

ST. PAUL connections

MONDAY, JAN. 22

8:45am Preschool
6pm Friends & Family
7pm Adult learning team

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

6:45am Early morning book group
8am Madison Market setup
8:45am Preschool
12:30pm Madison Market

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

8:45am Preschool
9:30am Staff meeting
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6pm All choirs rehearsal
6:30pm Confirmation
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

8:45am Preschool
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
7pm Tanzania trip meeting

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

8:45am Preschool
9am Moms' Morning

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

8am Worship
9am Book Corner open
9:20am Worship
10:45am One-year-old faith milestone
10:45am Learning for all
11:45am Worship
6:30pm Sunday Night Live small groups
7:15pm SNL

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS

are available at the Info Center and online at www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand.



FISHING FOR PEOPLE?

Today we hear a story about Jesus interrupting a few professional fishermen to convince them to fish for people instead. Before we spend too much time trying to perfect this metaphor (Where do the nets fit into this new career of fishing for people?), let's focus on this: Jesus' work is relational.

Following Jesus involves people – for those ex-fishermen, Jesus' first disciples, and for us today. It involves getting to know people, caring for people, and showing people that they are beloved children of God.

The urgency and suddenness in this story causes us to stop and think about the people in our lives. How can we continue to love the people that we meet each day?

today at st. paul

January 20 & 21 - Epiphany 3

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

Worship notes:
8:00 St. Paul Quartet
9:20 Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

next weekend

January 27 & 28 - Epiphany 4

Preaching:
5:30/8:00 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
9:20/11:45 Katy Warren

Worship notes:
8:00 St. Paul Quartet
9:20 Cantate; Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28

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 Jan. 18)

*Vera Conner
Cynthia Lovig
Beckett Nau
Virginia Telsrow
*Arnie Thoren

Death:

Milton Beck, Jan. 16
Evie Haack, Jan. 16

With sympathy:

Brooke & Alan Barnes, her grandfather Karl Maass
Eric & Sondra Engstrom, his brother Ron Engstrom
James & Eunice Hayek, his father James Hayek
Erin & Scot Gehret, her grandfather James Hayek

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

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 Schneekloth *Campus and grounds*
Matt Spencer *Building manager*
Jim Akright *Custodial/Maintenance*
Paul Caldwell *Weekend host*
Terry Haru *Evening host*
Ron Mullen *Weekend host*
Nick Peterson *Weekend host*
Joe Wollett *Evening host*

LEARNING

Ryan Bailey *Director of faith formation*
Karen Strusz *Preschool director*
Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*
Michelle Juehring *Director of children's ministries*
Eyreka Barnes *Assistant to learning director*
Dana Welsler *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*

ALL ST. PAUL READS

Evicted

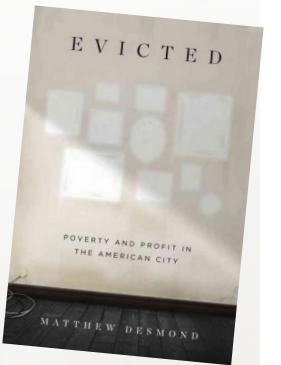
Gather together for dinner and discussion

All St. Paul Reads will be Thursday, Feb. 8, 6-8 p.m. at St. Paul. The book for 2018 is *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. It is the winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction.

Author Matthew Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the story of eight families on the edge. Arleen is a single mother trying to raise her two sons on the \$20 a month she has left after paying for their rundown apartment. Scott is a gentle nurse consumed by a heroin addiction. Lamar, a man with no legs and a neighborhood full of boys to look after, tries to work his way out of debt. Vanetta participates in a botched stickup after her hours are cut. All are spending almost everything they have on rent, and all have fallen behind.

Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers.

Dinner is provided that evening, as a thank you from the St. Paul Book Corner. Please RSVP outside the Book Corner or online at stpaulqc.org/signups. *Evicted* is available for purchase in the Book Corner.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

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

- ▶ Ages 3 & Pre-K: Main Level
- ▶ Grades K-2: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- ▶ Grades 3-5: Lower Level
- ▶ Grades 6-12: Lower Level

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL), GRADES 9-12 (5:30-8 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 re-charged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

ADULTS

LEARNING FOR ADULTS (10:45-11:30 AM)

