Why did Luther enter this order of Augustinian hermits? Why did he depart? Where was he headed? Closed doors can do a lot of good. But can they also block us from the world? An open door can expand our minds and our lives to a larger world. Perhaps we like our doors left slightly ajar.

## Wittenberg Door – Transformation sparked

July 12

According to tradition, on October 31, 1517, Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther was a professor of Bible in Wittenberg and wished to begin a scholarly debate, grounded in scripture, about the practice of selling indulgences. What the authorities initially regarded as “a dispute among monks” sparked a transformation of the church and the entire Western world. The unleashing of God’s word is one of the great legacies of the Reformation.

## Wartburg Castle Door – Refuge & healing

July 19

Wartburg Castle blends into its forest surroundings and is in many ways the ideal castle. Although it has retained some original sections from the feudal period, the form it acquired during the 19th-century reconstitution gives a good idea of what this fortress might have been at the height of its power. It was during his exile at Wartburg Castle that Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German.

## Home Door – The threshold of hospitality

July 26

Luther and his wife Katherine opened the door of their home to all kinds of people. A friend described their constant flow of guests as a “miscellaneous crowd.” Students, exiled clergy and escaped nuns, politicians, children, and travelers gathered at their table for rich conversation. As we talk about the open hearts and doors of the Luther family, we’ll discover how we might deepen our own ability to welcome others into our lives, and discover the joy of homecoming.

Bring a sack lunch and come to the Library Commons, 12 noon-1 p.m., for a discussion about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

**July 5: Monastery Door**  
Peter Marty and Karen Holden

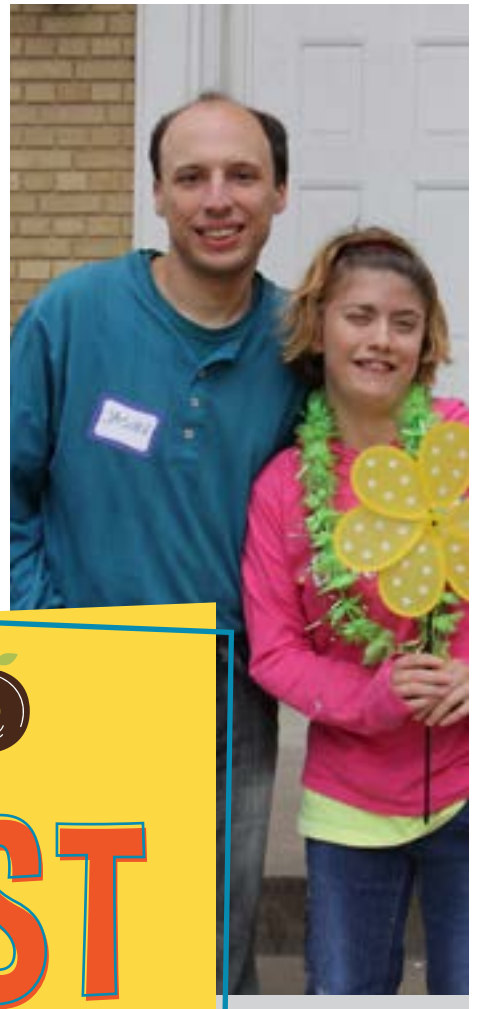
**July 12: Wittenberg Door**  
Ryan Bailey and Amy Diller

**July 19: Wartburg Castle Door**  
Katy Warren and Ann McGlynn

**July 26: Home Door**  
Sara Olson-Smith and Tammy Hermanson

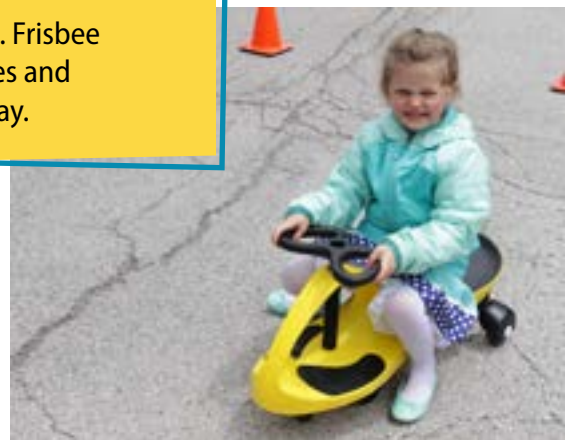


The St. Paul Book Corner has a selection of books for adults and children about Martin Luther and the reformation, including *The Life of Martin Luther Pop-Up Book* by Agostino Traini and *October 31, 1517: Martin Luther and the Day That Changed the World* by Martin E. Marty.



