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journey



Always moving

What does this mean? That's the question people were asking each other on the Day of Pentecost so many centuries ago when suddenly the apostles started speaking in languages they had never studied.

We find this story in Acts 2 in the New Testament. Men and women from all over the Mediterranean world had gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival, and after the wind and holy fire swept through this particular room, they were stunned to find that all language barriers had been incinerated. Each of them was hearing about God's deeds of power in their own languages.

The Day of Pentecost, which is 50 days after Easter, falls on Sunday, May 20, this year. First a harvest festival, then a celebration of the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai, Christians now remember it as the day the Holy Spirit showed up and empowered the church for God's mission. Pentecost has become the Holy Spirit's special day, but every week we stand in worship and declare with Christians around the world, "I believe in the Holy Spirit." And we might ask ourselves, what does this mean?

In the Small Catechism, an important tool for learning about faith in Lutheran churches, Martin Luther offers an answer for that. He writes, "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith." The Holy Spirit does this not only for me, but for the whole church in all times and places. God's work through the Holy Spirit is what brings each and all to faith. None of us comes to believe that God is at work in our lives and in the world because it's obvious or we simply figure it out. We consistently need the Spirit's help to see what God is doing!

In Acts 2, when people are scratching their heads about those strange events, Peter stands up to explain what the Spirit has helped him to see – that God is up to something right there in their midst, something that's been a long time coming. He quotes ancient words of the prophet Joel and tells the crowd that God's Spirit is now being poured out regardless of race, nationality, age, gender, or social status. The answer to the people's confusion that day? God is at work!

I want to say that we live in times of rapid change and transition, but that's not anything new. Whether on a global or individual scale, there's not much that stays the same for long. Markets rise and fall, new friends move into our neighborhoods from far away lands, and

job changes send long-time friends to new adventures. A congregation like St. Paul knows well that our lives are filled with variables. Worship times change, staff transition to new roles and phases of life, and new members add their stories to ours on a regular basis. As the world moves and changes around us and beneath our feet, we will sometimes ask, what does this mean?

Often, the surprising things that come our way signify the same thing as that linguistic miracle back in the days of the New Testament. It means God is at work. If we pay close attention when the winds of change blow, we can see that the Spirit is moving and remember that the church is alive with the power of God. Pentecost assures us with the promise that God is not on the sidelines. In the midst of a moving, changing world, God is moving, too. A life of faith can be stable, but it should never be static. God is always moving. May the Spirit help you and me to keep up!



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Learn about adolescent mind on May 8

Giving a Fish a Bath: The Untold Story of the Adolescent Mind will be presented 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at St. Paul. It is free and open to the public.

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.

Speaker will be Frank Kros, who has been a child-care worker, child-abuse investigator, children's home administrator, consultant, college professor, attorney, and writer. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Creighton University, a master's degree in social work from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and a law degree from Notre Dame Law School.

Please register at scottcountykids.org/training-registration.



Baccalaureate breakfast set for May 13

The baccalaureate breakfast is a milestone recognizing the lives of graduating high schoolers. Graduating seniors and their families gather for breakfast at 10:30 a.m., with intentional conversations, prayers, and blessings.

Families are welcome to attend either 9:20 or 11:45 a.m. worship service together. Graduating students will be recognized with a prayer and special blessing. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.

St. Paul garden gets growing

The beginning of spring means the beginning of planting in the St. Paul community garden.

Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-12 noon: Complete the planting of the St. Paul Community Garden. Help give root to tomatoes, peppers, and other warm-weather plants. The rain/cold date is Sunday, May 13.

The vegetables and herbs grown in the garden are donated to Café on Vine, the Madison Market, neighbors, and St. Paul people.

Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com or 563-340-9980.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 20

With unanimity and enthusiasm, the St. Paul Congregational Council voted to begin a new permanent worship 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.

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.

Sixth-graders and families invited to confirmation orientation

St. Paul's confirmation ministry is an experience that gets to the very heart of where middle-schoolers live. It's a spirit-enlivened venture into the life of faith.

