

ST. PAUL connections



FRAGILE: HANDLE WITH CARE

Today we will read a snippet of 2 Corinthians in which the author says that we have a gift of treasure from God, and that we are holding this treasure in clay jars. Is this really the best place to keep treasure? Doesn't clay break easily? But this metaphor is less of a warning against our mishandling of God's gift and more of a description of God's un-failing love.

Our lives are fragile. We could easily be overwhelmed by the death, violence, hatred, and loneliness that run rampant in this world. But even when everything around us seems to be falling apart, God holds us in arms of comfort and peace. The treasure we have is this promise. And we cling to it on our best days and our worst.

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 May 31)
Hildegard Fahrenkrug
Erik Roland

MY NOTES FROM TODAY



Splish Splash!

All-St. Paul Pool Party, Saturday, June 16, 6-8 p.m.

St. Paul will host an all-congregation swimming party at the Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center on Saturday, June 16, 6-8 p.m.

The aquatic center has a variety of fun features. Take a dip in a pool with a zero-depth entry and water fountains. Experience the slide or take the plunge off the diving board. There is also plenty of room for lounging, a concession area with large shelter, and seating.

The event is free; food will be available for cash purchase. The Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center is located at 2828 Eastern Ave., Davenport. All kids under 18 must have an adult present to supervise. To ensure the proper number of lifeguards, please sign up by Wednesday, June 13, at stpaulqc.org/signups.

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



MONDAY, JUNE 4

- 9am Madison 5th grade promotion ceremony
- 11:30am Lydia circle
- 6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

- 6:45am Early morning book group
- 9am Dorcas circle
- 1:30pm Sarah circle
- 6pm Organ lesson
- 7pm Women's a capella choir

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
- 6:15pm Men's Bible study

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

- 10am Ruth circle
- 11:30am Private event
- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 6pm Organ lesson
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
- 7pm Personnel meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

- 1:30pm Ridgecrest circle
- 4:30pm Wedding rehearsal

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

- 3pm Maxwell/Zager wedding
- 5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- 7:45am Worship
- 8:30am Book Corner open
- 9am Worship
- 11:15am Worship
- 1pm Tri T
- 5:30pm VBS snack & decoration committees

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

today at st. paul

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

next weekend

June 9 & 10 - Pentecost 3

Preaching:
5:30/7:45/9 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
11:15 Katy Warren

Worship notes:
Communion served at all services

Readings: Genesis 3: 8-15;
2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5:1;
Mark 3: 20-35

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



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DISCOVER & CONNECT

adults

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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: **Anna** (day and evening): June 6, (Outing Club); **Dorcas:** June 5, 9 a.m., (Radisson Hotel); **Explore WELCA:** June 21, 6 p.m. (Cindy Bleich's); **Lydia:** June 4, 11:30 a.m., (Biaggi's); **Ridgecrest:** June 8, 1:30 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); **Ruth:** June 7, 10 a.m. (John Deere Headquarters and TPC Golf Club); **Sarah:** June 5, 11:30 a.m. (Cafe Indigo). 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, June 12, 7 p.m., downstairs at Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

music opportunities

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 will be two rehearsals: Sundays, June 10 and 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.

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. Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 214

FEMALE A CAPPELLA GROUP: 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, 326-3547 ext. 238

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.

CHILD CARE WORKERS: St. Paul's childcare nursery is searching for positive and energetic high school students and adults to provide quality childcare in a safe, loving, and caring environment. Applicants 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 about these paid positions, contact Michelle Juehring, michelle@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547, ext. 227.

SUBSTITUTE PRESCHOOL TEACHERS: Do you or someone you know have a talent for working with young children? St. Paul Preschool is searching for substitute teachers for for the 2018-2019 school year. This is an as-needed position. Interested candidates should connect with Karen Strusz, preschool director, karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others on Saturday, June 16, 9-11:30 a.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: This weekend during our 11 a.m. worship service, Remington Weipert, daughter of Kimberly Ruyle and Lance Weipert, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome her into the Lord's family.

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. 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.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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.



MISSION APPALACHIA: FALL DATES SET

The dates for a fall trip to Appalachia have been set. Help make homes warmer, safer, and drier, Oct. 13-20, 2018. Cost is \$325. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Katy Warren, katy@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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GROUNDBREAKING: The Quad-Cities Habitat chapter has built more than 100 homes, including those constructed with St. Paul funding and labor. Each summer, St. Paul volunteers work alongside families who dream of owning a home - and do the work necessary to make that dream a reality. Habitat recently broke ground for the house St. Paul crews will help build with Komi and Akouto Denou.



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 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 **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.