

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Labor Day/Office closed

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

8:45am Preschool/first day  
9am Preschool parent coffee  
9:15am Dorcas circle  
1:30pm Sarah circle  
7pm Personnel meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

8:45am Preschool  
9am Preschool parent coffee  
9:30am Staff meeting  
3:30pm Book selection team  
5pm Book Corner open  
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics  
6pm Choir rehearsals  
6:15pm Men's Bible study  
6:30pm Confirmation/parent night  
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

8:45am Preschool  
9:30am Heart. Soul. Mind. Bible study  
11:30am Ruth circle  
11:30am QC Housing Solutions  
6pm CC Conversations  
6pm Centering Prayer  
6pm St. Paul Sluggers  
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal  
7pm St. Paul Sluggers

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

8:45am Preschool  
4pm Visitation: Frank McClurg

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

8am Habitat for Humanity work day  
8:30am Second Saturday Men  
9am Motherless Daughters  
1pm Memorial service: Frank McClurg  
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

7:45am Worship  
8:30am Book Corner open  
9am Worship  
10:20am Learning for all ages  
11:15am Worship  
2pm Private event  
6:30pm Confirmation small groups  
6:30pm High school youth potluck  
7:15pm Sunday Night Live



DOING THE WORK OF GOD

This holiday weekend acknowledges and honors the work of American people. We give thanks for the many labors of women and men who repair cars, clean bathrooms, farm fields, raise children, or fly planes. We think of people whose offices are court rooms or operating rooms. Those who begin work well before we're awake in the morning or who labor long after we've gone to sleep.

And yet no matter what work may fill your days, we all have at least one thing in common: we are doing the work of God. Regardless of where we are or who we're with, we have the opportunity to show love, spread hope, and listen compassionately. Everything we do is yet another chance to care for others. This Labor Day weekend remember that God uses all we do to bless the lives of others.

today at st. paul

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

next weekend

September 8 & 9 - Pentecost 16

Preaching:

All services Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

9:00 Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 35: 4-7a;  
James 2: 1-10 [11-13] 14-17;  
Mark 7: 24-37

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 8/30)

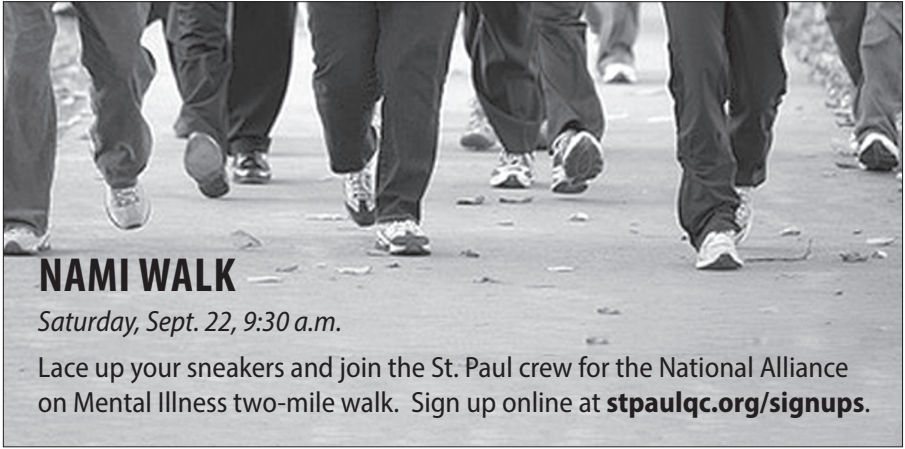
Marcy Boeh  
Russ Carlson  
\*Beth Koranda  
Pam Long  
Maren Moomey  
Mary Staerk  
\*Joanna Wachal

Births:

Augustus Currier, son of  
Amanda Currier, Aug. 11  
Bodhi Wachal, son of Joanna &  
Cory Wachal, Aug. 23

With sympathy:

Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, uncle  
Stephen Snyder



NAMI WALK

Saturday, Sept. 22, 9:30 a.m.

Lace up your sneakers and join the St. Paul crew for the National Alliance on Mental Illness two-mile walk. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

staff connections

PASTORS

Peter W. Marty  
Sara Olson-Smith  
Katy Warren  
Kelsey Fitting-Snyder  
Joshua Kestner  
Ron Huber

Senior pastor  
Associate pastor  
Associate pastor  
Pastor in residency  
Pastor in residency  
Visitation pastor

COMMUNICATIONS

Ann McGlynn  
Lauren Brown  
Becky Harper  
Karen Holden  
Destiny Ellingsworth

Director of communication  
Artistic director  
Adm. asst. to sr. pastor  
Book Corner manager  
Communications intern

OPERATIONS

Todd Byerly  
Paula Durham  
Jennifer Garvey  
Carrie Bowman  
Marcia Robertson  
Harris Schneekloth  
Matt Spencer  
Jim Akright  
Paul Caldwell  
Terry Haru  
Ron Mullen  
Nick Peterson

Operations director  
Business manager  
Receptionist  
Business office assistant  
Stewardship coordinator  
Campus and grounds  
Building manager  
Custodial/Maintenance  
Host  
Host  
Host  
Host

LEARNING

Kendra Thompson  
Karen Strusz  
Andy Langdon  
Eyreka Barnes  
Dana Welsler  
Teresa Whitbeck  
Christine Vincent

Pastor of children & family life  
Preschool director  
Director of youth ministries  
Assistant to learning director  
Neighborhood schools  
Childcare team leader  
Youth ministries intern

MUSIC

Chris Nelson  
Bill Campbell  
Linda Allebach  
Nathan Windt  
Dan Pepper  
Katie Casey  
Sara Harless  
Margaret Thompson

Director of music ministries  
Contemporary music  
Assistant organist  
Chorale director  
Youth choir director  
Children's choir director  
Children's choir director

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FALL START-UP  
Sunday, Sept. 9

Fall Start-Up is when we return to the fullness of our Sunday-morning learning life. Learning classes begin for ages 3-adult at a new time: 10:20-11:05 a.m. There's no need to register in advance – just come!

