

# ST. PAUL connections

## Camp Shalom

Think summer: Registration now open for 2018

The staff at Camp Shalom is gearing up for a great summer for hundreds of kids and adults to come experience God in safe and nurturing environment.

Registration is now open for 2018 at [campshalomia.org](http://campshalomia.org) for kids entering second grade through high school. Sessions for adults with disabilities and family camp also are available.

The history of Camp Shalom and St. Paul runs deep.

St. Paul purchased land for a camp in 1976. Volunteers labored to turn the rough farmland into a working campsite. They constructed cabins, cleared trails, cooked meals, and created a summer program.

In 1982, St. Paul Lutheran raised money to build the Program Center. By 1995, many of the buildings from the master plan were in place. In 1996, Camp Shalom incorporated as an independent ecumenical ministry.

Today, hundreds of youth and families from more than 100 different congregations in the region support Camp Shalom. Every child is welcome at Camp Shalom without regard to race, gender, creed, or national origin.



### CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING



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.



### UNTAMED JESUS

Today we read about the very first action that Jesus did as part of his ministry – he taught with authority, and with that authority, cast out a demon. But here is the thing with this Jesus, we don't first meet him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger like some of our other Gospels, but Mark's Jesus has come to tell us that with God's reign set loose on the world, our understanding of authority and power gets turned upside down.

In C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, Aslan (the lion, who is the Christ figure) is depicted as being good, but untamed. This is the Jesus that we meet today in Mark. The untamed Jesus who comes to teach with authority, cast out demons, and break down those things that get in our way from loving God. Sometimes being a Christian isn't always easy because it forces us to go against the status quo. So think about how we, too, can be good untamed Christians.

### today at st. paul

#### 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

### next weekend

#### February 3 & 4 - Epiphany 5

Preaching:  
5:30/8/11:45 Sara Olson-Smith  
9:20 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:  
8:00 St. Paul Quartet  
9:20 Alleluia & Youth choirs; Chorale  
Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39

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](mailto:becky@stpaulqc.org).

#### Hospitalized: (\*released as of Jan. 25)

\*Cynthia Lovig  
Beckett Nau  
Delma Steffen  
\*Virginia Telsrow

#### Birth:

Cooper Vretis, son of Alyssa & Ryan Vretis, Jan. 16

#### Death:

Arnie Thoren, Jan. 25

#### With sympathy:

John & Kristin Foley, his mother Rose Marie Foley  
Madison, Sam, Lucy, & Will Foley, grandmother Rose Marie Foley  
Mark & Susie Haring, his mother Marian Haring  
Dave & Maria Masterson, son Jim Masterson  
Cassandra & Carter Ridenour, her step-brother Jim Masterson  
Barb Thoren, husband Arnie Thoren  
Chris & Tom Steger, her father Arnie Thoren  
Kailee, Bradley, & Lyndsey Steger, grandfather Arnie Thoren

### 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*



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#### MONDAY, JAN. 29

8:45am Preschool/Conferences

#### TUESDAY, JAN. 30

6:45am Early morning book group  
8:45am Preschool  
10am Aging Innovatively pre-testing  
5:15pm WELCA leaders Bible study

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

8:45am Preschool  
9:30am Staff meeting  
2:30pm So All May Eat meal prep  
5pm So All May Eat meal serving  
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics  
6pm All choirs rehearse  
6:15pm 678 Night

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 1

8:45am Preschool  
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study  
11:30am Staff lunch  
12:30pm Ruth circle  
6pm CC Conversations  
6pm Centering Prayer  
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal  
6:30pm 2136 young adults

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 2

8am Rosecrance training  
8:45am Preschool  
9am Moms' Morning

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 3

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

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 4

8am Worship  
9am Book Corner open  
9:20am Worship  
10:30 am Congregational annual meeting  
10:45am Learning for kids & youth through 8th grade  
11:45am Worship

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS are available at the Info Center and online at [www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand](http://www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand).