Built solidly on relationships with God and others, confirmation relies on the care and attention of a caring Christian mentor for each of the dozen or so small groups of kids. For St. Paul youth in grades 7 and 8, confirmation meets on the first three Wednesdays of each month during the school year, 6:30-8 p.m.

All incoming 7th graders and their parents are invited to learn more about the confirmation ministry, and hear important details and upcoming dates. Childcare provided for younger siblings. This one-session orientation will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., with acolyte training following, 7:15-7:45 p.m.

Augsburg, Augustana choirs to sing at St. Paul

Two college choirs will fill the Sanctuary with song in May concerts. The performances are all free, with a freewill offering accepted.

The Augsburg Choir will bring its long tradition of excellence in choral music to St. Paul on Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. Director Mark Sedio is a former director of music at St. Paul.

Praised for its high level of musicianship, the ensemble performs a diverse repertoire including work by well-known Scandinavian and American composers.

The Augustana Choir will wrap up its tour with a home concert at St. Paul on Friday, May 11, 7 p.m. This highly selective mixed ensemble performs a variety of music in major concerts, special events, and on tour. Questions? Contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

MAYFEST Tailgate

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 12-2 PM

Come on out to St. Paul's north lawn for an afternoon of food, music, and games. Bring your lawn chair and sunscreen to St. Paul, and wear gear representing your favorite team, for tailgating fun in the sun for all ages. It will be warm and sunny this year!



FOOD

Fuel up for the big game

Beef and pork are on the menu. Bring a dish to share – desserts for last name A-D, side dish or salad for last name E-Z. A freewill donation of \$8 per person/\$20 per family is encouraged to help with food costs.



MUSIC

The ultimate "go time" playlist

Minus Six will take the main stage with inspired original music, hits from the past and present, and contagious energy.



FUN

Be a champ

Games, face painting, and a gaga pit will be just some of the fun. Stop by the photo booth and say cheese for a picture-perfect way to remember the day.



VOLUNTEER

Support the team

Help is needed to lead kids' games, set up the chairs and tables, staff the food tent, and tear down for the day. Volunteering at Mayfest is a great way to make new friends. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.



NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starting on Mayfest day, May 20, worship is at 7:45, 9, and 11:15 a.m. Learning for all takes a break over the summer, resuming Sept. 9, 10:20-11:05 a.m.



VBS: COME ASHORE

Vacation Bible School 2018 will venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. They will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

VBS will be Monday, June 11-Friday, June 15. The week will include music, crafts, games, service, and Bible stories. Daily themes are:

- ▶ Jesus tells the parable about lost things (Luke 15)
- ▶ Martha worries and complains (Luke 10:38-42)
- ▶ Jesus' friends try to rescue him in the garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-54)
- ▶ Jesus welcomes a criminal before dying and coming back to life (Luke 23:26-24:12)
- ▶ Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus' name (Acts 3:1-26)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Kids age four (by Sept. 15) through entering fifth-grade, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Registration is \$15 per child through Sunday, May 20. From May 21-27, cost is \$25 per child. Deadline is May 27. No late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted. *Classes will be capped, so please sign up early.*

678 SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Middle-schoolers, entering grades 6-8, will spend the morning (8:30 a.m.-noon) having a blast and learning about God. Registration is \$15 per student through Sunday, May 20. From May 21-27, cost is \$25 per child. Deadline is 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, 12:30-3:30 p.m. 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.

Questions? Contact Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org, 563-326-3547 ext. 227

Register by May 27. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

FEEDING HUNGRY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Augustana initiatives fill bodies and minds

It all started with a bowl of strawberries – ripe, red fruit left behind for waste in a cafeteria at Augustana College.

Strawberries have a lot of tiny seeds on them, upwards of 200. These particular strawberries ended up planting seeds that grew into conversation, then thriving initiatives at the college.

Once a week, approximately 30 Augustana students visit the Campus Cupboard to shop for nonperishable food and personal care products, all for free. The cupboard also partners with a free ride service on campus to eliminate a transportation barrier, taking students to the grocery store.

Once a month, more than 100 students gather for a free, hot meal made from food otherwise headed to the landfill.

