

ST. PAUL connections



HOW GOOD TO BE HERE

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John to a mountaintop where they see Jesus appear with Moses and Elijah. "Teacher," Peter says, "it is good for us to be here." It was good for the three disciples to witness the exhilarating, terrifying mountaintop events. They were given a preview of Jesus, the resurrected Christ. As it was happening, they couldn't possibly understand the fullness of what they were witnessing. It would not be until his resurrection that the disciples would understand what it means for Jesus to truly be the Son of God, Savior.

On Transfiguration Sunday, we too get a glimpse of what is to come. This experience helps carry us through the season of Lent. But it is not until we gather again on Easter Sunday that the fullness of our Lord is revealed.

today at st. paul

Feb. 10 & 11 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Preaching:

5:30/11:45 Peter W. Marty
8:00/9:20 Bishop Michael Burk

Worship notes:

8:00 St. Paul Quartet
9:20 Jubilate choir; Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9

next weekend

Feb. 17 & 18 - Lent 1

Preaching:

5:30/9:20 Josh Kestner
8:00/11:45 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder

Worship notes:

9:20 Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15

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 Feb. 8)

Tom Ahlstrand
Ewelina Bergert
*Bill Brunkan
Beckett Nau
Barb Ruser

With sympathy:

Mark & Pam Eckman, his mother
Dorita Eckman
Ben & Luke Eckman, grandmother
Dorita Eckman
Steve & Michelle Evans, his brother
Dave Evans
Rachel, Karly, Leah, & Peter Evans,
uncle Dave Evans
Barbrie Denato, niece

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

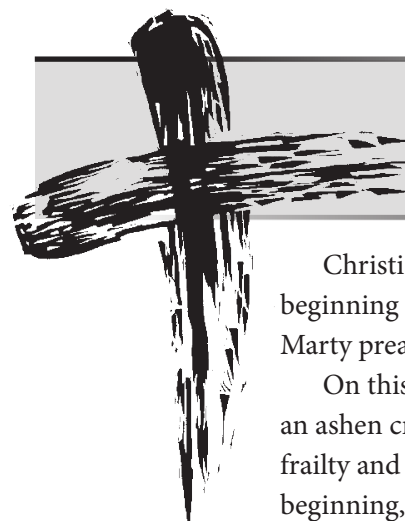
Todd Byerly *Operations director*
Paula Durham *Business manager*
Jennifer Garvey *Receptionist*
Tessa Hahn *Business office assistant*
Marcia Robertson *Stewardship coordinator*
Harris Schneekloth *Campus and grounds*
Matt Spencer *Building manager*
Jim Akright *Custodial/Maintenance*
Paul Caldwell *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*



ASH WEDNESDAY

*This Wednesday,
Feb. 14, 12 noon & 7 p.m.*

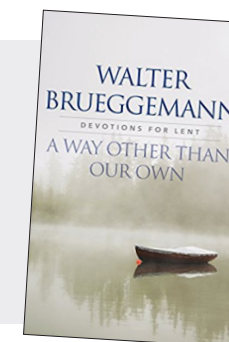
Christians gather on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of the Lenten journey to Easter. Pastor Peter Marty preaches for these services of Holy Communion.

On this solemn day you'll receive, if you'd like, an ashen cross on the forehead reminding us of our frailty and sin. It's an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.

- **12 noon:** This 45-minute service is a meditative respite in the work day.
- **7 p.m.:** The evening service includes music by the Chorale, along with a message for the children. Staffed childcare will be available.

DEVOTIONAL BOOK: *A Way Other Than Our Own*

Walter Brueggemann's thought-provoking reflections for the season of Lent invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking the way of grace. The book is available in the Book Corner.



THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

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

- ▶ Ages 3 & Pre-K: Main Level
- ▶ Grades K & 1: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- ▶ Grade 2: Lower Level, Fellowship 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

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

- ▶ *The four As of forgiveness*: Forgiveness is a key component of our faith journey but is also an integral skill for lasting and fulfilling relationships. Discuss a four-step process of bringing repair to your relationship in a real and meaningful way. Derek Ball, St. Paul member and licensed marriage and family therapist. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Into the depths - grief and spirituality*: Both our spirituality and our experiences of loss pull us into deep places. In this class, we will explore how grief and spirituality profoundly connect and help us grow in relationship with God and one another. Lynn Batcher, deacon and retired hospital chaplain. 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. John with Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. In Room 208.

