



Jesus makes it clear that faith is built on loving God and loving each other. As we worship, we not only give God thanks and praise, but we practice being God's loving people. For this reason and so many others, we share the peace of Christ with each other every week in worship.

We say to those around us: "peace be with you." As we do, we pray that Christ's peace pours into their lives and that we will be formed together in loving community. You might shake hands or give a high five as you say those words, but that's not essential. You can just speak them with a warm smile and look the other person in the eyes with kindness.

When the time comes, simply turn to the person next to you (even better: turn first to someone you don't really know) and really see them as a fellow beloved child of God, and share in Christ's peace.

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. 1)

- \*Beckett Nau
- Delma Steffen
- Bill Storjohann

**With sympathy:**

- Mary Tjarks, sister Pamela Hammond

# ST. PAUL connections

## MY NOTES FROM TODAY



St. Paul's annual meeting will be held today (Sunday) at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

This meeting includes items of important business: approving the 2018 budget, the review of 2017 financials and annual report, and a vote on the slate of candidates for congregational council, mission board, as well as the endowment, memorial, and nominating committees. Pastor Peter Marty will present a report, and a year-in-review slideshow will be shown.

The church leadership candidates to be considered at the annual meeting are:

- **Church Council:** Glen Hummel, Annie Stern, Dave Tews
- **Mission Board:** Colleen Czupka, Lee Marbach, Angie Vaaler
- **Endowment Committee:** Tina Harper, Will Sybesma
- **Memorial Gifts Committee:** Jean McGee, June Weiss
- **Nominating Committee:** Rachel Evans, Duane Haas

Anyone is welcome to attend. Who can vote? Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed and made a contribution of record to St. Paul.



### today at st. paul

**Feb. 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

### next weekend

**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

### 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, FEB. 5**

8:45am Preschool  
9am Lydia circle  
10:30am Preschool board meeting  
12:30pm Anna day circle  
6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

**TUESDAY, FEB. 6**

6:45am Early morning book group  
8:45am Preschool  
9:15am Dorcas circle  
1pm Aging Innovatively group sessions  
1:30pm Sarah circle  
6:30pm Anna evening circle  
7:30pm Youth leader Bible study

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7**

8:45am Preschool  
9:30am Staff meeting  
5pm Book Corner open  
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics  
6pm All choirs rehearse  
6:15pm Men's Bible study  
6:30pm Confirmation/parents' night  
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

**THURSDAY, FEB. 8**

8:45am Preschool  
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study  
6pm All St. Paul Reads  
6pm Centering Prayer  
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

**FRIDAY, FEB. 9**

8:45am Preschool  
9am Moms' Morning  
1:30pm Ridgecrest circle  
5pm Gustavus choir dinner  
7:30pm Gustavus choir concert

**SATURDAY, FEB. 10**

8am Patterns class  
8am Second Saturday Men  
9am Membership inquiry class  
9am Motherless Daughters  
9:30am Gustavus choir drop off  
5:30pm Worship

**SUNDAY, FEB. 11**

8am Worship  
9am Book Corner open  
9:20am Worship  
10:30 am Environmental team  
10:45am Learning for all ages  
11:45am Worship  
6:30pm Sunday Night Live small groups  
7:15pm SNL



## 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 will not be meeting this Sunday, Feb. 4. Be sure to join the fun next Sunday, Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

ADULTS

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

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

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *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:* 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.

**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

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**SECOND GRADE MILESTONE:** Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:45-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Led by Pastor Katy Warren, children and parents will learn about the Lord's Prayer, a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. 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. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org

adults

**CENTERING PRAYER:** Thursdays, 6 p.m., Upper Level Room 203. Practice an ancient prayer form in which you

will experience God's presence within. Centering prayer does not replace other kinds of prayer, but is a discipline that allows a person to move beyond conversation to resting in God and communion with Christ. Dick Jensen, rrjensen65@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. 15, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Feb. 5, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Sarah: Feb. 6, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, 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

## Parents' GAME Night

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



## CARE & SUPPORT

**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

**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 cele-

brate our mothers, deepen relationships, and develop a network for continuous healing. Nicole Rathje, rathjefamily@gmail.com

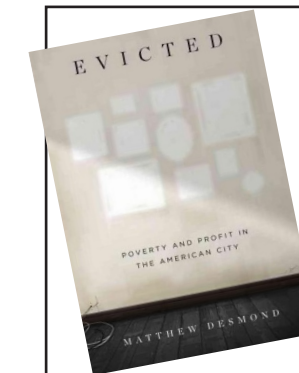
**THE PRAYER CHAIN** works quietly and steadily behind the scenes. If you have a prayer request, contact the Prayer Chain. It may be for a problem or illness, or in praise or thanksgiving. No request is too small. Requests are worded for confidentiality. Contact: Marge Irwin, 563-391-3632, dmirwin1@aol.com.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**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

**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.

**IN-HOME COMMUNION:** Four times per year, people from our congregation take communion to homebound members. Following the 8 a.m. service this Sunday, Feb. 4, they will go to the homes of those who are not able to worship with us. We ask God's blessing as they take the Lord's Supper to members of St. Paul.



## 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 on that Friday night. Sign up to host online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 12 noon and 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.

- **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.