# CAMP MAYFEST

Food. Music. Gaga Pit. Face painting. Dancing. Frisbee golf. Mayfest was all sorts of fun, with smiles and togetherness on a chilly, chilly day in May.



# WEZESHA TANZANIA

Empower Tanzania works in a rural area of the country, focused on women's health, gender-based violence, clean water, farming practices, and the education of vulnerable children

When Efra Nzota interviewed for a job with Empower Tanzania, she told the interviewers that she was one of five girls in her family. She always had the idea that her father was disappointed he had no sons.

"She then set a determined look on her face and in a firm voice said her personal goal was to show him that girls can accomplish just as much as boys," said Jeff Carithers, MD, who is a volunteer program manager with Empower Tanzania. "She spoke passionately about gender and gender-based violence and her desire to help these victims. To be clear, most Tanzanian women have a demure, almost shy character, speak softly and even seem to avoid eye contact. I clearly remember a strong feeling at the time that this was to be our new em-

the Community-Hospital Alliance.

"There is no greater joy than seeing women change and adopt new knowledge on how to take good care of their families, have a healthy life, and be empowered," Efra said. "In Africa in general, everything is scarce – water, food, health facilities, schools. But when women are provided with just simple health knowledge like hand-washing, using safe and clean water, and nutrition, they take that education to their children and their families. This is a greater way of building an educated generation in the future."

Empower Tanzania is nearly a decade into its work in a rural area of the country, focused on women's health, gender-based violence, clean water, farming practices, and the

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operations and is the board president of Empower Tanzania.

Phil Latessa, who lives in central Iowa, is also on that list of people from the beginning. After years of working as an administrator for private and government organizations in Iowa, Phil serves as the executive director of Empower Tanzania. "When you see what came from where we started..." Phil said, "We're making a difference."

Empower Tanzania has trained a bevy of local well mechanics and has repaired and dug wells so that women and children do not need to walk miles for water. They are working with farmers to strengthen farming practices to withstand times of difficult climate. They have education centers that focus on the most vulnerable children of communities, encouraging them to stay in school as long as possible. One such center opened earlier this year, offering English to students so they have a better chance to be accepted into, and then do well in, secondary school.

The programs that Efra leads are focused on women in particular.

**The Improving Women's Health program:** This initiative trained 33 women on basic health education. They are equipped



ployee."

Efra had recently completed her bachelor's degree when Empower Tanzania announced that job position. "I can do this," she said to herself.

Today, Efra manages three programs for the non-governmental organization that works in rural areas of the country – the Improving Women's Health program, the Beyond Gender-Based Violence program, and

education of vulnerable children.

Its roots are in Iowa and the Same (pronounced SA-may) District of Tanzania, where relationships with churches and nonprofits began with the idea of caring for people dying of AIDS. A few grants helped get things off the ground. Two people who have been involved since the beginning include Todd and Lori Byerly, who lived in Tanzania for five years. Todd now serves as St. Paul's director of



St. Paul's Mission Board added two organizations to the congregation's benevolence this year – Empower Tanzania and Project Renewal (see page 8). Empower Tanzania will receive \$2,000.



with small, portable projectors loaded with Swahili-language videos, which are now shown to thousands of people monthly. “They are educating their fellow villagers how to prevent communicable diseases and live a healthy life with available resources in their areas,” Efra said.

**Beyond Gender-Based Violence program:** Ten groups of 10 women, each who have experienced violence from spouses or relatives, participated in counseling for two years. They are now emerging as entrepreneurs leading their own businesses.

**Community-Hospital Alliance program:** This program centers on the Maasai community, connecting them with health facilities. Most Maasai live in remote areas of the region. Thirty-four Maasai women are now trained as community health workers, providing basic health care in their villages and referring to the closest hospital if needed.

Earlier this year, every single one of the 100 women who are part of the Beyond Gender-Based Violence program gathered together.

