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journey



Walking to work

It was one of the more foolish things I've ever done in life – hitchhiking from northern Wisconsin to suburban Chicago. I was a 16-year-old without a car trying to make the 310-mile route home from our summer cabin.



ON THE COVER:
St. Paul member, Jim Smith

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The idea struck me as safe; I'd be riding through idyllic dairy farms and cornfields most of the way. One or two rides would do it, I figured. So with a jacket tied around my waist, \$80 in my wallet, and no backpack, canteen, or water bottle along for the ride, I stuck out my thumb. The first ride came quickly. It only lasted 9 miles, however, as the driver turned off to his sister's house. The second ride came after a lot of walking, this time with a guy who spoke fewer words than a TV set on mute. After an hour and half he broke the silence to announce he'd be exiting. There I stood on the shoulder of the road in the middle of rolling farm fields, studying my map. It was hot.

There is no rush hour traffic near Kellnersville, Wisconsin. A car or truck would pass by periodically – pass by being the operative words that weren't helping my circumstance. For two hours I walked hungry and thirsty. No exit or entry ramp in sight. I thought I struck it rich when I came upon some corn cobs on the roadside that must have bounced from a truck. That was the day I discovered the difference between feed corn and sweet corn. I also learned never to travel without water again.

Subsequent rides eventually got me to Milwaukee, where I broke down and bought a bus ticket to Chicago. I haven't hitchhiked since. The whole journey came back to me last week, though, as I read the news about Walter Carr. Carr is the 20-year-old Birmingham, Alabama college student whose car broke down the night before he was due for his first day of work with a moving company. When his texts to friends pleading for rides turned up nothing, he logged on to Google Maps. That's where he discovered it would take eight hours on foot to make the 20-mile journey to the house where the movers were to show up. So, after a bologna sandwich and a nap, Carr set off at midnight for his long walk to work.

He made it in time, thanks to some police officers who found him walking beside the road in the pre-dawn darkness. They got him some food at Whataburger and took him the final four miles. Walter Carr refused the homeowner's offer of a bed in which to nap first, preferring to get right to work moving furniture. At the end of the moving day, he pulled out yet more energy to play pickup basketball with the homeowner's three sons, ages 11, 13, and 16. The chief executive of the moving com-

pany, Luke Marklin, was so moved by Carr's effort that he ended up giving his Ford Escape to this new employee the next day. "We set a really high bar for heart and grit ... [and] you just blew it away," Marklin told Carr.

In my life, I've never had to walk 20 miles to work in the middle of the night. And I'm not an African-American, which would make the journey doubly difficult in prejudiced communities. But I understand perseverance when I see it. It's not a glamorous part of life, but it's also essential.

"By your endurance you will gain your souls," Jesus tells his disciples one day (Luke 21:19). According to his word, true endurance or perseverance is concerned with matters of the soul. Something more than dogged persistence is at play in true stamina. Something more than macho determination, more than a fist-clenched way shapes the best lives. There's a passion that's required – a spark of zeal asking one to trust the course one is on.

Walter Carr seems to understand that one's soul is intertwined with the best forms of endurance. He is designating the bulk of GoFundMe campaign funds raised in his name be given to the Birmingham Education Foundation. "I always wanted to inspire people," he said the other day. "It's great to reach people."



PETER W. MARTY
senior pastor

Little ones to celebrate milestones

Three-year-olds and kindergartners at St. Paul will mark important faith milestones this month. They are special times along the growing-up journey. Signup online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Three-year-olds | Start Sunday School Milestone: This event, on Sunday, Aug. 26, 10:20 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, 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.

Kindergarten | Discovering Worship Milestone: Kids ask questions and explore St. Paul worship during this interactive session on Sunday, Aug. 19, 10:20 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A monogrammed worship bag for each child adds to the fun.

Neighborhood cleanup set for August 25

The St. Paul corner of the world is a beautiful place. On Saturday, Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-12 noon, gather to pick up trash and debris in the blocks surrounding the campus. It's called the *Make It Yours* Neighborhood Cleanup.

