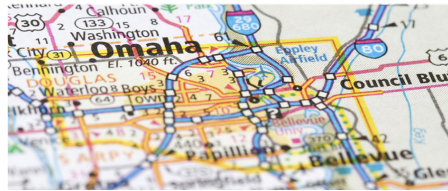


ST. PAUL connections



KIDS IN OMAHA

What do we call an experience like this week's journey of 120 St. Paul Lutheran youth and adults to Omaha, Nebraska? Is it really a "mission trip," as we're fond of saying? The word mission can confuse or mislead, especially if it connotes some zealous spreading of the faith. Should we refer to it as a "service learning experience" since there is a component of serving others and learning about the world in the process? Maybe so.

Whatever we want to label this adventure, think of it as our young people experiencing some sights they've never seen before, plunging into work that tests their comfort zones, and figuring out what it's like to live together with strangers for a few days. Never mind if they don't entirely change the world this week. God has magnificently changed and affected each of them ... which is the whole reason for such travel.

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 July 19)

- Vera Conner
- Leon Feuerbach
- *Dolores Jensen
- *Joann Mayfield
- *Craig Willi

MY NOTES FROM TODAY



Jazz Sunday Worship

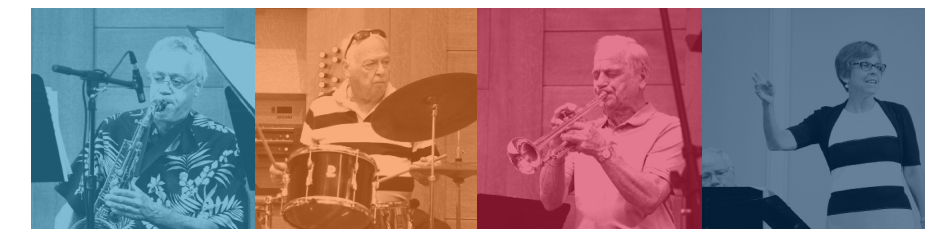
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 9 & 11:15 A.M.

Get ready for toe-tappin' worship next Sunday, July 29, at 9 and 11:15 a.m.

July jazz is food for the soul on Bix Weekend at St. Paul. It's some of the best jazz in town! A joyful tradition at St. Paul, worship this day is centered in the uniquely moving *Chicago Jazz Mass*. The place rocks with jubilation.

The Chicago-based ChurchJazz ensemble travels to the Quad Cities, celebrating the gift of God's music. Andy Tecson, the principal composer and band leader, is one of seven members of this crew of lifelong, gifted musicians.

To learn more about all of the members of ChurchJazz, visit www.churchjazz.com.



MONDAY, JULY 23

6pm Friends and Family

TUESDAY, JULY 24

8am Madison Market setup
12noon Misfits lunch series
12:30pm Madison Market
6pm Private lesson
6:30pm Membership inquiry class
7pm Women's a capella choir

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

9:30am Staff meeting
5pm Habitat work day
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6:30pm Mental health movie night

THURSDAY, JULY 26

6pm Centering Prayer
6pm Private lesson
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, JULY 27

SATURDAY, JULY 28

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 29

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship/Jazz
11:15am Worship/Jazz

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

today at st. paul

July 21 & 22 - Pentecost 9

Preaching: All services Peter W. Marty

Worship notes: 9:00 Summer Choir
Communion served at all services

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Ephesians 2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

next weekend

July 28 & 29 - Pentecost 10/Jazz Sunday

Preaching: 5:30/7:45 Sara Olson-Smith
9:00/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes: 9:00/11:15 Chicago Jazz Mass
Communion served at all services

Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 3: 14-21; Mark 6: 1-21

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*

LEARNING

Karen Strusz *Preschool director*
Andy Langdon *Director of youth 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

children

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: The hammers, nail guns, and saws went to work last Saturday as St. Paul people continued the progress made on this year's Habitat for Humanity house. It was a bit hot and rainy, but thankfully, there's a roof over the work.



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 **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.

KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE: A gathering for kindergarteners and their families will be held on Sunday, Aug. 19, 10:20-11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Children and parents will join Pastor Katy Warren to explore worship in a new way. A milestone is a significant event along life's journey that deserves attention. If your child is beginning kindergarten this fall, we want to celebrate this milestone with you. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.

adults

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness meets at St. Paul on the fourth Monday of every month, 6-7 p.m., next gathering July 23. *Friends and Family* is for anyone looking for mutual support by sharing with and listening to others. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara, sara@stpaulqc.org

WOMEN'S 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 capella and enjoy singing together. Next gathering will be Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m., in the Chapel. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 238

2136 YOUNG ADULTS: Take me out to the ballgame; take me out to the crowd! Let's go to a QC River

Bandits game on Thursday, Aug. 2. Game starts at 6:35 p.m. downtown at Modern Woodmen Park. Tickets for the bleachers are \$7 for general admission. RSVP by July 29 to Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org.

ST. PAUL TO WORSHIP AT FREE INDEED PRISON CONGREGATION: The Free Indeed congregation, within the walls of the Anamosa State Penitentiary in Anamosa, Iowa, will welcome St. Paul people for worship on Saturday, Aug. 18. This new congregation of the ELCA invites inmates of the prison as well as people from the outside to worship together. Its pastor is Jerry Collell. Space is limited. Transportation and lunch will be provided. The group will depart St. Paul at 7:45 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Visitors must submit paperwork for a background check no later than Monday, Aug. 6. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547.

BATTER UP! The St. Paul Sluggers co-ed softball team is looking forward to a great season of fun and camaraderie (and if we win a game, that will be a bonus!). The team will play one day a week, either on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, at the ball fields in the Village of East Davenport. Everyone will get a T-shirt. League runs from Aug. 7-Oct. 4. Must be 18 years old or older. Registration is free. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Team captain is Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org.



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.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others on Tuesday, July 24, 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

ST. PAUL WELCOMES NEW PASTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY LIFE: In mid-August, we look forward to welcoming Pastor Kendra Thompson to begin her ministry as pastor of children and family life. Kendra grew up in Missouri, Colorado, Texas, and Utah. She earned degrees from the University of Utah, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and her M.Div. equivalent for ordination from Philips School of Theology. Look forward to reading more about Kendra and her love for children in the August *Journey* magazine.



FINANCIAL UPDATE: We're not where we want to be as a congregation at the six-month point of the fiscal year, regarding income over expenses. In other words, our offerings are lagging behind pledge commitments to date. If your household needs to catch up with your giving intent, please do so as soon as you can. Your generosity is vital to St. Paul fulfilling its many ministry obligations. Thank you!

HOLY BAPTISM: During 9:00 a.m. worship this Sunday, July 22, Caden Struss, son of Nina and David Struss, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

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 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. most Sundays, as well as some evenings and weekends when scheduled. If interested in learning more about these paid positions, contact Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547, ext. 248.

MENTAL HEALTH Movie Nights

July 25 | It's Kind Of A Funny Story
Aug. 1 | The Mask You Live In

Movies start at 6:30 p.m. | Free and open to the public.

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 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