

ST. PAUL connections

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day/office closed

TUESDAY, MAY 29

6pm Organ lesson

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

9:30am Staff meeting
 2:30pm So All May Eat meal prep
 5pm So All May Eat meal serving
 5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
 6pm Confirmation family meeting
 6pm VBS volunteer training
 7pm Confirmation family meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 31

2pm Private event
 6pm Centering Prayer
 6pm Organ lesson
 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

10:30am Madison School 5th grade promotion ceremony

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

12noon Private event
 5pm Book Corner open
 5:30pm Worship
 6:30pm Healing liturgy

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

7:45am Worship
 8:30am Book Corner open
 9am Worship
 11:15am Worship
 12:30pm Confirmation family meeting

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



MEMORIAL DAY

More than parks and picnics will be full of people this weekend; so will cemeteries. Or so they should be. Would that we would all make a trek to some cemetery this weekend, however brief the journey. To walk the fresh mown grass, study the faded plastic flowers, smell the lilacs, and peer at the stones of saints who have gone before us – that would be a gift: connecting our lives with other lives.

Memorial Day provides us the occasion to give thanks for all those who died in service to our country. There are many such sacrificial servants. Their stories are beautiful and sad, heroic and selfless. Today we give thanks to a Lord who plucks us from our graves to grant new life. Amidst family festivities this Monday, remember the precious lives given over for our peace.

today at st. paul

May 26 & 27 - Pentecost 1

Preaching:
 All services Peter W. Marty
 Worship notes:
 Communion served at all services
 Readings: 2 Corinthians 3: 1-6;
 Mark 2: 13-22

next weekend

June 2 & 3 - Pentecost 2
 Preaching:
 5:30/9:00 Josh Kestner
 7:45/11:15 Katy Warren
 Worship notes:
 Communion served at all services
 Readings: Deuteronomy 5: 12-15;
 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12;
 Mark 2: 23-3:6

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Swing a hammer and make new friends. Volunteers will work throughout the summer to build a house for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities, or to provide meals for the work crews. Interested in helping? The dates of build days include:

- ▶ Saturdays, June 16, July 14, and August 4, morning and afternoon shifts
- ▶ Wednesdays, June 20 and July 25, 5-8 p.m.

To sign up, visit stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren at katy@stpaulqc.org or 326-3547.



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*

OPERATIONS

Todd Byerly *Operations director*
 Paula Durham *Business manager*
 Jennifer Garvey *Receptionist*
 Carrie Bowman *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*

A place of remembrance

St. Paul Memorial Garden

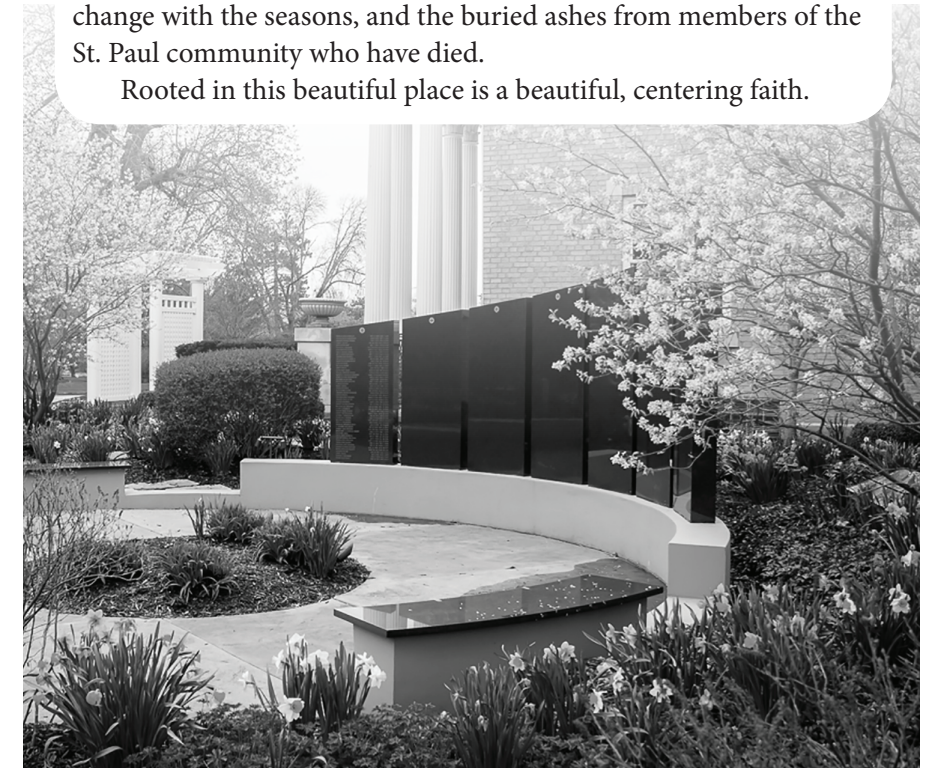
God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass - grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls. – Mother Teresa

The hostas are full, the lilacs bursting with purple. Pink bleeding heart flowers, and lily of the valley are blooming, while the daffodils are fading away.

The St. Paul Memorial Garden is a lush outdoor space of rest, relaxation, and spiritual peace. It graces the northeast corner of the church campus, at Brady and Lombard Streets.

Life and memory unite here. The garden hosts plantings that change with the seasons, and the buried ashes from members of the St. Paul community who have died.

