

ST. PAUL connections



Today marks the beginning of what Christians call Holy Week. These sacred eight days take us from the heights of ushering Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna!" to the depths of Christ's suffering and death on a cross. We know that Easter joy awaits us, and yet there's great importance in moving deliberately and thoughtfully through the days that lead up to that celebration.

These days are meant to move a little slower and with more significance. They give us time to reflect on God's willingness to step into the messiness of this world and offer a promise of new life and new hope. So, in your own way, consider making this next week a bit different than the other 51 of the year. Include prayer, worship, silence, and reflection to make it a truly *holy* week.

today at st. paul

March 24 & 25 - Passion/Palm Sunday

Preaching:

5:30/8:00 Katy Warren
9:20/11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

8:00 St. Paul Quartet
9:20 Allulia, Cantate, & Jubilate choirs; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 14: 1-15:47

next weekend

April 1 - Easter Sunday

Preaching:

6:00 Sara Olson-Smith
8/9:45/11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

8:00 Chorale
9:45 Chorale & Youth Choir

Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Mark 16: 1-8

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 March 22)

*Dylan Belk
Deb Brix
Jim Fleming
Don Harding
Dick Riddell
Ruth Sharp

Deaths:

Genevieve Coble, March 19
Ken Thode, March 21

With sympathy:

Jim Coble, wife Genevieve Coble
Shelli & Darin Engelbrecht, her grandmother Jeanette Claussen
Lisa & Josh Fiedler, her grandmother Betty Adkins
Juli Grabeklis & Ron Rimrod, her father Art Grabeklis
Julia & Sean Marmion, her father Werner Sedlatzek
Lucia & Sophia Marmion, grandfather Werner Sedlatzek
John & Angie Vaaler, his aunt & uncle, Helen & Doug Molzahn



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29 | Worship at 12 noon & 7 p.m.

Jesus' last meal on earth comes with a mandate to love. Josh Kestner preaches. Fourth-graders celebrate First Communion at the 7 p.m. service.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30 | Worship at 12 noon, 4:30, & 8 p.m.

12 noon: A 45-minute contemplative service. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder preaching.
3:30 Pretzel-making: Children make cross-shaped creations in Fellowship Hall.
4:30 Family service for all: Featuring a children's message; children's choirs sing.
8:00 Tenebrae service of darkness: Chorale sings. Peter W. Marty preaching.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1 | Worship at 6, 8, 9:45, & 11:45 a.m.

6:00 Sunrise: Begin outside in the Memorial Garden. Sara Olson-Smith preaching.
8:00 & 9:45 Festive services: Choirs. Brass. Organ fanfare. Peter W. Marty preaching.
11:45 Contemporary: The Open Spirit ensemble leads. Peter W. Marty preaching.

No Saturday worship Easter weekend.
Holy Communion is included in all services.
Childcare is available from 7:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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 *Host*
Terry Haru *Host*
Ron Mullen *Host*
Nick Peterson *Host*
Joe Wollett *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*
Bailey Carroll *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*



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MONDAY, MARCH 26

8:45am Preschool/Easter egg hunt
6pm Friends & Family
7pm Internship committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

8am Madison Market setup
8:45am Preschool
12noon Quad Cities Interfaith Leaders' Caucus
12:30pm Madison Market
5:15pm WELCA leaders' Bible study
5:30pm Tools for Caregivers
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

8am Private event
8:45am Preschool
9:30am Staff meeting
5:15pm Women's retreat planning
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6pm All choirs rehearse

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

No Preschool
11:30am Book Corner open
12noon Maundy Thursday worship
6pm First communion reception
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Book Corner open
7pm Maundy Thursday worship

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

No Preschool
12noon Good Friday worship
3:30pm Pretzel making
4:30pm Good Friday family worship for all
8pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

6am Sunrise Worship
8am Worship
9:45am Worship
11:45am Worship

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS are available at the Info Center and online at www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand.

FAITH MILESTONES



4th Grade Milestone: First Communion

Today, Sunday, March 25, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Fourth graders meet with Pastor Marty this morning for the final session in preparation for their first communion this Thursday evening during the 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service. We rejoice with them, following their weeks of preparation and anticipation. Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org

1st Grade Milestone: The Lord's Prayer

Sunday, April 22, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

When the disciples asked Jesus how they should pray, Jesus responded by teaching them what we call the Lord's Prayer. To celebrate their 1st grade faith milestone, students and their parents learn together the beauty and depth of these words and their meaning for our lives of faith.

Each first-grader will receive a Spark Psalm Book as a gift from St. Paul. Contact: Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org.



9th Grade Milestone: Blessing of the Keys

Sunday, April 29, 10:45-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Parents and students come together for conversation about new responsibilities in life, including the ability to drive. A blessing is said over car keys.

Please sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.