No need to sign up, just come! Supplies and snacks are provided. Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com.

I'm with the band: Sunday, Aug. 26

Where the flutes go, treble will follow. Without music, life would be divided by section, united by harmony. Never look at the trombones, it only encourages them. Hakuna fermata: Keep playing for the rest of your days. Football will be played before and after the main event: the marching band half-time show.

Enough of the band geek fun from the editor. 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.

Questions: Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.



Each fall, the St. Paul congregation hosts the community-wide Faith & Life Series. The church brings persons of national stature to the Quad Cities – sparking new ideas about what it means to live faithfully. This event reflects St. Paul's mission to serve as a learning center for our people and the entire region.

The 2018 Faith & Life Series speaker is Austin Channing Brown. She will present on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 10:20 a.m. and 4 p.m. Both are free and open to the public. She is the author of the acclaimed *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. The book is available in the St. Paul Book Corner.

Austin attended North Park University where she earned a degree in business management. She also has a master's degree in social justice from Marygrove College in Detroit. Austin has worked in a variety of contexts for the advancement of racial justice and reconciliation.

Welcome school year with back-to-school blessing

The anticipation of a new school year is in the air: school supplies, backpacks, and the eagerness of learning new things.

On Sunday, Aug. 19, St. Paul will hold its annual back-to-school blessing. Students of all ages can bring backpacks and laptop bags to worship at 9 and 11:15 a.m. for a special blessing. Just bring your bags up to the front of the Sanctuary near the altar. The blessing will be during the children's message. Children will receive a small item to remind them God is with them as they return to school.

Sunday morning learning at St. Paul begins again on Sunday, Sept. 9. Classes will be held at 10:20 a.m.

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.

The new congregation of the ELCA invites inmates of the prison as well as people from the outside to worship together. Free Indeed is one of 31 prison congregations in 14 states connected with the Prison Congregations of America, representing nine denominations.

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/signups. Questions? Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547.

Clergy roundtable: Start by Believing

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Family Resources will host a session for area clergy on how to best respond when someone discloses sexual, physical, or emotional abuse.

Clergy Roundtable: Start by Believing will be held on Thursday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m.-12 noon, at St. Paul. Elaine Olson, a spiritual director and retired pastor; Alexandria Bruozis, Family Resources sexual abuse advocate; and Jessica Slover, Family Resources sexual abuse therapist, will present.

This interfaith roundtable is free, but faith leaders are asked to register online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and Ann McGlynn, director of communication, are organizing the session.

The hope is that clergy from all faith traditions will gain a better understanding of how to communicate with people who come to seek comfort and support in the face of abuse. It is clear that women, men, and children who disclose abuse are not always greeted with healthy responses that better lead to healing. An uninformed response can worsen trauma.

“Clergy and church leaders carry the Holy Responsibility to embody the presence of God,” Elaine said. “It is important to bear witness to suffering and pain in this world and stand with the vulnerable, victimized, and oppressed to name injustice.”

Elaine will lead a discussion on spiritual aspects and obligations of caring for people who are abused.

Sometimes, the church can be the least safe place for victims. Faith leaders can cause harm by blaming the victim, not understanding the depth of anger and the damage that sexual assault can bring, and demanding forgiveness without first seeking justice, she said. Also, faith leaders must overcome their own fear of getting involved. That fear could be coupled with a lack of knowledge of resources available, lack of awareness of -isms such as sexism and racism, and lack of understanding of the power of the office of the pastor.

“Christina Feldman writes: ‘In the time of darkest distress what is most deeply needed is the fearless presence of a person who can be wholeheartedly receptive,’” Elaine said.

The desire for a quick resolution can also result in a harmful response, she said.

Religious questions will be explored as well: Why didn’t God protect me? How do you understand suffering? What does it mean to forgive?

“It means to give notice that an offense has occurred and not minimize or mitigate or excuse the offense. It means when justice has occurred and one’s own spirit is ready to release the right to seek vengeance and trust God’s justice,” she said.