- ▶ *Preventing tragedy:* Kirby White's 19-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, was killed 10 years ago by a person driving drunk. Stephanie Stebens' 8-year-old son, Kaleb, was critically injured 20 years ago by a person driving drunk. The two share their story as part of what are known as victim impact panels – people who share how their lives have been tragically altered, including by drunken driving. Kirby White and Stephanie Stebens, volunteers, Iowa Department of Correctional Services. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Women and justice (2 of 2):* Explore some underlying issues continuing to face women in today's American society, paying particular attention to portrayal of women in the media as well as human trafficking. We also take a look at the ELCA's proposed social statement on this issue, which will be voted on at the church-wide assembly in 2020. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder. In 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. 2 Corinthians with Pastor Josh Kestner. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Mental health check-in:* Lori Elam, Scott County Community Services, and Chris McCormick Pries, Vera French Community Mental Health. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Family balance in a digital world:* Ryan Bailey, director of faith formation. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *The Bible project:* Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder 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 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, Feb. 10, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Saturday, March 17, 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

FAITH MILESTONE

1-year-olds: Faith Forming Beginnings

Sunday, Jan. 28, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Gather together with fellow parents of children born in 2017. Connect with others experiencing the joy and exhaustion of life with a newborn. Learn more about what it means to form a child's faith from the very beginning.



youth

678 NIGHT: Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6:15-8 p.m. Crazy games, fun fellowship, and great Bible study—just for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. This month is a special event with other Lutheran churches from around the Quad Cities, hosted in the St. Matthew Lutheran Church gymnasium. Transportation will be provided. Meet at church and check in with Ryan Bailey. The bus will leave at 6:15 p.m. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

adults

EARLY MORNING BOOK GROUP:

Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 6, 6:45-7:30 a.m., Library Commons. Wake up with coffee and togetherness over a good book: *Searching for Happiness* by Martin Thielen. Discover how different spiritual practices can lead to a deeper sense of contentment and joy. The book is available in the St. Paul Book Corner. Please read chapters 1-3 for the first week. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

CC CONVERSATIONS is a first Thursday of the month discussion opportu-

nity open to all, 6 – 7:15 p.m. Discuss faith, politics, and culture with Peter Marty through ideas inspired by articles and news in *The Christian Century* (CC) magazine. **Pre-readings for Feb. 1 session are:** "Trash to table" (pp. 10-11) and "Sanctuaries test ICE enforcement" (pp. 12-13), both in the 1.17.18 issue of CC. Also read "Should churches serve those on sex offender registries?" (pp. 26ff) in the 1.31.18 issue of CC. Onsite copies on a special shelf in the library are available for reading.

2136, a ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s to be social, to study, and to serve, is dining out on Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined. Check out the 2136 Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/stpaul2136. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org

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." Explore its rich symbols, textured characters, and profound insight of the Gospel of John. Ryan Bailey, ryan@stpaulqc.org

CARE & SUPPORT

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Fourth Monday of each month, 6 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness, next gathering Jan. 22. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara, sara@stpaulqc.org

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS: Monday, Feb. 5, 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

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS is an anonymous Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition program of women and men who grew up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. Gathering every Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Upper Level Room 203, we meet with each other in a mutually respectful, safe environment and acknowledge our common experiences. We discover how childhood affected us in the past and influences us in the present. We take positive action. Dick Jensen, rrjensen65@gmail.com

OF SPECIAL NOTE

THE ST. PAUL BOOKSTORE: January is National Soup Month and the Book Corner has what you need to help celebrate it. Stop in and check out the variety of soup mixes from the Women's Bean Project. Free cornbread mix with the purchase of each soup mix!

KIDS' BAGS CREW: The kids' bags at St. Paul help keep kiddos' hands and minds occupied during worship. A crew of two to four is needed to help maintain the bags. On a flexible schedule, these volunteers visit St. Paul once or twice a month for a couple of hours to make sure the crayons are stocked, the small toys are in shape, and coloring pages are fresh. Contact: Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN and lined up alphabetically in the Elevator Commons. St. Paul members, please stop and pick up your personalized box. These envelopes are for you as a convenient reminder of the faithful discipline of giving.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

The congregational annual meeting includes items of important business for St. Paul members to review and consider, including a slate of leadership candidates and the 2018 budget.



So All May Eat

Several times a year, St. Paul people cook and serve at the Salvation Army at 6th and Harrison Streets. Needed are shoppers, cooks, and servers for:

- ▶ **Wednesday, January 31**
- ▶ **Saturday, March 31**

Volunteer to help at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.

Gustavus Adolphus College Choir coming to St. Paul

On Friday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m., the Gustavus Adolphus College Choir will perform in the St. Paul Sanctuary. This Midwest concert tour will feature an eclectic mix of music. Homestays are needed for the performers that Friday night. Sign up to host online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