They were there for further training and to celebrate their transformation from victims to entrepreneurs. The women now run businesses, producing and selling reusable menstrual pads, liquid soap, and fabric. The two-day event was held for many reasons, but a highlight was payment for the sale of their products. For many, it was the first time they had earned income of their very own.

With singing and dancing, they celebrated Efra's leadership. The women lifted her high into the air in appreciation.

“One big challenge is that for ages, women in Africa have been seen as weak, voiceless, dependent, and less important,” Efra said. “Now things are changing and many women are coming out and expressing their interest in being economically independent.

“But still there are some who live under the shadow of fear. As an organization and as a team, we are still educating them and letting them know that if others can do things and make changes in their life, they can too. This is a process and it needs time to change. We believe that through women, we can change the whole community.”

And one more note about Efra's father. “I have met Efra's father several times and he is very proud of her,” Jeff Carithers said. “I have a feeling he was proud of her, even as a child.”

## EMPOWERING WOMEN: AN IMMERSION TRIP TO AFRICA

Leslie Klipsch of Empower Tanzania and Ann McGlynn of St. Paul will lead a late spring/early summer 2018 immersion journey to Tanzania.

The itinerary will include visits to a water project, a gender-based violence initiative, a village health clinic, and a club for the area's most vulnerable children and families. In the evening, time will be devoted to conversation and contemplation. The guiding principles of this time away will be simple: to be with the people of the area, learn about their lives, and be inspired by their work.

The journey will be 10-12 days, including travel time, at a cost of approximately \$3,500. It is limited to 10 people.

An introductory meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m., at St. Paul. Additional gatherings will be held on evenings in October, January, and March. These times will focus on logistics, learning, and community building.

To learn more about Empower Tanzania, visit [empowertz.org](http://empowertz.org). Photos by Jennie Peakin.

# Welcome to The Treat House

Project Renewal is steady presence in  
Davenport neighborhood

It's pretty quiet at the Treat House on this Friday afternoon. It's about 2:20 p.m., and Ann Schwickerath is sitting in the living room chatting with visitors.

There's a knock on the door – the sign that the quiet is about to come to an energetic end.

"Hi! My name is Alejandro," the first kiddo in the door says as he shakes the hand of one of the visitors. He is followed by a couple of others, then a few minutes later, a couple of others, and then a few more – until about 30 kids fill the house at 5th and Warren streets in Davenport.

"How was your day?" Ann asks one of the kids in the afterschool and summer program she's led with Carl Callaway, for nearly 25 years. "Stars all week!" she exclaims while checking a school planner. "Howdy, pal!" she says to yet another as he comes inside, sheds his coat, and sets down his backpack.

The kids counter with questions like "Can I go do homework?" and "Can I get a treat?"

The organization is officially called Project Renewal, but everyone knows it as the Treat House. There's no sign outside of the two houses and park that make up the campus – because no sign is needed.

Ann and Carl live in one of the houses. The free-of-charge program is centered in the other house, with a computer lab, study space, shelves of games, and a well-stocked pantry and refrigerator. With about 50 kids on the roster at any given time, the afterschool program runs from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and the summer program at Sister Concetta Park from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

"We're a family here," says Ann. "We watch out for each other. We help each other out."



Sister Concetta Bendicente came to Davenport from Chicago to serve from her order, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. She moved in to the neighborhood just west of downtown Davenport, near St. Mary's Church. Sister Concetta often spent time walking through the area. One day, she encountered a group of kids along Fifth Street. They were crying and scared – their grandfather was having a seizure and they thought he was dying.

Sister Concetta set her sights on a condemned house at Fifth and Warren streets. She led the effort to fix it up, and to be a positive presence in the neighborhood, caring for the elderly, homeless, and children. This was in the mid-1970s, when social service agencies were few and far between.

Over time, the focus shifted to children. They turned the empty lot across the street into a park. And the name changed to Project Renewal.

The once-condemned house is where Ann and Carl live. The park is Sister Con-



Project Renewal is one of two new organizations St. Paul began supporting in 2017 through our Daily Ministry budget, with a contribution of \$2,000.

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— ANN SCHWICKERATH



cetta Park. And more recently, the organization purchased an empty house next door to expand its program.