And throughout the year, Food Friends educate students, faculty, and staff about what to do if they encounter a student experiencing food insecurity.

“Oftentimes people define food insecurity too narrowly. Students have to fight the stereotype that all students live off Ramen noodles,” said Keri Bass, who works in the college’s office of Careers, Opportunities, Research and Exploration. She leads the Campus Cupboard. “If they are hungry, their brain power is taken up by thinking how they will feed themselves.”

This is what food insecurity sometimes looks like for a college student: To pay for food, a student works a job with long hours in a field unrelated to their interests – instead of taking part in an internship centered on career aspirations. The long hours often mean that the student has lower grades and fewer opportunities to be involved on campus and in the community.

But if a student is fed, Keri said, she or he can focus on studies so that they can continue to build a thriving life.

Augustana College is mentioned in a recently released study as an example of a school that is working



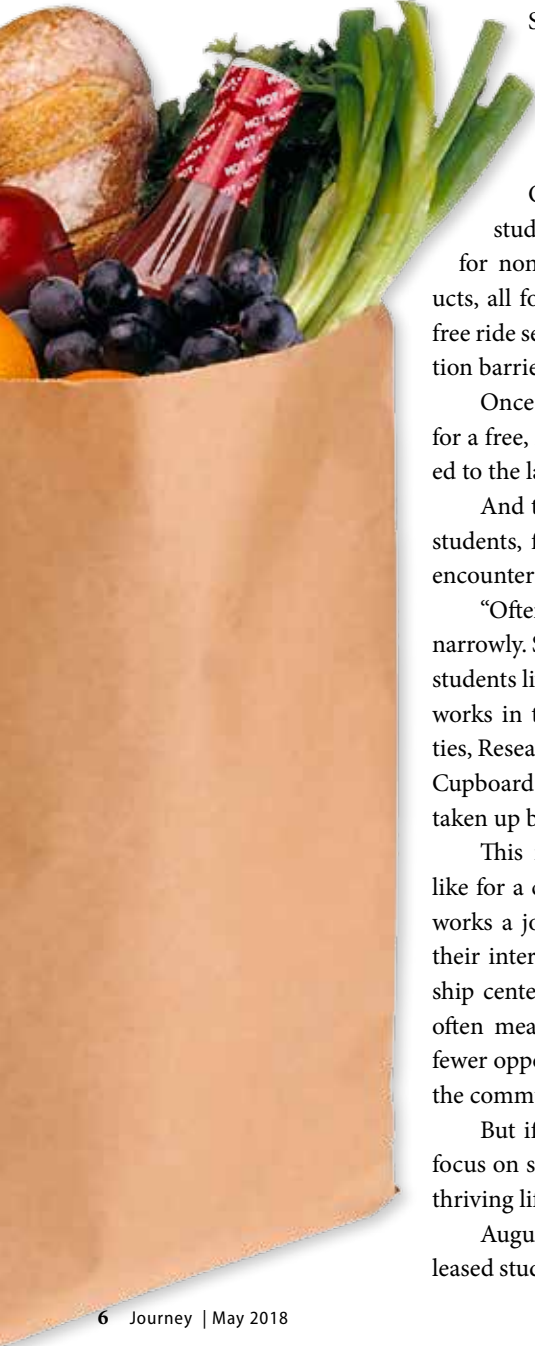
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to alleviate food insecurity. The report, from a Wisconsin-based organization that focuses on improving outcomes in postsecondary education, made national news. The study is the largest known look at food and shelter security during college.

The Wisconsin HOPE Lab considered 43,000 students at 66 institutions (community colleges and four-year colleges and universities) in 20 states and the District of Columbia. They found that 36 percent of students at four-year colleges and 42 percent of community college students were food insecure in the 30 days preceding the survey.

“The data shows that basic needs insecurities disproportionately affect marginalized students and are associated with long work hours and higher risk of unemployment,” the study says. “However, the level of academic effort – in and outside the classroom



WHAT IS FOOD INSECURITY?

Food insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, or the ability to acquire such foods in a socially acceptable manner. The most extreme form is often accompanied with physiological sensations of hunger.

