

ST. PAUL connections



JESUS STOOD AMONG THEM

It's probably safe to say that you've never seen anyone rise from the dead. Sure, doctors routinely resuscitate their patients in ways that border on miraculous. But to be mortally wounded and buried, only to come back to life as if nothing happened? Based on what we know about the world, that sort of thing simply does not happen.

Two thousand years after Jesus rose from the dead, we can be just as bewildered by that event as the disciples were. Yet, the signs of resurrection are everywhere. The disciples saw it when Jesus came to them in the flesh. We can see it when grief turns into hope, or when despair is met with compassion. Resurrection happens when we choose to be Christ, in the flesh, for people in need of new life.

today at st. paul

April 14 & 15 - Easter 3

Preaching:
5:30/8:00 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
9:20/11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:
8:00 St. Paul Quartet
9:20 Alleluia Choir, Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1-7;
Luke 24: 36b-48

next weekend

April 21 & 22 - Easter 4

Preaching:
5:30/9:20 Sara Olson-Smith
8:00/11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:
8:00 St. Paul Quartet
9:20 Jubilate Choir, Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16-24;
John 10: 11-18

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 April 12)

Pete Burks
*Carol Ellingsworth
Jill Jorgensen
Debbie Roski
Delma Steffen

Death:

Chris Reschly, April 6

With sympathy:

Peter & Beth Laureijs, his
brother Arny Laureijs
Jill & Wally Lechtenberg,
brother-in-law Richard Klatt

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.



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*
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*



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NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins May 20

With unanimity and enthusiasm, the St. Paul Congregational Council voted to begin a new permanent schedule on Sunday, May 20, 2018. St. Paul staff, which deliberated extensively on all of the issues related to a schedule change, was integral to the planning phase.

A Sunday morning learning session about the change will be held on Sunday, April 29, 10:45 a.m., in the Luther Loft. Staff and council are also able to answer questions.

Four key reasons to explore a change in the worship schedule shaped the conversations that led to the final plan.

1. The schedule will offer an opportunity to enjoy one worship schedule that can work for the entire year without requiring a separate summer schedule.
2. Worshipers at the current 11:45 a.m. Open Spirit contemporary service would love for the bulk of that service to move into the morning.
3. Planners expressed a strong desire to have all of the weekend worship services start on quarter hour intervals.
4. With Sundays becoming increasingly full of activity in American culture, our leadership wants to make Sunday worship as manageable as possible for busy schedules.

NEW PERMANENT SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, May 20, 2018

7:45 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Worship (contemporary)

5:30 p.m. Saturday worship remains at its standard time.
10:20-11:05 a.m. Sunday morning learning for all, starting Sept. 9.

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 (7:15-8 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)

- ▶ *Bach's Easter Perspectives (Part 2 of 2)*: The music of Johann Sebastian Bach spans a variety of social and religious functions, including cantatas for church services. Today's session addresses how Easter joy can be found even in the dark, minor key expressiveness of *Christ Lay in Death's Bonds, BWV 4*, utilizing music and text of Martin Luther. The talk is geared towards musician and non-musician alike. Nathan Windt, associate professor of music at St. Ambrose, and Chorale director. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Death - a candid conversation*: In this interactive, heart-to-heart dialogue, we will consider our own deaths and how we might have a happier ending. Pam Spear, St. Paul member. In the 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. Second Timothy with Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. In Room 208.

ADULTS

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Paddle to the Amazon*: Dana Starkell, Quad-City musician and instructor. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *For such a time as this - the life and times of Queen Esther*: Mary Hogg, associate professor of communications, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *The Bible project*: Genesis 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 **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

QUILTING: Monday, April 16, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This devoted group of caring quilters, beginners and experts alike, gather monthly to sew, tie, cut, and piece together quilts that are donated to those in need. Contact: Cathy Hagglund, crh4quilts@msn.com or Karin Hanson, 528-2064.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND EDUCATION: On Tuesday, April 17, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Austin Gross from Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center will present. The program will focus on substance abuse progression and addiction and education on treatment options. No need to sign up, just come. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

KNITWITS: April 19, 5-6:30 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. Kniters and crocheters are invited to share time over yarn as we work on service and individual projects. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'll be glad to teach you. Contact: Belinda Holbrook, bholbrook@mchsi.com.

2136 is a ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s to be social, to study, and to serve on the first and third Thursdays of every month. On Thursday, April 19, meet at St. Paul at 6:30 p.m. We will be volunteering and doing some work at Madison Elementary School across Brady Street. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org

WELCA SPRING GATHERING: The Women of the ELCA will hold their an-

nual spring gathering on Thursday, April 19, 6:30-9 p.m. in the Chapel. The evening will include a thankoffering service, a presentation about homelessness, music, deserts, and a business meeting. Sign up at the Info Center. Contact: Judy Skogman, 563-332-7547, or Jan Lloyd, cmljml@q.com.

GOING DEEPER: Mondays, April 23 & 30 and May 7 & 14, 5-6 p.m., Church House Living Room. A four-week small group opportunity will make its way through *Boundless Compassion* by Joyce Rupp; book available in the St. Paul Book Corner. Please read the first 67 pages before the first meeting. Contact: Lynn Batchler, lbatcher@hotmail.com.

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 April 23. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara, sara@stpaulqc.org

GIVING A FISH A BATH: *The Untold Story of the Adolescent Mind* will be Tuesday, May 8, at St. Paul, 6:30-8:30 p.m. This workshop will focus on why teenagers are vulnerable to drug use, high-risk peer influences and depression, as well as the proactive measures adults can take to minimize a teen's exposure to those dangers. The presentation is free and open to the public. Register at scottcounty-kids.org/training-registration.

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. Please sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.

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.



OF SPECIAL NOTE

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others Monday, April 16, 6:30-9 p.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. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

SPARE COPIES OF PASTOR MARTY'S recent pastoral letter are available at the Info Center.

HOLY BAPTISM: During the 11:45 a.m. service this weekend, Lydia Popowski, daughter of Beth and Jered Popowski, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome her into the Lord's family.

THE ST. PAUL ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM leads us as we make intentional choices in daily life. Join in beautifying St. Paul's small corner of the planet:

- ▶ Picking up litter in the St. Paul neighborhood: *The Make It Yours Neighborhood Cleanup* is Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com
- ▶ Community Garden Cleanup: Prepare the St. Paul Community Garden for another year of vegetable growing Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Bring garden tools and seeds if you'd like. Rain date is Saturday, May 5. Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com or 563-340-9980.

To learn more about the work of the Environmental Team, visit stpaulqc.org/earth-care.



NOVA SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

Today, Sunday, April 15, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS: Do you or someone you know have a talent for working with young children? St. Paul Preschool is searching for teachers for 2- and 3-year-olds for the 2018-2019 school year. This is a part-time position, 25 hours a week during the school year. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Karen Strusz, preschool director, karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org.