

ST. PAUL connections

WEDNESDAYS @ ST. PAUL

On Sept. 5, a full variety of offerings resume on Wednesday evenings at St. Paul. How will you be a part?

- ▶ **Adult Children of Alcoholics, 5:30 p.m.**
This anonymous Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition program is for people who grew up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional home. Meet in Room 203.
- ▶ **Choirs, 6 p.m.**
From age 4-adult, voices soar gracefully in praise. Three children's choirs, a youth choir, and Chorale all return for rehearsals, 6-6:45 p.m. for children and youth, 6-7:30 p.m. for adults. Everyone is welcome.
- ▶ **Men's Bible Study, 6:15 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesdays**
Gather for a time of fellowship, study, and light supper. Meet in the 129 House on the St. Paul campus, corner of Lombard and Main Streets.
- ▶ **Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., 1st three Wednesdays of the month**
St. Paul's confirmation ministry is a creative, spirit-enlivened venture into the life of faith for kids in grades 7 & 8. On the fourth Wednesday, 678 is a night of fun for all middle-schoolers.
- ▶ **Midweek recharge, 6:45 p.m., 1st three Wednesdays of the month**
This high school small group is designed for students who do not attend Sunday Night Live. Snacks, service projects, and life application conversations highlight this weekly gathering.



GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT

The Bible mentions food quite a bit. The book of Exodus talks about manna and quail appearing in the wilderness. The Promised Land is described as a place flowing with milk and honey. Or the gospels speak of figs and wheat and wine. The final thing Jesus does with his disciples? He shares one last meal with them.

Perhaps one of the more well-known food-related stories in the Bible happens when Jesus and his friends are surrounded by a large crowd of people. And when it's discovered that they have little to eat and are quickly growing hungry, Jesus offers this suggestion: "You give them something to eat."

We use this weekend at St. Paul to be reminded of the deep need for food here in the Quad Cities and around the world. Wherever we hear of those with empty stomachs or see ones struggling to find food for their table, may we hear again Jesus' instruction. Let's give them something to eat.

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 8/23)

- Russ Carlson
- *Leon Feuerbach
- *Anna Goodwin
- *Jean Mayes
- Mary Staerk

Birth:

Matilda Burns, daughter of Kristin & John Burns, July 31

Wedding:

Samantha Bley & Aaron Schulze, Aug. 18

With sympathy:

Shirley McClurg, husband Frank McClurg

Death:

Walter Bredbeck, Aug. 21
Frank McClurg, Aug. 23

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8am Preschool student/parent orientation
- 6pm TTT meeting
- 6pm Friends & Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 8am Preschool student/parent orientation
- 8am Madison Market setup
- 12:30pm Madison Market
- 4:30pm WELCA Bible study prep
- 7pm Female a cappella choir

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 2:30pm So All May Eat meal prep
- 5pm So All May Eat meal serving
- 5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
- 6:30pm Confirmation sponsor training

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

- 5pm Book Corner open
- 5:30pm Worship
- 6:30pm Healing liturgy

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

- 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.

today at st. paul

August 25 & 26 - Pentecost 14

Preaching:

- 5:30/7:45 Katy Warren
- 9:00/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

- 9:00 The Band
- Communion served at all services

- Readings: 1 Corinthians 14: 6-19;
Matthew 12: 33-37

next weekend

September 1 & 2 - Pentecost 15

Preaching:

- All services Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

- 9:00 Female a cappella group
- Communion served at all services

- Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9;
James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8,
14-15, 21-23

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*
- Destiny Ellingsworth *Communications intern*

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

- Kendra Thompson *Pastor of children & family life*
- Karen Strusz *Preschool director*
- Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*
- Eyreka Barnes *Assistant to learning director*
- Dana Welsler *Neighborhood schools*
- Teresa Whitbeck *Childcare team leader*
- Christine Vincent *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*



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DISCOVER & CONNECT

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: The hammers, nail guns, and saws have been at work this summer as St. Paul people continue the progress made on this year's Habitat for Humanity house. Sign up to help at stpaulqc.org/signups.



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 **Monday, Sept. 17, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, Oct. 13, 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.