Alexandria and Jessica will focus on the simple but powerful messages of the Start by Believing campaign. This is what a person should hear when they disclose:

- “I’m sorry this happened. I am here for you.”
- “You can tell me as much, or as little as you want.”
- “It’s not your fault.”
- “I’m glad you told me. I’m so proud of you.”
- “What can I do to support you?”
- “Do you want me to go with you to the hospital or police station?”
- Even with the best of intentions, “why” questions can sound accusatory and make survivors blame themselves.

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Explore AND Serve

It's been a packed summer for St. Paul youth and adult leaders. First, a trek to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston offered inspiration, hope, and new ways of thinking. They explored the city and worshiped with 30,000 fellow Lutherans from around the country. Then, more than 100 youth and adults took off for Omaha, Nebraska, in mid-July to serve in places that offer care and support to people who face difficult circumstances.



BUILDING FLIGHT

One St. Paul member built his own airplane from scratch. Another built a career from the seat of Navy P2Vs. Both share a love of the air.

Jim Smith, airplane builder

Inside Jim Smith's hangar at the Davenport Municipal Airport, cold water and a seat await any visitor who stops by. The stories begin with the tale of the plane toward the back of the hangar.



It was built, not by kit, but by plans given to Jim by his wife Beverly early in their marriage for an anniversary gift. Each piece was purchased and installed by hand over many

years, while Jim balanced work as training coordinator for the plumbing trade and raising a family, too.

Jim and Beverly met at the airport. She worked there. He stopped by the office for a variety of reasons. The two are about to celebrate the 53rd anniversary.

"I got it all ready, except for the engine, instruments, propeller," he said. He waited for a damaged (but not too damaged) plane to come along for those particular parts. "Some people like to golf. Some people like to read books. I like to do things with my hands," Jim said.

The first few times Jim flew the plane, he stayed close to the airport, checking for all sorts of things. Over the years, the plane took Jim and Beverly to Florida, Wisconsin, Colorado and "we've been around Iowa a lot," he said. Its name is Renegade II.

The only downside of the plane is that not much luggage can fit inside. And, he and Beverly cannot sit next to each other while they fly.

That's where his 1942 Waco VK5-7F comes in.

Jim had been on the lookout for a plane that would give the couple a chance to pack a bit more luggage and sit next to each other. He was on his way to an airplane show when Beverly gave the nod and said, "Why don't you bring one home."

The Smiths' Waco is a rare aircraft, with just 21 built for the Civilian Pilot Training Program, an initiative of the U.S. government to increase the number of civilian pilots. It's a round-engine plane, which means the pilot must crank the propeller a few times to get gas into all of the cylinders. Then, into the plane the pilot goes for a series of turning keys and pushing buttons. It slowly starts to rumble to life.

Jim started to learn to fly as a young adult. Today, it's a hobby that takes him regularly to his hangar to tinker around with his beloved aircraft and the Model T automobile he rebuilt. The Model T is a bit slower than the planes, with a top speed of "55 miles an hour downhill with a tailwind."

"It's all about manipulating the wrench a little bit," he said.



Richard Fidler, retired Navy captain

As a student at Davenport High School, some of Richard Fidler's buddies decided to take the exam to qualify for a Navy ROTC scholarship.

Richard, who grew up during WWII, went along. He took the test and earned one of two full-ride scholarships in the state of Iowa. With \$50 a month in spending money, he enrolled in the civil engineering program at Iowa State University in the fall of 1953.

It was during that time that his career as a pilot became clear. Richard spent the summers during college on what the Navy calls cruises. One in particular sparked his interest: his ROTC instructor wanted to get some flight time in, so he asked if anyone wanted to go up with him. Richard said yes.

"That got the hook set," Richard said.

What followed next was decades away from his hometown, working for the Navy, then for Rockwell Collins. Three years ago, he and his wife, Shirley, returned to Davenport and to St. Paul.

Richard and Shirley met in high school. He first noticed her while cruising around Davenport one night with a friend in his dad's 1948 Kaiser.