KIDS

The classroom journey begins at age 3. The *Spark* curriculum from Augsburg Fortress guides the adventure. Find your child's classroom in the Education Wing. Look for smiling folks to guide the way.



YOUTH

Sunday morning gatherings are offered each week for students in grades 6-12 in the Lower Level Youth Rooms. On Sunday evenings, high schoolers grab a booth or a spot on the carpet monster for Sunday Night Live, 7:15-8:30 p.m., with small groups meeting beforehand and on Wednesday evenings.

ADULTS

Meet up with God's Word, some riveting ideas, and a host of interesting people on Sunday mornings at St. Paul. Grab a cup of coffee and settle in for separate class offerings in the Chapel, or upstairs in the Luther Loft and Room 208. Find the listing of classes for next week on the inside left cover of this Connections.

ALL CHOIRS AND CONFIRMATION BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5



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START-UP SUNDAY

LEARNING FOR KIDS & YOUTH (10:20-11:05 a.m.)

- Ages 3 - Pre-K: Main Level
- Grades K-2: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- Grades 3-5: Lower Level, Commons area
- Grades 6-12: Lower Level, Youth Rooms

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL), GRADES 9-12 (7:15-8:30 p.m.)

SNL returns Sept. 9, from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every week for youth in high school. For this first SNL, come to Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. for a small group kick-off potluck. Meet the leaders, share a meal, play some games. Bring a drink or side dish to share. SNL is a strong framework for high school youth, a fun place to get recharged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

LEARNING FOR ADULTS (10:20-11:05 A.M.)

- *Unearned privilege as cheap grace (1 of 2)*: There are many people today wanting to unmask and dismantle unearned privilege such as white privilege, male privilege, and economic privilege. But rarely is privilege *theologically* understood. In this two-part series, Jason Mahn tries to theologically grapple with his own privilege, inviting and enabling participants to join him. Jason Mahn, associate professor of religion and director of the Presidential Center for Faith and Learning at Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- *Meet the Street Team*: Since 2009, The Center provides a place where Hilltop neighbors put aside their concerns of poverty and enjoy the company around them. Homeless outreach is one of three areas of focus for the center, seeking to alleviate the pain of oppressed and marginalized peoples. Pennie Kellenberger, director, The Center. In the Luther Loft.
- *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: Get ready to study the Bible with renewed curiosity and playfulness. Each week begins with reading a story from a children's Bible before digging more deeply into the scripture itself. Conversations about what was included or left out, or the insights from word choices, images, and more will expand our understanding as we enter the Bible with the eyes of a child. Led by St. Paul pastors and members. In Room 208.

**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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups), at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

DISCOVER & CONNECT

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN:** Men of St. Paul gather for service, fellowship, and discussion. First meeting of the fall will be 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

**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, rathje-family@gmail.com

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:** In college or grad school in the area? We want St. Paul to be home to you. Stay after the 11:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 9 to share pizza and meet some new friends. Can't make it that week? Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) to be in the loop about future events. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

**THEOLOGY PUB:** Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., next meeting Sept. 11 in the lower level of Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Theology Pub offers an opportunity to gather around conversation, food, and drinks. Anyone is welcome! Come when you can, and bring a friend. During the fall months we'll take a look at Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

**MOMS' MORNING:** Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 13, in the Church House Living Room. Moms' Morning is an every-Thursday-morning gathering (note new day) that celebrates parent-

hood with laughter, prayer, and mutual support. A Bible study is held once a month, along with service projects and learning. Childcare is provided. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): Sept. 10, 12:30 p.m. (Heather Gosma's home); Anna (evening): Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Dorcas: Sept. 4, 9:15 a.m. (Fonda Corson's home); Explore WELCA: Sept. 20, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Sept. 10, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: Sept. 14, 2 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Ruth: Sept. 6, 12:30 p.m. (potluck at St. Paul); Sarah: Sept. 4, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

**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

**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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Swing a hammer and make new friends. Volunteers will work 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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren at [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org) or 326-3547.



OF SPECIAL NOTE

**SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING HELPERS:** We are looking for crafty, artsy and musically inclined rotation helpers. Would you be willing to lead children in crafts, games, art projects, or musical activities on an occasional basis? Do you have gifts in these areas that you would like to share with children at St. Paul? If so, we would love to hear from you! Contact Kendra Thompson ([kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)) or Eyreka Barnes ([eyreka@stpaulqc.org](mailto:eyreka@stpaulqc.org)) for more info.

**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

**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. Book available in the Book Corner. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Bennett Esbaum, son of Kory and Brett Esbaum, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism this weekend during our 9 a.m. worship service. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

**QUILTERS:** Monday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This devoted group of caring quilters, beginners and experts alike, gather monthly to sew, tie, cut, and piece together beautiful works of art that are donated to those in need. Cathy Hagglund, crh4quilts@msn.com or Karin Hanson, 563-528-2064

WEDNESDAYS@ST. PAUL

On Sept. 5, a full variety of offerings resume on Wednesday evenings.

- **Adult Children of Alcoholics, 5:30 p.m.**  
An anonymous Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition program. Meet in Room 203.
- **Choirs, 6 p.m.**  
From age 4-adult, rehearsals are 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.
- **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.