Source: Wisconsin HOPE Lab

– is the same regardless of whether or not students are dealing with food and housing insecurity. It is therefore critically important to match their commitments with supports to ensure degree completion.”

Students were asked to consider the following statements and questions about food insecurity:

- I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.
- I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.
- The food that I bought just didn't last and I didn't have money to get more.
- Did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?
- Did you ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?
- Did you lose weight because there wasn't enough money for food?
- Were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?

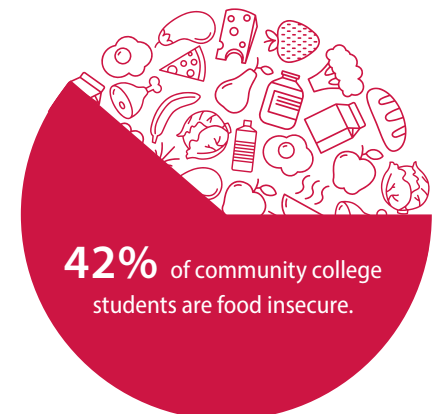
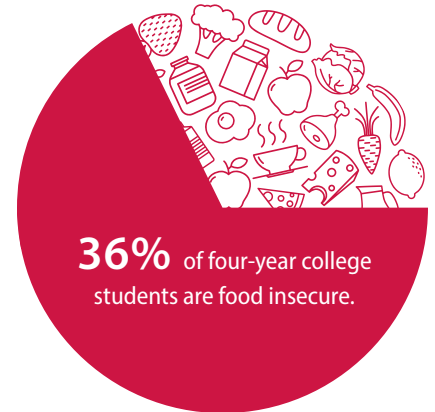
On Thursday afternoons and evenings, the Campus Cupboard opens for business. The shelves of a former conference room are stocked with food such as canned fruits, vegetables, tuna, soups, as well as packaged noodles and snacks. Personal care products include toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, and feminine hygiene supplies.

The items in the pantry are provided by groups who run food drives, college and community members who give, as well as trips to the store to purchase things with money donations.

There's no limit on what students can take, but most fill a backpack or so with food to help them get through the week, Keri said. When the cupboard first opened, some thought four or five students would come weekly. The reality is that more than 30 regularly stop by.

The two barriers most often identified are money and transportation, Keri said. It gives Keri and the cupboard volunteers great joy to eliminate those barriers.

“We are a Christian college, and we are called to serve,” Keri said. “We celebrate the ability to respond to the needs of students.”



Source: Wisconsin HOPE Lab

Watch an interview about the Campus Cupboard at: vimeo.com/265619583



THE CAMPUS KITCHENS PROJECT @ AUGUSTANA

Once a month, a crew of people at Augustana College prepares a free, hot meal for about 100 people at a campus coffee shop. The effort is part of the nationwide initiative, The Campus Kitchens Project.

What's the project – which is located in approximately 60 schools – all about?

Food recovery: Campus Kitchen volunteers pick up unused, quality food. Trained volunteers cook and store the donations according to established food handling regulations.

Meal preparation: Using donated kitchen space during off hours, volunteers utilize the food donations to prepare balanced and nourishing meals to be served to others.

The hope is to reduce the amount of food waste and the number of people who are hungry. As much as 40 percent of U.S. food is wasted each year, while 1 in 6 Americans do not know where their next meal will come from.

The three goals of The Campus Kitchens Project are to:

Strengthen Bodies by using existing resources to meet hunger and nutritional needs.

Empower Minds by providing leadership and service learning opportunities to students, and education for those in need.

Build Communities by fostering a new generation of community-minded adults through partnerships among students, social service agencies, businesses, and schools.

A wonderful belonging

Kathy McManigal was baptized 26 years ago, at age 35

She had no church experience while growing up. Kathy McManigal's family celebrated Easter and Christmas with gifts and family gatherings, but being a part of a church community was not part of her childhood.

As she grew into a young adult, she would wake up and tune into to some of the Sunday morning church shows on television.

At about the same time, life found Kathy regularly driving by St. Paul. She couldn't quite place why, but she found herself drawn to the building.