The goal? Educating, building self-esteem, and affirming each child for his or her individual worth. Time there focuses on non-violent conflict resolution skills, interpersonal relationships, constructive use of time, and appropriate social behaviors.

It's why kids knock on the door and wait to hear "Come in!" before they come in. It's why they introduce themselves to visitors. It's why they ask to do homework. It's why they ask for a treat.

It's why, when they talk with Ann, Carl, or any one of the volunteers, their faces light up with big smiles.

Volunteers are an important part of Project Renewal. Regulars, like Amy and Dixie, huddle in small groups in the upstairs loft to listen to kids read aloud, or help as they finish their math homework for the day.

Project Renewal also serves as a learning place for people interested in working in under-resourced communities. For example, a partnership with Notre Dame brings students to Fifth and Warren streets every year. Youthworks groups that stay in the lower level of St. Paul during the summer go to work at Project Renewal, too.

This summer, kids in the Treat House summer program will take swimming lessons, be a part of a weekly Thursday night cookout, volunteer for the Bix at Six practice runs, and participate in city park & rec programs.



With the house filled with chatter, games, homework, and computer time now, Ann and Carl say goodbye to their visitors. It's a bright and sunny day, and the kids are about to head out to play at the park.

"Some of our families are overcoming past or present obstacles or abuses," Ann said. "We're hoping to set them up to succeed, to make good decisions, to make good choices."

But most importantly, Ann said, "We're just a neighbor."



## MEET A TREAT HOUSE GRADUATE:

# Jañee Jackson

As a Treat House kid all grown up, Project Renewal has a very special place in my heart.

My family and I lived on West 6th Street across from Sister Concetta Park. During the summers, my five brothers and sisters and I would play at the park and go on field trips with the summer staff. During the school year, we went to the "Treat House" to get homework help and play games.

I loved being around Director Ann Schwickerath and Assistant Director Carl Callaway because my home was not safe. At age 10, I was sexually abused repeatedly by my mother's live-in boyfriend. At 15, I thought I was pregnant and I turned to Ann and Carl for help. They became my saviors and notified the authorities.

Throughout the years, Ann and Carl have provided me with unconditional love and support in every part of my life. They've counseled me through the court trial for my mother's live-in boyfriend at 17, shared my successes in speech and debate competitions, and watched me graduate from high school, college, and graduate school.

They've taught me to be a positive presence for others – and I now work as a children's librarian for Des Moines Public Library. My fiancé and I are getting married later this year.

For more than 40 years, Project Renewal has positively strengthened the lives of children and families. I'm so proud of their accomplishments.

I'll always be proud to be a Treat House kid.



# new members / APRIL 2017



Amy Anderson, Emma, Faith, Raymond, Bridgette



Kelly Anderson



Alan & Brooke Barnes, Finn, Cooper



Laura Donaldson



Dave & Sue Folwell



Andrew & Lynse Gisel, Jace



Maggie Murray



Stacie Nelson, Shea



Elaine Olson



Kathy Schutman



Dillon & Mary Smith, Margo



Drew & Elizabeth Taylor

**AMY ANDERSON** has four children, Emma, Raymond, Bridgette, and Faith. Amy works as a hospice nurse at Genesis. The youth programs and commitment to the community are what attracted her to St. Paul.

**KELLY ANDERSON** is employed as a manager at Hardees in Moline. She loves gardening and being a grandma. Her son, Drew Taylor, joined with her (pictured separately).

**DEANNA BARNDS** (*not pictured*) recently moved to Davenport to be close to her family. Her son, Kent Barnnds and family, are members at St. Paul. In her free time she enjoys music and attending concerts, particularly the Quad City Symphony and Nova Singers.

**ALAN & BROOKE BARNES** have two boys, Cooper and Finn. Alan is a supply chain manager at HNI Corp and Brooke works as a health consultant with the Scott County Health Department. This couple likes golf, baseball, and time with family. The open beliefs and focus on community are what drew them to St. Paul.

**LAURA DONALDSON** works as a product manager at John Deere Seeding Group. She enjoys traveling and is studying for her masters in global management. What brought her to St. Paul? "The multiple ways to serve the community through Christ."