They married at St. Paul when he finished college. They were one of the first couples married in the new sanctuary of the time - now the Chapel.

Richard went to Florida and Texas for training. Then it was off to a squadron in Hawaii that deployed to Alaska. He and Shirley lived in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Virginia, New York, and New Jersey (that was for a master's degree in aeronautical engineering at Princeton). Time internationally is on the list, too.

Richard and Shirley moved to most places together, raising their two children along the way. But sometimes, that was not possible. One example is when Richard served on the USS America during the Vietnam War. He was the communications officer for the carrier.

"I'd go weeks without hearing from him," Shirley said. Communication was mostly all by mail (they numbered the letters to ensure they were reading in the right order), with an occasional call connected via ham radio. Even middle-of-the-night calls were so

very welcome.

While they were in Hawaii, phone calls home to Davenport cost \$25 a minute.

All told, Richard flew 5,000 hours, 3,500 of which were as the pilot in command. Mostly he flew the P2V-5 and the P2V-7. It's a long-range patrol plane that he flew to track Russian submarines and shipping activities in the Pacific. The plane had a crew of 11.

One of his favorite recollections as a pilot was during the flights of 10-11 hours that took off at night. "With the sun coming up, there's nothing like having fried eggs, coffee, and juice for breakfast," he said.

One of the more harrowing incidents was when his plane was struck by lightning. One crew member was knocked unconscious, and the strike sent fireballs through the plane. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured or killed.

When Richard retired after 28 years in the Navy, he and Shirley returned to Iowa for a job at Rockwell Collins. He was a program manager for a project that developed avionics and weapons control systems for Army special operations aviation.

After 12 years at Rockwell Collins, he retired from there. The couple spent 17 more years in Cedar Rapids before returning home.

Richard "thoroughly enjoyed" his career. His advice to young people considering a career as a military pilot?

"If they are serious about it, look into scholarships," he said. And if they are not sure college is the right path, then look into one of the local programs, like Civil Air Patrol, to start the process of learning how to pilot an airplane.

One visual reminder of his time as a pilot is the model P2V he built himself. It hangs from his office ceiling.





CREATING HOPE

Hope at the BRICK House supports kids and families in neighborhood just south of St. Paul

On one recent Monday morning, it was really quite quiet outside the two-story brick building on the corner of 15th and Ripley streets in Davenport. The sun shone down. The birds chirped. The hostas and milkweed planted outside rustled in the breeze.

And then the front door of Hope at the BRICK House opened wide. A cacophony of laughter, singing, and playing tumbled out into the humid summer air.

Twenty-eight kids are spending their summer days at this one of two sites of Hope at the BRICK House. Joyce Klopp wouldn't have it any other way. She's the director of this organization. She and her husband, Cal Klopp, also live in the building – a constant presence in the neighborhood.

"We pray every morning for the opportunities of today," Joyce said while kids played outside on the playground.

This building wasn't always such a joyful place. Up until about 25 years ago, it was a bar with a bad reputation. A *Quad-City Times* headline from March 1989, for example, proclaimed: Woman pulls gun on bartender. The incident happened at the Brick House.

The windows were painted black. Spilt beer so saturated the carpeting that deep cleaning didn't completely eliminate the smell.

After the bar shut down, a group of people decided to reclaim the building. Joyce started as an assistant, and planned to stay just a little while. Twenty-five years later, she's still very much there.

The organization has a summer and an after school program. They recently expanded their summer program to a site at First Christian Church for older kids. They take field trips and read and finish homework. They sing, dance, and make art. During the summer, every child gets breakfast and lunch each day. During the school year, supper is served to all.

Hope at the BRICK House also hosts a neighborhood party every Friday evening. Monthly neighborhood meetings provide a time for neighbors, police, and elected officials to talk with each other about the joys and challenges experienced in the neighborhood. The program also offers help for families seeking resources, such as housing, health care, child care, work, and budgeting.

Sgt. Andrew Harris, a St. Paul member who is part of community policing efforts in Davenport, is often



there on Friday nights and for the monthly neighborhood meeting.

