

ST. PAUL connections



PEACE BE WITH YOU.

The original Christians began as a cowering group of people who just saw their Savior crucified. Huddled out by fear, they huddled together behind a locked door. Behind this locked door, the resurrected Christ comes to them, offering peace and breathing into them empowering new life.

Have you ever felt hollowed out with fear? Fearful that you will be found incapable of doing what must be done, inadequate, or not good enough? The risen Christ comes to us, too, offering peace and filling our hollowed out spaces with the promise of new life and empowering us to live with Easter courage.

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 5)

- Brent Arp
- *John Boone
- Pete Burks
- *Jim Fleming
- *Diane Fry
- Jill Jorgensen
- *Lamoine Rekemeyer



MONDAY, APRIL 9

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Lydia circle

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

- 8am Madison Market setup
- 8:45am Preschool
- 12:30pm Madison Market
- 7pm Theology Pub
- 7pm Mission board

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 12:30pm Chicago service trip departs
- 5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
- 5:30pm Memorial committee
- 6pm All choirs rehearse
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High school midweek recharge

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9:30am Iowa Contemplative Outreach
- 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 7pm Faithful Readers
- 7:30pm Luther College choir concert

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Moms' Morning
- 1:30pm Ridgecrest WELCA
- 6pm Women's retreat

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

- 8am Second Saturday Men
- 5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

- 8am Worship
- 9am Book Corner open
- 9:20am Worship
- 10:45am Learning for all ages
- 11:45am Worship
- 2pm Nova Singers setup/rehearsal
- 4pm Nova Singers concert
- 4pm Chicago service trip returns
- 6:30pm SNL small groups
- 7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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

today at st. paul

April 7 & 8 - Easter 2

Preaching:

- 5:30/11:45 Katy Warren
- 8/9:20 Ryan Bailey

Worship notes:

- 9:20 Hallelujah Chorus

Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 1—2:2; John 20: 19-31

next weekend

April 14 & 15 - Easter 3

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

- 9:20 Alleluia Choir, Chorale

Communion served at all services

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

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*

Earth Care

AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The psalmist inspires St. Paul spirit and action: *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."* That's Psalm 24:1.

A 24/1 church cherishes and cares for God's creation.

We live on a pinpoint of Earth in Davenport, Iowa. We're mindful that God's hand places us on this beautiful and fragile planet – and so the St. Paul Environmental Team leads us as we make intentional choices in daily life. This month's activities include:

- ▶ Picking up litter in the St. Paul neighborhood: The *Make It Yours* Neighborhood Cleanup is Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.-12 noon
- ▶ Growing mindfulness about the environment: *Paddle to the Amazon*, a presentation by Dana Starkell of Bettendorf, will be Sunday, April 22, 10:45-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- ▶ Digging into the earth to grow food for others: The first planting of the St. Paul garden is Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

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

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.



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THIS SUNDAY

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 1 of 2)*: The music of Johann Sebastian Bach spans a variety of social and religious functions, including cantatas for church services. This series will address music that Bach wrote for Easter, including two cantatas that take radically different approaches to telling the story of Christ's victory over death. Geared towards musician and non-musician alike. Nathan Windt, associate professor of music at St. Ambrose, and Chorale director. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Reflecting on the spiritual journey as we grow in years*: Aging can become a journey of joy, of awakening and awareness, and wisdom beyond despair. This presentation will explore what elders have taught us and what practices to employ along the way. Elaine Olson, retired pastor and spiritual director. 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. The book of Joshua with Pastor Josh Kestner. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Bach's Easter Perspective (part 2 of 2)*: Nathan Windt. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Death – a candid conversation*: Pam Spear, St. Paul member. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *The Bible project*: 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 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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: **Explore WELCA:** April 26, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); **Lydia:** April 9, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); **Ridgecrest:** April 13, 1:30 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

THEOLOGY PUB is a time for folks to get together, have something to drink and eat, and enjoy great conversation about matters of faith. Meet Tuesday, April 10, 7 p.m., downstairs at Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

FAITHFUL READERS, St. Paul's literature discussion group, meets once a month in the Church House Living Room. At the next gathering, April 12, 7 p.m., we will discuss *The Hunted Hare* by Fay Sampson (book one in The Aidan Mystery series). Katie Hanson, katiehanson@augustana.edu or Dave Crowe, davidcrowe@augustana.edu

SECOND SATURDAY MEN: Saturday, April 14, 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

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.

WELCA SPRING GATHERING: The Women of the ELCA will hold their annual 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, desserts, and a business meeting. Sign up at the Info Center. Contact: Judy Skogman, 563-940-4111, or Jan Lloyd, cmljml@q.com.

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 at the Info Center. 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.

GOING DEEPER: Mondays, April 23 & 30 and May 7 & 14, 5-6 p.m., Church House Living Room. Longing for deeper conversation about matters of faith? 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 Batcher, ldbatcher@hotmail.com.

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.



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

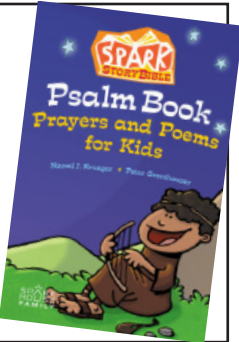
HOLY BAPTISM: During the 5:30 p.m. service this weekend, Cooper Vretis, son of Alyssa and Ryan Vretis, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

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.



Sunday, April 15, 4 p.m.
Tickets sold online and at the door.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.