

ST. PAUL connections



MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Perhaps it's part of your religious practice. Perhaps you only observe it in others. Why do people make the sign of the cross in worship, or at other moments in life? At the free throw line, an NBA player making the sign is practicing more superstition than faith. But in worship, a person outlining the sign of the cross on his or her body is essentially saying, "My life belongs to you, God. Christ matters to me. Let me never forget that I want to live as your child, and in your grasp."

This self-reminding symbol of faith, where people lightly touch their head, heart, and shoulders five times (to represent the five wounds of Jesus on the cross), is not a Catholic thing or a Lutheran thing. It's a Christian (optional) thing. Martin Luther proposed that Christians begin and end each day with this symbolic gesture of faith.

today at st. paul

June 16 & 17 - Pentecost 4

Preaching:

5:30/11:15 Sara Olson-Smith

7:45/9:00 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

9:00 VBS kids sing

Communion served at all services

Readings: Ezekiel 17: 22-24;

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 [11-13];

Mark 4: 26-34

next weekend

June 23 & 24 - Pentecost 5

Preaching:

5:30/11:15 Peter W. Marty

7:45/9:00 Katy Warren

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Ephesians 2:

11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

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 June 14)

Pam Abdo
Hildegard Fahrenkrug
Dick Medd
Art Schroeder

Weddings:

Darcey Boone & James Friske, May 19
Allison Maxwell & Matt Zager, June 9

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

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

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*

summer AT ST. PAUL

Step out and explore new places, meet new people, and discover a passion for faith-filled living. Below are a few ways you can engage your faith this summer.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

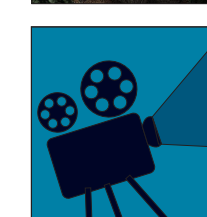
These plots of plants are grown to feed those who are food insecure. Help is needed with weeding, watering, and tending. Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.



MISFITS: SUMMER LUNCH SERIES

Tuesdays, July 3-31, 12-1 p.m.

St. Paul pastors and staff will lead a lunch-time series about Biblical and modern-day misfits. No need to sign up, just grab a sack lunch and come! Details inside.



MENTAL HEALTH MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesdays, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a movie and discussion with themes around a mental health issue. The series is free and open to the public. Popcorn and juice will be served.

Farewell Michelle!

Michelle Juehring, director of children's ministries, is leaving her staff position at St. Paul as she moves into her new job as race director for the Bix 7. A farewell reception will be held today, Sunday, June 17, 10-11:15 a.m. in the Library Commons. Come and wish Michelle well as she takes her love of running, and her superb organizational skills, to leading the area's largest road race.



MONDAY, JUNE 18

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

6:45am Early morning book group
7:30am Finance meeting
6pm Interview team
6pm Private lesson
7pm Women's a capella choir

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

9:30am Staff meeting
12noon Staff lunch
3:45pm Book Corner team
5pm Habitat work day
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6pm Residency team
6:15pm Men's Bible study

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

5pm KnitWits
6pm Centering Prayer
6pm Private lesson
6pm Explore WELCA
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
7pm Congregation council

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship
10:30am New members gather
11:15am Worship

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

DISCOVER & CONNECT

KNITWITS: Knitters and crocheters are invited to share time over yarn as we work on service and individual projects. Meet in the Church House Living Room, Thursday, June 21, 5-6:30 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'll be glad to teach you. Belinda Holbrook, bholbrook@mchsi.com

EXPLORE WELCA: On Thursday, June 21, 6 p.m., enjoy time together and a Bible study with women of St. Paul at the home of Cindy Bleich. This circle of the Women of the ELCA, as are all of the circles, is committed to growing faith, affirming gifts, supporting one another in our callings, engaging in ministry and action, and promoting healing and wholeness. Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

PRIMETIME AT THE RIVER BANDITS: Primetime 50+, for folks 50/60/70-something, will cheer on the River Bandits at Modern Woodman Park on Sunday, June 24. Meet at Gazebo 1 (first one west of the ballpark) about 3 p.m. to share appetizers. The game starts at 5 p.m. Tickets will be purchased the day before the game, so please sign up at the Info Center by June 17 or call Tom and Joan Lahl, 563-320-8760. Tickets are \$10 per person, payable to Tom or Joan at the gazebo.

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.

SO ALL MAY EAT: St. Paul people cook meals at St. Paul and serve them at the Salvation Army shelter at 6th and Harrison streets in Davenport. The initiative is called *So All May Eat*. Cooks are needed for Saturday, June 30. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

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.

SIGN UP FOR CONFIRMATION: Students entering 7th grade this fall are encouraged to sign up now for St. Paul's confirmation program. Meeting the first three Wednesdays of each month from September through April, confirmation is key to shaping the faith of middle school students. For more information and registration materials, contact Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org, 563-326-3547 ext. 232.

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 **Tuesday, July 24, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, Aug. 18, 9-11:30 a.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

VBS 2018: What an incredible week of faith and fun. Singing, dancing, playing, snacks, water balloons, cheering, serving others, and learning about God. There's all sorts of photos on the St. Paul Facebook page - check out all of the joy!



OF SPECIAL NOTE

HOLY BAPTISM: Three children step into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism this weekend. During 5:30 p.m. worship, Andrew Golinghorst, son of Antoinette and Lance Golinghorst; and during 9:00 a.m. worship, Henry Carter, son of Amy and Andrew Carter, and Caroline Conrad, daughter of Sarah and Will Conrad. We welcome them into the Lord's family.

MEN'S CHOIR: On Sunday, June 24, men of all ages are invited to be part of a choir at 9 a.m. worship. There is one more rehearsal today, Sunday, June 17, at 10:15 a.m. on the Lower Level in Room 011. If you have any questions, contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 214.

SUMMER LUNCH SERIES

MiSFITs

Tuesdays in July, 12 noon-1 p.m.
Bring a sack lunch and settle in for discussion about Biblical and modern-day misfits.

- ▶ **JULY 3:** Bartimeus, Moses, Jacob, & people living with disabilities - Pastor Sara Olson-Smith & Tammy Hermanson, pastoral residency administrator
- ▶ **JULY 10:** Ehud & Leonardo Da Vinci - Pastor Katy Warren & Andy Langdon, youth director
- ▶ **JULY 18:** Rahab & rescuers - Pastor Josh Kestner & Ann McGlynn, director of communications
- ▶ **JULY 24:** Legion & mental illness - Pastor Peter W. Marty & Todd Byerly, operations director
- ▶ **JULY 31:** The Syrophenician Woman & Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg - Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder & Karen Holden, book corner manager

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 provide meals for the work crews. Interested in helping? The dates of build days include:

- ▶ Saturdays, 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.



MISSION APPALACHIA: FALL DATES SET

The dates for a fall trip to Appalachia have been set. Spend a week improving the homes of others, Oct. 13-20, 2018. Cost is \$325. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.