“It is the only neighborhood in Davenport that I know of that has a gathering every single Friday,” Andrew said. “It gives people a chance to sit down with neighbors and discuss how their work week or school week went. We play games and let the kids know that we really care about their journey. Those relationships would not happen if Hope at the BRICK House wasn’t there.”

Andrew has been on the NETS unit with Davenport police for about three years. NETS stands for Neighborhood Energized to Succeed. It’s been about eight years that he and others have connected with the work at Hope at the BRICK House.

“It’s so special what they do with the kids,” he said. “I can’t say enough about Joyce and Cal. You walk in there and you know that the kids in that neighborhood have a safe place to go to during the summer and after school. They have tutors to help them with homework, to get a healthy snack and have a meal. And they learn about the Christian faith.”

Joyce and Cal have lived at Hope at the BRICK House for eight years. “We wanted to be close to the kids. We wanted to be a part of life in this neighborhood.”

The organization is mostly volunteer dependent. Kids are cared for and work projects tackled with a dedicated crew of dozens of volunteers. A variety of churches (including St. Paul) support its efforts financially.

“We couldn’t do what we do without all of our

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partnerships,” Joyce said. “We are really grateful.”

Every day is different at the brick house on the corner. Crises come along, as do new families. But the steady presence remains. Kids come to be loved.

“Our desire is that this is a place of light and hope, no matter a family’s circumstance,” she said.

Hope at the BRICK House is located at 1431 Ripley Street, Davenport. Learn more at hopeatthebrickhouse.org, or 563-322-0382. Volunteer needs include van drivers and suppers for kids during the school year.

Women of St. Paul fall gathering slated for Aug. 25

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 (napkins, compartment plates, plasticware), and snacks (fruit juice, goldfish crackers, cookies) 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. The event is free. Contact: Janice Melvin, 563-332-3665, or Carol Moeller, 563-391-3790.

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Caprice Berry



Sarah Burr



Katie Siedschlag & Mark Calcott



Ellen Dalton



Janet & Bryan Forinash, Brett, Colin



Marcia Gable



Karie Gilson, Tyler & Jackson Gelles



Evelyn Greiser



Chelsea & Jason Guerin



Jolyn Lensch



Cheryl & Jerry Linn



Anke Maass & Dennis Reichenbacher



Charlotte & Craig McManus



Kennie & Bethany Nicholson, Anna, Kate



Maureen & Bryan Nowachek



Ellen & PJ Scott, Hugo, Fiona



Sarah Thomas



Rob & Jen Vanaria



Membership Inquiry Classes:

Learn more about the faith expressions that ground us, the mission commitments that inspire us, and the program life that can grow your faith. Come to an upcoming class on Saturday, August 18, 9-11:30 a.m. or Monday, September 17, 6:30-9 p.m. Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

CAPRICE BERRY likes to spend her free time crocheting and crafting. She's passionate about family and faith.

SARAH BURR is a sheet music coordinator at Griggs Music. She enjoys music, singing, and crafting. The family atmosphere at St. Paul is what attracted her to the church. She's the daughter of Maureen Mowachek.

KATIE SIEDSCHLAG & MARK CALCOTT spend their free time traveling, hiking, and biking. Mark works as a data scientist at John Deere and Katie is a teacher at Bridgeview Elementary.

ELLEN DALTON is an office manager with Harris Pizza. She likes attending church activities, watching Cubs baseball, and reading. She comes to St. Paul through friends.

JANET & BRYAN FORINASH have two boys, Brett and Colin. Janet is a stay-at-home mom and Bryan is employed as a locomotive engineer with the BNSF Railway. This active family enjoys exploring and trying new things, walking, and fishing.

MARCIA GABLE worked as a nurse with Unity Point Trinity before retiring. She enjoys biking and reading. She came to St. Paul through friends at Senior Star, but appreciates the music, weekly communion, and the warmth of the congregation.