**DAVE & SUE FOLWELL** are retired and like to spend their free time golfing, reading, cooking, and being with friends. They're passionate about Meals on Wheels and social concerns. The welcoming atmosphere attracted them to St. Paul.

**ANDREW & LYNSE GISEL** have a little boy, Jace. Andrew is a programmer at HNI Corp and Lynse is employed as an occupational therapist at ManorCare. They enjoy gardening, hunting, skiing, and parenting.

**MAGGIE MURRAY** is employed as nurse bodywork practitioner at Subtle Energy Restorative Bodywork. She has two adult children and comes to St. Paul through friends.

**STACIE NELSON** has two daughters, Paige (*not pictured*) and Shea. Stacie is a second-grade teacher at Neil Armstrong Elementary in the North Scott School District. She likes to read, watch sporting events, and spend time with family. She's passionate about fighting type one diabetes through JDRE.

**ELAINE OLSON** is a retired pastor and counselor. She enjoys grandma time, reading, traveling, and writing. She was attracted to St. Paul by its generosity and openness to exploring a bigger understanding of the Holy. Her daughter is Pastor Sara Olson-Smith.

**KATHY SCHUTMAN** works as director of community volunteer support with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. She takes an interest in reading, baking, travel, and walking her dogs. The opportunities to connect and get involved in the community are what drew her to St. Paul.

**TODD & DEB SLOTHOWER** (not pictured) spend their free time traveling, golfing, and biking. Todd is a teacher in the Moline School District and Deb is a teacher at Riverdale Schools. They have two young adult daughters.

**DILLON & MARY SMITH** are the parents of 6-month-old Margo. Dillon is employed at John Deere and is involved in the track program at Augustana College. Mary is a stay-at-home mom to baby Margo and enjoys triathlons.

**DREW & ELIZABETH TAYLOR** enjoy staying active, sports, and exercising. Drew is a paramedic with Genesis and Elizabeth works as a bartender and server at the Filling Station. The welcoming atmosphere is what drew them to St. Paul.

**MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS**

Learn more about the faith expressions that ground us, the mission commitments that inspire us, and the program life that can grow your faith. Come to an upcoming class on Saturday, June 10, 9-11:30 a.m. or Wednesday, July 19, 6:30-9 p.m.

Sign up at the Info Center or online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

**Council Notes**

The council approved the hiring of two interns for the 2017-2018 school year, one for communications and one for the youth program.

Griffin Rasche will be a senior at St. Ambrose University, from Camanche, Iowa. Griffin, who will work with the communications department, is majoring in multimedia journalism and strategic communications. She works as a director/producer at SAUtv, a features editor at The Buzz, and is a tennis player.

Michelle Henry will be a senior at Augustana College, from Des Plaines, Illinois. In this brand new internship for St. Paul, Michelle will work closely with Andy Langdon, director of youth ministries. She is majoring in environmental studies and classical studies, with a strong desire to serve in the Church. She is an admissions ambassador and serves on the campus

ministries leadership team. She has also worked as a counselor at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado.

Work on the installation of two new boilers is well underway, with the hiring of Northwest Mechanical of Davenport for the project. The new, more-efficient system will be online by fall, in time for the winter heating season.

The council also affirmed a Memorial Gifts Committee decision to provide money to purchase a ping pong table and carpet ball table for youth programming. The ping pong table will be purchased this summer. The carpet ball table will be built by youth this summer, using tools as a lesson in preparation for the upcoming youth trip to Appalachia to help make homes warmer, safer, drier.

**HELLO TO SUMMER**

Summer life began at St. Paul in mid-May, with a break for learning and choirs. The worship schedule changed, too, with Open Spirit moving from 11:45 a.m. Sundays to 11 a.m. through Sept. 3.



**UPCOMING** *worship*

**JUNE 3 & 4**

*Season after Pentecost*

*PREACHING*

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

**JUNE 10 & 11**

*Season after Pentecost*

*PREACHING*

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

**JUNE 17 & 18**

*Season after Pentecost*

*PREACHING*

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

**JUNE 24 & 25**

*Season after Pentecost*  
*New Member Sunday, 11 a.m.*

*PREACHING*

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



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I thank you God for this most amazing day,  
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees,  
and for the blue dream of sky  
and for everything which is natural,  
which is infinite, which is yes.

— E.E. Cummings