ADULTS

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Secular poetry and faith*: Paul Olsen, professor of English, Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Family Bible study*: In Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ *The Bible project*: 1 Timothy with Pastor Katy Warren. 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, March 17, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Monday, April 16, 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

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SECOND GRADE MILESTONE: Today, Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:45-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Led by Pastor Katy Warren, children and parents will learn about the Ten Commandments. Michelle Juehring, michelle@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. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

adults

EXPLORE WELCA CIRCLE: On Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., enjoy time together and a Bible study with women of St. Paul. This circle of the Women of the ELCA, as are all of the circles, is committed to growing faith, affirming gifts, supporting one another in our callings, engaging in ministry and action, and promoting healing and wholeness. Karin Hanson, tkmax2502@gmail.com

LACE UP YOUR SKATES and join 2136 at Frozen Landing, corner of Middle and 23rd Streets in Bettendorf. 2136 is a ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s to be social, to study, and to serve. Join the ice skating fun on Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m. Skating is free; skate rental is \$2. In case of inclement weather, check the 2136 Facebook page. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org



ANNUAL REPORT & VIDEO

The St. Paul annual meeting was held last Sunday, Feb. 4. The congregational annual meeting included items of important business for St. Paul members to review and consider, including a slate of leadership candidates and the 2018 budget. The 2017 annual report is available, one per household, at the Info Center. The end-of-year video is available to view online at: vimeo.com/stpaulquadcities.

Parents' GAME Night

Friday, Feb. 23, 5:30-8 p.m.
Sign up: stpaulqc.org/signups
Sean Harless, sharless57@gmail.com



Walking the Grief Journey

Sundays, Feb. 25-March 25, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

On five Sundays, this supportive and compassionate series is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Explore anger, depression, fears, acceptance, and new strength for a hopeful future.

Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.
Contact: Lynn Batcher, deacon and retired hospital chaplain, ldbatcher@hotmail.com.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

BISHOP MICHAEL BURK of the Southeastern Iowa Synod (ELCA) is our guest preacher at the 8:00 and 9:20 services this weekend. St. Paul Lutheran is one of more than 125 congregations in this synod. We welcome Bishop Burk warmly.

HOLY BAPTISM: Three children step into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism this weekend: Finn Barnes, son of Brooke and Alan Barnes; Kynlee Clark, daughter of Chelsea and Tyler Clark; and Brett Forinash, son of Janet and Bryan Forinash. We welcome them into the Lord's family.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION SET FOR 2018-2019: Fall 2018 registration for St. Paul Preschool will take place Feb. 27-28, 9 a.m.-12 noon, for currently enrolled students. New students will register on March 6-7, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Preschool provides a rich variety of age-appropriate developmental activities in a Christian atmosphere. Opportunities abound for growth and learning for kids ages 2-5. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Karen Strusz, 326-3547, x219, or karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org.

THE PRAYER CHAIN works quietly and steadily behind the scenes. If you have a prayer request, contact the Prayer Chain. It may be for a problem or illness, or in praise or thanksgiving. No request is too small. Requests are worded for confidentiality. Contact: Marge Irwin, 563-391-3632, dmirwin1@aol.com.



NOVA SINGERS CONCERT

Sunday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

Tickets will be available at the door, \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors.

RESTORE faith RECLAIM life

Wednesdays in Lent
Feb. 21 - March 21

- ▶ **Worship | 12 noon-12:30 p.m.**
Chapel gatherings will include music, silence, a pastoral reflection, and Holy Communion.
- ▶ **Suppers | 5:30-6:55 p.m.**
Enjoy a meal in community. Catered by HyVee, there will be a different menu each week. A freewill donation of \$8/person or \$20/family is welcome to cover the cost.
- ▶ **Lenten study: Learning from Lives Reclaimed | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**
Large group session led by Ryan Bailey, followed by small group discussion. In the Luther Loft. No need to sign up, just come.
- ▶ **Worship | 7-7:35 p.m.**
A service in the Sanctuary features the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy. *Restore Faith, Reclaim Life* is the unifying theme. The message will be centered on a different word each week: reliant, rehearse, relax, restraint, renovate.