KARIE GILSON is the mother of Tyler and Jackson Gelles. Karie works as the marketing and sponsorship director for Quad City Arts. She likes to spend her free time with her children, biking, and watching movies.

EVELYN GREISER is a retired door greeter at Wal-Mart. She takes an interest in puzzles, visiting with friends, and mowing her own lawn. She comes to St. Paul for the friendly worship services. She's the mother of St. Paul member Pam Vasquez.

CHELSEA & JASON GUERIN enjoy gardening, home projects, and walks. Jason works at West High School as a special education teacher, and Chelsea is a teacher and curriculum director at Villa Montessori School in Moline.

JOLYN LENSCH is a secretary at Alan Shepard Elementary in Long Grove. She likes to spend her free time with family and friends. The welcoming feel is what drew her to St. Paul. Her daughter Bethany Nicholson and family also joined in June.

CHERYL & JERRY LINN are active volunteers at River Bend Foodbank and enjoy gardening, visiting family, and reading. Jerry is retired from the US Army and is an attorney. Cheryl works as an occupational health nurse at Kraft Oscar Mayer.

ANKE MAASS & DENNIS REICHENBACHER are engaged to be married. Anke is an account executive at Quad City Bank and Trust. Dennis owned Kile's Hallmark and Gift. Anke's sister Birgit Maass and family are St. Paul members.

CHARLOTTE MCMANUS is a retired realtor and manager at Rhomberg Fur and Leather. She takes an interest in travel, politics, and family. She is married to Craig, who runs a document form business.

KENNIE & BETHANY NICHOLSON have two girls, Anna and Kate. Kennie works in sales with Safety-Kleen and Bethany manages the homefront. This family likes to stay active outdoors and spend time together.

MAUREEN & BRYAN NOWACHEK enjoy biking, movies, and reading. Bryan is employed as an electrician and Maureen is part of the administrative staff at Huckfeldt and Smith.

ELLEN & PJ SCOTT are the parents of twins Hugo and Fiona. Ellen works in marketing for Insight. PJ is in sales for Genesis Systems Group. This family spends their free time biking, doing home remodeling, and traveling.

SARAH THOMAS is employed as a dental hygienist. She has two adult children and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

ROB & JEN VANARIA like spending time with friends and family, games, baking, and computer building. Rob is an infrastructure analyst at John Deere and Jen is an associate veterinarian at Quad City Pet Care.

UPCOMING *worship*

AUGUST 4 & 5

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

5:30 Josh Kestner

7:45 Katy Warren

9:00 Josh Kestner

11:15 Katy Warren

AUGUST 11 & 12

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

5:30 Peter W. Marty

7:45 Sara Olson-Smith

9:00 Sara Olson-Smith

11:15 Peter W. Marty

AUGUST 18 & 19

Season after Pentecost

Backpack blessing at 9 & 11:15 a.m.

PREACHING

5:30 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder

7:45 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder

9:00 Josh Kestner

11:15 Josh Kestner

AUGUST 25 & 26

Season after Pentecost

Hunger Awareness Weekend

New Member Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

PREACHING

5:30 Katy Warren

7:45 Katy Warren

9:00 Peter W. Marty

11:15 Peter W. Marty

St. Paul welcomes new pastor of children and family life

How can we make the Bible fun, and get its impact to stick? These are the two questions Pastor Kendra Thompson asks herself when planning programming for children and families. She will begin at St. Paul in mid-August as the 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.

Before arriving at St. Paul, Kendra served a variety of churches in a variety of capacities. The common thread has involved learning and working with young people.

Kendra is wife to John, on faculty at St. Ambrose University, mom to Joe, 4, and Andi, 2, and an avid writer. Some of her work can be found online at Think Christian, Tiny Faith, and Cry, Laugh, Snort.





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AUGUST 25 & 26

HUNGER

awareness weekend

On Hunger Awareness Weekend, food expresses love for our neighbors:

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Garden Share:** Too many tomatoes? Not enough squash? St. Paul people can bring bounty from their gardens and take what they can use or share with others. The harvest left over will be donated to Café on Vine.