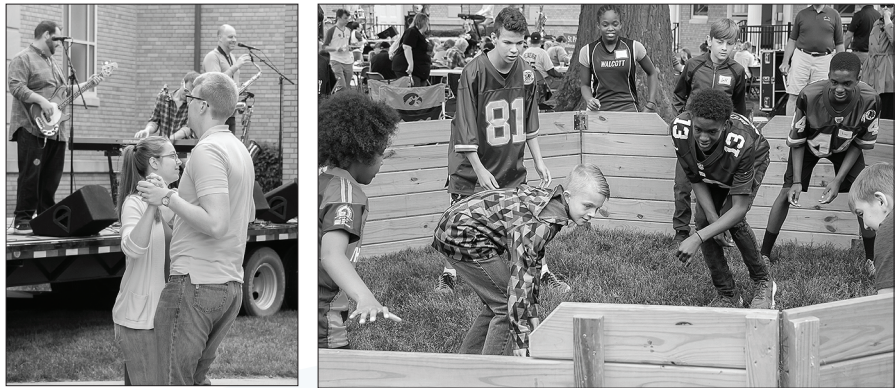
Rooted in this beautiful place is a beautiful, centering faith.



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MAYFEST TAILGATE: Food. Music. Play. Gaga Pit. Face painting. Dancing. Mayfest was all sorts of fun, with smiles and togetherness. What was your favorite part? More photos can be seen online at [facebook.com/stpaulquadcities](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulquadcities).



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 9:00 and 11:15 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 **Saturday, June 16, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Tuesday, July 24, 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

EARLY MORNING BOOK GROUP:

Wake up with coffee and time together over a good book on Tuesdays, June 5, 12, and 19, 6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Library Commons. The book, *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass, is available in the St. Paul Book Corner. Please read through chapter 2 for the first week. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS

SUPPORT GROUP: June 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the 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

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? SING A

SONG? A much-loved tradition of summer at St. Paul is people sharing their musical talents during 9 a.m. worship. Maybe a flute-trombone duet could do, or perhaps you'd like to take your place on the piano bench. Opportunities for different ensembles will occur throughout the summer. Interested? Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 214

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: **Anna** (day and evening): June 6, (dinner at the Outing Club); **Dorcas:** June 5, 9 a.m., (breakfast at Radisson Hotel); **Explore WELCA:** June 21, 6 p.m. (dinner at Cindy Bleich's); **Lydia:** June 4, 11:30

a.m., (lunch at Biaggi's); **Ridgecrest:** June 8, 1:30 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); **Ruth:** June 7, 10 a.m. (tour of John Deere Headquarters and lunch at TPC Golf Club); **Sarah:** June 5, 11:30 a.m., (lunch at Cafe Indigo). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

FEMALE A CAPPELLA GROUP:

Did you know that singing in groups not only helps form bonds quickly between people, but also improves brain function and relieves stress? Singing is great, but singing together is even better! Women of all ages and singing experience are invited to come and learn different styles of a cappella and enjoy singing together. Next gathering will be Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m., in the Chapel. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org

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, June 12, 7 p.m., downstairs at Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

HELP IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN:

These plots of plants are grown to feed those who are food insecure. Volunteers are always needed to help with weeding, watering, and tending these veggies, herbs, fruits, and flowers. Contact Matt Schroeder to help, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 11-15, 2018

Sign up online: stpaulqc.org/signups
Registration closes TODAY, May 27.

VBS: Kids age four (by Sept. 15) through entering fifth-grade, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Registration is \$25/child through the end of today, Sunday, May 27. 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 \$25/student through the end of today, Sunday, May 27.

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.

Volunteers: We still need help in the pre-kindergarten and 2nd grade rooms.

Volunteer training: Wednesday, May 30, 6-7 p.m. in the Library Commons. RSVP online for this one and only training meeting. Contact Michelle Juehring with questions at michelle@stpaulqc.org.



OF SPECIAL NOTE

WELCOME, CARRIE BOWMAN, BUSINESS OFFICE ASSISTANT:

St. Paul welcomed a new business office assistant in May. Carrie Bowman's job involves mailings, membership database management, accounts payable, and other similar work. She and her husband, Jerry, live in Davenport and have two adult daughters. Madeline is a student at the University of Iowa, and Sarah is a student at Drake University. Carrie brings a background of working in bank trust departments in the U.S. and Canada, as well as nonprofits in the Quad Cities. She enjoys playing tennis, reading, and traveling. Please greet Carrie as you have the opportunity.



RYAN BAILEY, director of faith formation for the last three years, concludes his ministry at St. Paul this week. We honor him before each service this weekend for his gifts of teaching, preaching, and confirmation leadership shared generously with our congregation. Ryan has also coordinated our adult learning opportunities each Sunday. As he pursues his dream to become a solo parish pastor in a Lutheran Church setting, we wish God's continued blessings upon him, and give thanks for his broad impact on our lives.

NEW BOOKS IN THE BOOKSTORE: The St. Paul Book Corner has new book selections for adults and children. Every book is carefully selected by St. Paul pastors, staff, and avid St. Paul readers. The new selections can also be found in the St. Paul Library. A few of the new selections include:

- *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Gregory Boyle
- *Faith: A Journey for All* by Jimmy Carter
- *How to Grow a Dinosaur* by Jill Esbaum
- *When God Made Light* by Matthew Paul Turner

For a complete list of new books: stpaulqc.org/book-corner. The Book Corner also has a wonderful selection of graduation cards and gifts of faith.

A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2, in the Church House Living Room. Each month, on the first Saturday, we provide an opportunity for individuals in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing to come and seek God's goodness and care.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: St. Paul Lutheran Church is looking for an individual who will oversee all aspects of children's ministries, giving special leadership attention to the engagement of families, the role of parents, the encouragement of volunteers, and all of the innovative, playful, and relational opportunities that children (birth - 5th grade) deserve when discovering the blessing of knowing Jesus Christ. To learn more, visit 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.