

ST. PAUL connections



WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING CHRISTIAN?

Plenty of people in this world opt out of the Christian faith. For those of us who decide the Christian faith is worth our time, here's some of what keeps us going:

Practicing the faith beats talking about God. Living certain disciplines on a regular basis (prayer, generosity, worship, and hearing God's word – all done in communal fashion, often with people who aren't even our closest friends) forms character. Such efforts give contour to faith. They help us trust in more than ourselves. They glory in something other than our stuff or successes or leisure. Sabbath worship is our deliberate commitment to quit playing God and stop pretending as if we're in control. We seek to love and care for the neighbor, even the inconvenient one. We choose to be grateful, not in the abstract but in specific thanks to God. Jesus Christ becomes our voice for a morally-centered life. [You get the idea . . .]

today at st. paul

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

next weekend

August 4 & 5 - Pentecost 11

Preaching:

5:30/9:00 Josh Kestner
7:45/11:15 Katy Warren

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

Readings: Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15;
Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35

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:

Leon Feuerbach



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Grab a picker-upper and help pick up the St. Paul neighborhood. Supplies and snacks will be provided for this environmentally and community-minded crew.

Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com

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*

Growing Faith

At St. Paul, faith milestones are special markers along the growing-up journey. Each milestone is grounded in the Bible and nurtures faith in everyday life. They are held for different ages throughout the year. Upcoming milestones include:



Kindergarten | Discovering worship

Sunday, Aug. 19, 10:20-11:05 a.m.

Kids ask questions and explore St. Paul worship. A monogrammed worship bag for each child adds to the fun family event in the fall. Signup at stpaulqc.org/signups.



Three-year-olds | Start Sunday school

Sunday, Aug. 26, 10:20-11:05 a.m.

A late-summer event welcomes three-year-olds and their parents into Sunday morning learning. It's a big step into a classroom setting. Each child receives a colorful storybook Bible. Signup at stpaulqc.org/signups.



Eleventh Grade | Adventure trip

Sunday, July 29 - Wednesday, Aug. 1

Whitewater rafting, camping, and meaningful conversations shape this time away in Wisconsin. The goal is to prepare incoming seniors for leadership in our community and exploring their faith stories. The crew leaves today, July 29, for a four-day experience.

MONDAY, JULY 30

TUESDAY, JULY 31

12noon Misfits lunch series

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

9:30am Staff meeting
5:30pm Call committee
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6:15pm Men's Bible study
6:30pm Mental health movie night

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

11:30am Lunch & Launch series
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

5pm Wedding rehearsal

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

8am Habitat work day
9am WELCA board meeting
2pm Oulman/Dumerauf wedding
5pm Book Corner open
5:30pm Worship
6:30pm Healing liturgy

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

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

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS

are available at the Info Center and online at www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Jazz Sunday Worship

Settle in for the soul-filled music of the ChurchJazz ensemble from Chicago, 9 & 11:15 a.m.



WHO ARE OUR NEIGHBORS? St. Paul youth and adults explored who are our neighbors during a five-day trip to Omaha earlier this month. They visited a mosque, synagogue, and Christian churches. They helped at a variety of service projects - sorting donations, playing with kids, picking up trash. They immersed themselves in all of the ways we are different from each other, and yet, the same.



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, Aug. 18, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Monday, Sept. 17, 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

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 today, July 29, to Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org.

ST. PAUL TO WORSHIP AT FREE IN-DEED 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 by 3 p.m. Visitors must submit paperwork for a background check no later than Monday, Aug. 6. Sign up at stpaulqc.org.

[org/signups](http://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.

I'M WITH THE BAND: Proudly proclaim, "I'm with the band" on Sunday, Aug. 26, when St. Paul gathers all woodwind, brass, and percussion instrumentalists to play at 9 a.m. worship. One rehearsal for all ages will be Saturday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m. Music available in advance. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING
Sunday, Aug. 19

Bring your backpacks, school bags, laptops, and briefcases for a blessing during worship at 9 & 11:15 a.m.



HUNGER AWARENESS WEEKEND | AUG 25 & 26

Food pantry gathering

Stock a paper bag with nonperishable food items and bring it to worship that weekend. The food gathered will be used to fill the shelves at the Friendly House Food Pantry.

Community Garden food share

Too many tomatoes? Not enough squash? St. Paul people can bring bounty from their gardens to share with others. The harvest left over will be donated to Café on Vine.



OF SPECIAL NOTE

GIVING TO OTHERS is central to St. Paul's ministry. Our role in the world and our commitment to God is to be generous. Thanks to every St. Paul household and their financial pledge commitment, our congregation gives more than 21% of all offerings away to needs in this community and around the world.

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING: Each year, St. Paul volunteers travel to rural central Appalachia to make homes safer, warmer, and drier for low-income families. Volunteers stay in centers of the Appalachia Service Project, an organization that works throughout the region to build relationships and repair homes. This fall's trip will be Oct. 13-20 to Jonesville, Virginia, led by Pastor Katy Warren. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, Aug. 12, 10:30-11:15 a.m., in the Luther Loft. The trip cost is \$325. To sign up before or after the info meeting, visit stpaulqc.org/signups.

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.

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 Phillips School of Theology. Look forward to reading more about Kendra and her love for children in the August *Journey* magazine.



A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, 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.

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 31: The Syrophenian Woman & Emma Gonzalez and David Hogg – Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder & Karen Holden, book corner manager

MENTAL HEALTH

Movie Nights

Aug. 1 | The Mask You Live In

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