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 pottery 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 **Monday, April 16, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Tuesday, May 15, 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

LEARNING FOR ALL AGES: Except for the fourth-grade first communion preparation class today, Sunday morning learning classes for all ages will be on break this Sunday (March 25) and next (April 1, Easter).

kids/families

CALLING ALL PRETZEL BAKERS! Join us for pretzel making, baking, and eating on Good Friday, March 30. Families will gather at 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to form big cross-shaped pretzels. A pretzel team will gather from 3-5 p.m. in the kitchen to begin baking. After the pretzels are baked, enjoy fresh-out-of-the-oven goodness. If you can be part of the baking and cleanup team, contact Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547.

adults

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 March 26. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara, sara@stpaulqc.org

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): April

2, 12:30 p.m. (Heather Gosma's home); Anna (evening): April 3, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Dorcas: April 3, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Explore WELCA: April 26, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: April 8, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: April 13, 1:30 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Ruth: April 5, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: April 3, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID: St. Paul will host Mental Health First Aid training on Saturday, April 7, from 9-4 p.m. The class is free and open to the public. Mental Health First Aid is a course that gives people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Signup is required at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

PRIMETIME 50+ is going to Comedy-Sportz, 220 19th St., Rock Island, for a night of improv laughter on Friday, April 20, at 7 p.m. Concessions are available at the venue; dessert at Village Inn after the show. Tickets are \$12. Signup by Sunday, April 8; payment is due to Linda Hoepner by Friday, April 13. Checks should be made out to Linda and mailed to her at: 5301 Shawnee Dr., Davenport, 52804. For more information, contact Ronda Bird (563)349-3144, rlbird@mchsi.com.



Women's Retreat: Friday, April 13, 6 p.m. to Saturday, April 14, 3 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to a women's retreat at Camp Shalom.

Reflect on what it means to be created by God as a vessel for both giving and receiving. Be filled through conversations and connecting with others.

Cost is \$60 and space is limited. Brochures are available at the Info Center with more information. To sign up, fill out a registration form attached to the brochure, or sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

TIPS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Easter parking: Besides St. Paul parking lots & side streets, Madison School, Vander Veer Park, and St. Ambrose lots are available.

Easter crowds: The largest crowds are often at the 8/9:45 a.m. services on Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday overflow will be in the Chapel.

Sunday learning for children and adults will not be held on Palm or Easter Sunday.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WEEKEND opens the most sacred week in the church year. These are the eight days that tell the events of our salvation. As Jesus accepted the people's praises to their proclamation of "Hosanna" and "Jesus is Lord," he also knowingly went to face opposition from powerful religious and political leaders.

ENVIRONMENTAL PALMS: St. Paul purchases palms harvested in an environmentally sustainable way. This Lutheran World Relief (LWR) project helps harvesters earn a fair income for their labor, while limiting the amount of palms taken from the forest.

EASTER HOSPITALITY: Spread the joy of Easter morning by serving as a greeter that day, April 1. Help is needed for each service: 6, 8, 9:45, and 11:45 a.m. Would you like to extend a smile and a hello to those who come to celebrate Jesus' resurrection? Want to help? Contact Jennifer Garvey: jennifer@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547.

GOOD FRIDAY: If you have never experienced Good Friday worship, make room for it in your faith life this year. Your Easter will be all the more powerful if you can get a deep sense of Christ's suffering and crucifixion beforehand. The Chorale sings at 8 p.m.

BOOKS AND GIFTS OF FAITH: The Book Corner has a large selection of books as well as an ever-changing selection of cards and fair trade gifts, including First Communion and Easter cards, jewelry, and bookmarks. Open most Sunday mornings (except Easter), this Maundy Thursday, and the first Wednesday and Saturday of each month. Check in the Book Corner for hours.

BUSINESS OFFICE ASSISTANT: Might you or someone you know be interested in applying for the 25 hours/week position of business office assistant at St. Paul? Includes some data entry, bookkeeping, and work with volunteers. To explore more details of this opportunity to work on the St. Paul staff team, go to: stpaulqc.org/employment.

TEACHING PASTOR: St. Paul has opened a national search for a new pastoral position - Teaching Pastor. The personnel committee welcomes the networking interests and passions of all St. Paul people as they play a role in assisting with the process of identifying potential candidates. To learn more, visit stpaulqc.org/employment.

ADULT CHILDCARE WORKER: St. Paul's childcare nursery is searching for a positive and energetic adult to provide quality childcare in a safe, loving, and caring environment. Applicants for this paid position must be a high school graduate, 18 years or older. They should be available to work 9 a.m.-1 p.m. most Sundays, as well as some evenings and weekends when scheduled. If interested in learning more, contact Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547, ext. 227.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 11-15, 2018

Sign up online: stpaulqc.org/signups

VBS: Kids age four (by Sept. 15) through entering fifth-grade, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Registration is \$15/child through Sunday, May 20. No walk-ins will be accepted.

678 Experience: Youth, entering grades 6-8, will spend the morning (8:30 a.m.-noon) having a blast and learning about God. Registration is \$15/student through Sunday, May 20.

Summer Stretch: High school students, entering grades 9-12, volunteer in the morning with VBS and 678, then spend the afternoon playing water games, making T-shirts, and studying the Bible. Cost is \$30.

Volunteer: A strong corps of service-minded and joy-filled adults make it all happen. Interested in helping? There's a job to fit your gifts.