COLLEGE STUDENTS! We're glad you're here! Whether brand new to the Quad Cities or back for another year of college, let St. Paul be a place to worship and connect with peers. Feel free to leave your cell number or email in the welcome book in your pew, noting "college student" somewhere. Say "hi" to Pastor Josh Kestner after worship. He looks forward to meeting you. Pastor Josh, joshua@stpaulqc.org

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering Aug. 27. A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness, *Friends & 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

FEMALE A CAPPELLA GROUP: Women of all ages and singing experience are invited to come and learn different styles of a cappella and enjoy singing together. We will gather once more this summer, Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We will be singing during worship at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org

CC CONVERSATIONS is a first-Thursday-of-the-month opportunity for St. Paul people to discuss faith, politics, and culture, using articles and news from *The Christian Century* magazine as a springboard for conversation. Gather on Sept. 6, 6-7:15 p.m., in the Library Commons. Peter Marty facilitates discussion. Participants will want to have read "Expressions of anti-Muslim prejudice" and "Israel: National home of Jewish people" (pp 15-17, Aug. 15 issue); and "Silence in the face of mystery" (pp 28-31, Aug. 29 issue), either by stopping at the church to read a copy secured in the library or through a subscription (special St. Paul rate cards are available at the Info Center). Pastor Marty, peter@stpaulqc.org

SECOND SATURDAYS: Men of St. Paul gather for service, fellowship, and discussion. The idea is to strengthen guys in their faith. First meeting of the fall will be on Saturday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m., at the Kreiter farm, 12010 70th Ave., Blue Grass. Speaker will be Don Doucette, chancellor,

Eastern Iowa Community College District. Todd Byerly, todd@stpaulqc.org

HEART. SOUL. MIND. BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, beginning Sept. 6, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. *Cross Examinations:* The central symbol of the Christian experience, the cross, evokes not only a range of emotions, but also a range of interpretations. Explore how the cross has shaped the lives of people in different contexts, and how it continues to shape us today. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org

MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS: Open for any woman who has experienced mother-loss at any time and needs a safe place for support. Gather to celebrate our mothers, deepen relationships, and develop a network for continuous healing. First gathering of the fall will be Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. Nicole Rathje, rathjefamily@gmail.com

LUNCH BOOK CONVERSATION: Thursdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 4, 12-1 p.m. Gather with others to discuss this fall's Faith & Life Speaker Austin Channing Brown's book, *I'm Still Here*. Bring a bag lunch and an openness to talk and listen about racism, privilege, and how we might commit to building racial justice in our church and world. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

MOMS' MORNING: Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 13, in the Church House Living Room. Friendships form when mothers of young children get together. Moms' Morning is an every-Thursday-morning gathering (note new day) that celebrates parenthood with laughter, prayer, and mutual support. A Bible study is held once a month, along with service projects and learning. Child-care is provided. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

FAITHFUL READERS: Thursdays, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., and Oct. 11, 7 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. The first fall meeting of this literature discussion group, Sept. 13, will be a potluck (bring anything except dessert). Conversation will focus on *Death on Lindisfarne* by Faye Sampson. The October meeting will be on "The Diver" and "The Ring" in *Babette's Feast and Other Stories* by Isak Dinesen. Katie Hanson, katiehanson@augustana.edu or Dave Crowe, davidcrowe@augustana.edu

OF SPECIAL NOTE

FOOD SORTING: Today, Sunday, Aug. 26, after 11 a.m. worship in the Elevator Commons. Help sort the food gathered for the Friendly House food pantry during Hunger Awareness weekend. This lively project is one for all ages and abilities. . . and saves the food pantry volunteers and staff lots of work. Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org

SO ALL MAY EAT: Wednesday, Aug. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 29. St. Paul people cook meals at St. Paul and serve at the Salvation Army shelter at 6th and Harrison streets in Davenport. The initiative is called *So All May Eat*. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, 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.

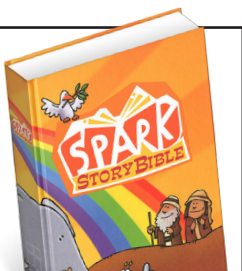
CALLING ALL SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING LEADERS! It's time to gather our learning team for fall start up 2018. Training for leaders and helpers guiding children age 3 - 5th grade will take place today, Sunday, Aug. 26, 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are in need of leaders, several helpers, and substitutes for all grades. Do you have gifts you would like to share with St. Paul elementary school students? Contact Kendra Thompson (kendra@stpaulqc.org) or Eyreka Barnes (eyreka@stpaulqc.org). If unable to attend training, contact Kendra or Eyreka to set a time to go over materials and important details.

EXTRA BACKPACK TAGS: If you or your child didn't get a tag for your backpack last weekend, there are extras available at the Info Center.

Three-year-old Milestone

Today, 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 as a gift from the congregation.



STARTUP SUNDAY | SEPT. 9

Sunday worship: 7:45, 9, & 11:15 a.m.

Saturday worship: 5:30 p.m.

Learning for all: 10:20-11:05 a.m.



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. Interested in helping? The dates of build days include:

- Saturday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Wednesdays, Sept. 26 & Oct. 24, 5-8 p.m.

To sign up, visit stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren at katy@stpaulqc.org or 326-3547.