## 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 6-8: 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 recharged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

ADULTS

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

- ▶ *Mental health check-in:* The systems for providing mental health services in Iowa are changing. Hear from two of the Quad-Cities' leading experts about the eastern Iowa region's crisis services, initiatives that will be rolling out in the next year, and the funding to support the work. Lori Elam, Scott County Community Services, and Chris McCormick Pries, Vera French Community Mental Health Center. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Family balance in a digital world:* How much screen time is OK for kids? How do parents and kids alike keep devices from dominating our days? This follow-up conversation from the Digital Identity milestone for sixth-graders and their families is open to all. Ryan Bailey, director of faith formation. 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. Colossians with Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *St. Paul Annual Meeting of the Congregation:* Feb. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. See front page for more details. Adult learning will be on break. Kids and youth learning, 3-year-olds through 8th grade, will be held 10:45-11:30 a.m.

**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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups), at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

## DISCOVER & CONNECT

### FAITH MILESTONE

#### 1-year-olds: Faith Forming Beginnings

Today, 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

**FAMILY BIBLE STUDY:** Families with children of all ages are invited to a Bible study led by a St. Paul pastor on Sunday, Feb. 18, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Do you ever feel lost trying to figure out your faith? Sometimes things at church feel like a maze of activities. This family Bible study will introduce labyrinths, which help center a person through a contemplative practice. Experiential, hands-on activities for adults and kids will be included. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org

### adults

**CC CONVERSATIONS** is a first Thursday of the month opportunity open to all, 6 - 7:15 p.m., to discuss faith, politics, and culture with Peter Marty through ideas inspired by articles 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., at the Barrel House on Utica Ridge Rd., Davenport. Check out the 2136 Facebook page at [facebook.com/](http://facebook.com/)

[groups/stpaul2136](http://groups/stpaul2136). Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, [kelsey@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kelsey@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](mailto:joedeb1984@gmail.com)

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: **Anna** (day): Feb. 5, 12:30 p.m. (Dixie Kutzbach's home); **Anna** (evening): Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); **Dorcas**: Feb. 6, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); **Explore WELCA**: Feb. 8, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); **Lydia**: Feb. 5, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); **Ridgecrest**: Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); **Ruth**: Feb. 1, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); **Sarah**: Feb. 6, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, [tkmax2502@gmail.com](mailto:tkmax2502@gmail.com)

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN:** Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8 a.m. in the Library Commons. All men of St. Paul are welcome. The idea of Second Saturday Men is to strengthen guys of all ages in Christian faith, relationships, and service. Todd Byerly, [todd@stpaulqc.org](mailto:todd@stpaulqc.org)

**MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS:** Second Saturdays, 9 a.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering Feb. 10. Open for any woman who has experienced mother-loss at any time. We celebrate our mothers, deepen relationships, and develop a network for continuous healing. Nicole Rathje, [rathjefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rathjefamily@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:ryan@stpaulqc.org)

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

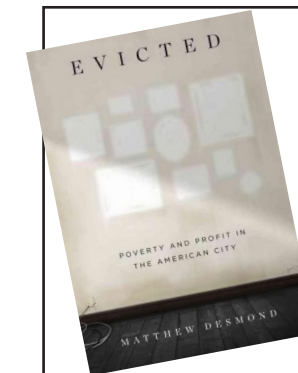
**A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY** will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, in the Church House Living Room. Each month, on the first Saturday, we provide an opportunity for individuals in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing to come and seek God's goodness and care.

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Jacob Elpers, son of Laura and Curt Elpers, steps into the Christian faith through holy baptism this weekend during 5:30 p.m. worship. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

**MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS:** Join a group of others Saturday, Feb. 10, 9-11:30 a.m., exploring life and faith in this place. Find out what the commitments, values, and directions are for this congregation. Sign up at the Info Center or online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org)

**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!

**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.



## Evicted

All St. Paul Reads | Feb. 8 | 6-8 p.m.

Gather together for dinner and discussion around *Evicted*, by author Matthew Desmond. To help with dinner planning, please sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) or outside of the Book Corner.

### 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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Chris Nelson, [chris@stpaulqc.org](mailto:chris@stpaulqc.org).



## Parents' GAME Night

Friday, Feb. 23, 5:30-8 p.m.  
Sign up online:  
[stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups)