And then one day, she was exploring the radio on a Sunday morning. She found St. Paul's half-hour show on 1420 WOC.

"That became my Sunday morning. I enjoyed listening to the sermons," she said. "Did I pick up a Bible or anything? No. I just didn't have the background for it."

A few years later, Kathy experienced a life-changing event. She needed someone to talk with. She picked up the phone and called St. Paul. A kind voice on the other end of the line invited her to come in.

The first time Kathy walked into St. Paul was to talk with a staff member. The conversation ended with an invitation to come to worship.

"I came back for worship – all by myself," Kathy said. She always sat in the back. The year was 1992. "After a few visits, I decided I wanted to be baptized."

On May 31, 1992, Kathy and her friend Deb came to

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— KATHY MCMANIGAL

church. Deb was Kathy's baptismal sponsor. She and one other adult were baptized that day. "It's a moment I can still remember. You don't have to be a baby or a child to be baptized into the church. There is no age limit."

Kathy joined the choir and met some really wonderful people. Later, she became an usher, too.

"It's a way for me to be a servant and to be there to welcome people into the church. I like people. In particular, I reach out when I see single people walk in. I know what that can be like, having lived that."

With a splash of water, the faith community celebrates God's gift of baptism. Baptism at St. Paul is for the smallest of babies, for children and teenagers, and for adults who have yet to be baptized.

St. Paul understands baptism not as an individual "guarantee" of salvation (though it is connected with eternally tying us to God). Instead, it's viewed as a sign of grace



Kathy McManigal



and faith within a worshipping community – where one belongs and regularly participates. For this reason, St. Paul reserves the baptismal act in worship for men, women, and children who are an active part of the congregation’s membership.

Baptisms are celebrated on different Sundays throughout the year at any of the morning services. Baptisms can also occur on a number of 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening services.

Being a part of St. Paul is “a wonderful belonging,” Kathy said. “It’s togetherness, friendship, camaraderie. I feel like I belong here.”

About the baptismal font

The design of the St. Paul baptismal font fittingly resembles the prow of a ship - for a congregation near the banks of the Mississippi. Historically, much of church architecture reflects this shape. Based on the Medieval Latin word *navis* or “ship,” a sanctuary is sometimes referred to as a “nave.”

The naval image is a good one. It’s for people who splash daily in the baptismal promises of God. In the Bible, water figures in the new life of creation and in the roaring flood of Noah’s ark. God led people through the seas, from slavery into freedom.

The baptized life

We baptize to become a part of something special, not to escape some nasty peril. Jesus is plain and straightforward when instructing us on baptism. He picks two simple verbs - “GO” and “DO” - and tells those who follow him to baptize. It’s really an invitation to a whole new look at life, one that takes seriously our part within the community of all Christians around the world.

Try not to think small. When we baptize, we baptize into the whole Christian Church on earth. Your baptism may happen at St. Paul, but it is not baptism into St. Paul. It is not even baptism into the Lutheran Church. Jesus would not be interested in us thinking so locally or narrowly.

On the same day that you or your child are baptized, so are other people in Barcelona, Beirut, and Boston receiving the same blessing. That’s a tremendous joy to celebrate. Baptized Christians call each other brothers and sisters because they share a common life.

Remember: We “do it” because Jesus said to do it. That’s reason enough to baptize. It has to be more than an act we engage in to please the grandparents, or to land a photo op for the scrapbook. It’s certainly more than avoiding hell. Jesus did not spend time speculating on the temperature of hell or offering clever means to avoid it. Instead, he preached a way of life that amounted to unswerving allegiance to God, our eternal hope.

You only get baptized once in life. It’s a permanent arrangement between you and God that gets renewed every morning. Your baptism walks with you for the entirety of your life regardless of how many personal ups and downs you experience. The trick is to live your baptism, or claim its strength, in a daily way. Here is a hint for understanding baptism: The act of getting baptized happens on a particular day. The day has an eventful character to it. You select a date with the church and show up. Your wider family and friends appear. The baptism takes place. Cameras record the after-service joy. A big family meal typically follows.

