

WORKING TOGETHER

Our bodies are amazing creations. Some estimate that there are as many as 75 to 100 trillion cells—that's 100 trillion separate pieces—that make up our bodies. Remarkably, they all work together so that we can do great work in the world.

It's not so different than the many ways we work together to enrich lives and strengthen connections at St. Paul. It takes the form of a St. Paul Sluggers softball team which provides great fun and exercise. But it's only successful if each person shows up and contributes to the whole. Or the Habitat for Humanity house St. Paul is helping to build this summer. People of all skill levels show up, working alongside strangers and friends alike, to make a house become a home. Or consider how we generously share what God has first given us, so our community and world might flourish.

Whatever you find yourself doing this week—consider how you work well with one another. How might our words and actions combine with others to make God's love known?

today at st. paul

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

next weekend

August 11 & 12 - Pentecost 12

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

Readings: Ephesians 4: 25—5:2;
John 6: 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: (*released as of 8/1)

*Ralph Parry

Wedding:

Kelly Kretschmer & Michael Schnackenberg, July 21

With sympathy:

Tammi & Chuck Harroun, her mother Iva Dell Muller
Nate Harroun, grandmother Iva Dell Muller
Craig & Marcia Willi, his aunt Iona McDonnell

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*

LEARNING

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*
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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WARMER. SAFER. DRIER.

Ramps, roofs, painting, flooring – St. Paul will be heading to rural Appalachia from October 13-20 to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier. The church's years-long partnership with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) translates into one or two trips a year. In October, crews will work in Jonesville, Virginia.

In Appalachia, poverty is more than double the national average. Jobs are few and far between in these mountains. Homes are crumbling. Walls buckle. Roofs leak. Sagging floors pose hazards to all ages.

The trip expense and travel distance are reasonable, at \$325 for the week. St. Paul offerings underwrite some of the cost, making a meaningful experience possible for a wide range of people.

An informational meeting will be Sunday, Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m. in the Luther Loft. Seats fill quickly. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.



MONDAY, AUGUST 6

6:30pm Survivors of Suicide support group
7pm Personnel committee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

6pm St. Paul Sluggers
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

9:30am Staff meeting
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
5:30pm Memorial committee
6pm Confirmation family meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

5pm Wedding rehearsal

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

2:30pm Gordon/Cappaert wedding
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship
10:30am Appalachia mission trip meeting
11:15am Worship

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS

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

JAZZ @ ST. PAUL: We clapped, danced, sang, and praised the Lord last weekend with ChurchJazz, a crew of storied professional musicians who come once a year to celebrate the Quad Cities' jazz heritage in worship. With original music and old favorites, ChurchJazz lifts spirits and brings joy.



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

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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.

CONFIRMATION FAITH STORIES WORKSHOP: All 9th graders will take part in an upcoming Faith Story workshop, giving them the tools they need to shape their faith story and preparing them for their confirmation day this fall. See stpaulqc.org/signups to sign up your student for a workshop on either Wednesday, Aug. 15, 6-9 p.m. or Sunday, Aug. 19, 12:15-3:15 p.m. Pastor Katy, katy@stpaulqc.org, 563-326-3547 x232

adults

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS: 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. Meet in the Library Conference Room on Monday, Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m. No need to sign up, just come. Contact: Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

THEOLOGY PUB is a time to gather around conversation, food, and drink. Anyone is welcome! No homework or

materials required. Next gathering Tuesday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m., downstairs at Front Street Brewery - Pub & Eatery, Davenport. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

WOMEN OF ST. PAUL FALL GATHERING: The annual fall gathering for women of St. Paul will be Saturday, August 25, 9-11:30 a.m. Joyce Klopp, director of Hope at the BRICK House, will be the featured speaker. School supplies, meal serving items, and snacks will be gathered for the program. Refreshments will be served, and women will have the opportunity to learn about St. Paul ministries. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or at the Information Center. Childcare will be available upon request. Contact: Janice Melvin, 563-332-3665, or Carol Moeller, 563-391-3790.

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

CENTERING PRAYER: Practice an ancient prayer form in which you will experience God's presence within. Centering prayer does not replace other kinds of prayer, but is a discipline that allows a person to move beyond conversation to resting in God and communion with Christ. Every Thursday, 6-7 p.m., Upper Level Room 203. Dick Jensen, rjensen65@gmail.com

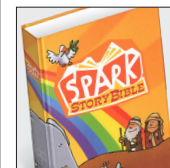
Upcoming Faith Milestones

At St. Paul, faith milestones are special markers along the growing-up journey.



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 this fun family event. Signup at stpaulqc.org/signups.



Three-year-olds | Start Sunday school
Sunday, Aug. 26, 10:20-11:05 a.m.

St. Paul welcomes three-year-olds 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.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

OUR DOLLARS SHAPE LIVES. St. Paul members' annual pledge commitments are the backbone of our ministry, 365 days/year. Thank you for your own inspired giving and for your desire to be generous with your life and dollars. Beautiful things happen as a consequence.

IN-HOME COMMUNION: Four times per year, people from our congregation take communion to homebound members. Following the 7:45 a.m. service this Sunday, Aug. 5, they will go to the homes of those who are not able to worship with us. We ask God's blessing as they take the Lord's Supper to members of St. Paul.

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.



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

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.