Living as a baptized person happens every day after the actual baptism. Upon awaking each morning, you get to decide how you are going to live that day. Will it be lived with some of the jealousy, poor judgment, self-centeredness, or resentment that may have informed parts of yesterday? Or will it be lived with the invigorating sense that you rely on God’s embrace, and are powered by the Lord’s desire to help you be the best you can be? How we live each day determines whether our baptism means something to us or very little at all. Is it a sentimental artifact of the past, recorded on film? Or is it a spirited experience of the present, affected by God’s warmth for our life?

— Peter W. Marty

CHICAGO SERVICE TRIP

Sixteen people from St. Paul spent five days in Chicago, exploring, serving, and learning. They played bingo at a low-income senior living complex, assisted with childcare at an after school program in Chinatown, served meals at a community outreach soup kitchen, visited with guests at a men's homeless shelter, and distributed fresh produce at a monthly food bank in the south side of Chicago.

The group also ate at local international restaurants and reflected together about the issues of poverty, homelessness, hunger, and racism in Chicago and at home. They concluded the weekend worshipping at Lawndale Community Christian Church, a congregation devoted to being God's hands and feet in the very heart of the city.



STAFF TRANSITIONS: **Departure**

Michelle Juehring, director of children's ministries, is leaving her staff position at the end of June to become the director of the Bix 7 road race. She has worked at St. Paul for a decade, and will lead one last Vacation Bible School before stepping away.

Michelle's work at St. Paul revolved around Sunday school, family life events, and intergenerational experiences focused on children age birth through grade five. She dedicated her time to creating moments that help children grow in faith.

Michelle and her husband Dave, and their two children, Dane and Shelby, plan to remain active members at St. Paul. The move to leading the Bix 7 is one rooted in her own love of running - marathons, triathlons, and the Wisconsin Ironman race are on Michelle's personal victory list.



STAFF TRANSITIONS: **Employment**

Director of Children's Ministries

St. Paul Lutheran Church is looking for an individual who will oversee all aspects of children's ministries at St. Paul, 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.

This individual will work in tandem with a part-time children's ministries assistant and other learning staff colleagues to create a culture of excitement for the Christian life. By building networks of support for children through families' engagement, Faith Milestone activities, Sunday morning learning, and special events, this director will have the chance to shape young lives in a critical way.

The opportunity to work on a dynamic multi-staff team serving St. Paul's 3,500-member congregation is ideal for that individual who would enjoy a 25-hour/week position for 10.5 months/year. The position description is available at stpaulqc.org/employment.

Send a cover letter of interest and resume, or questions of further detail, to SPLCchildren@stpaulqc.org.



ST. PAUL CONFIRMATION CLASS: Eighth-graders met for their final confirmation class this spring. The two-year confirmation experience will conclude for these youth in the fall. Each student will share their faith story in Fellowship Hall during the learning hour, and a blessing will be held during worship.

UPCOMING *worship*

MAY 5 & 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PREACHING

5:30 Josh Kestner

8:00 Josh Kestner

9:20 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder

11:45 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder

MUSIC

8:00 Quartet

9:20 Chorale

MAY 12 & 13

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day, Baccalaureate

PREACHING

5:30 Katy Warren

8:00 Peter W. Marty

9:20 Peter W. Marty

11:45 Peter W. Marty

MUSIC

8:00 Quartet

9:20 Alleluia, Jubilate, Cantate, and Youth choirs

MAY 19 & 20

Day of Pentecost

New worship schedule starts

Mayfest Sunday

PREACHING

5:30 Katy Warren

7:45 Katy Warren

9:00 Sara Olson-Smith

11:15 Sara Olson-Smith

MUSIC

9:00 Chorale

MAY 26 & 27

Season after Pentecost

Memorial Day weekend

PREACHING

5:30 Peter W. Marty

7:45 Peter W. Marty

9:00 Peter W. Marty

11:15 Peter W. Marty



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Blood Donor Day @ St. Paul

Wednesday, May 16, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Sign up at the Info Center or online: stpaulqc.org/signups