

ST. PAUL connections



WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD?

On five Sundays this fall, the 9th graders of this congregation affirm their faith as part of our confirmation ministry. Along with moments of blessing during worship, they share their faith stories during the learning hour. These young people authentically and creatively answer the question, "Where do you see God in your life?"

How would you answer that question? You might easily answer it by describing people in your life, or experiences of grace in difficult times, or those moments of awe in nature or worship. It could be a challenging question, if these days are full of doubt and struggle for you.

Our hope comes from the promise that God shows up to love us, even when we can't quite see how. It's true for those 9th graders and for us: no matter what, God is with us.

today at st. paul

Sept. 14 & 15 - Pentecost 14

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

Worship notes:
7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9am Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Exodus 32: 7-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10

next weekend

Sept. 21 & 22 - Pentecost 15

Preaching:
5:30/9:00 Peter A. Pettit
7:45/11:15 Katy Warren

Worship notes:
7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9am Youth Choir

Communion served at all services

Readings: Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13

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 9/12)
Jim Howell
*Alex Kossan
Sandy Partridge
Jim Slavens

Come and sing! Join a choir.

Rehearsals every Wednesday evening:

- ▶ Alleluia Choir - Ages 4-K, 6-6:45 p.m., Room 206
- ▶ Jubilate Choir - Grades 1-3, 6-6:45 p.m., Room 203
- ▶ Cantate Choir - Grades 4-6, 6-6:45 p.m., Room 009
- ▶ Youth Choir - Grades 7-12, 6-6:45 p.m., Chapel
- ▶ Chorale - College & adults, 6-7:30 p.m., Room 011

No need to sign up — just come!
Questions? Contact Chris Nelson at
chris@stpaulqc.org or 326-3547 ext. 214.

staff connections

PASTORS

Peter W. Marty *Senior pastor*
Sara Olson-Smith *Associate pastor*
Katy Warren *Associate pastor*
Peter Pettit *Teaching pastor*
Hayden Kvamme *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 *Giving ministry coordinator*
Angie Vaaler *Social worker/counselor*
Harris Schneekloth *Campus and grounds*
Matt Spencer *Building manager*
Jim Akright *Custodial/Maintenance*
Paul Caldwell *Host*
Terry Haru *Host*
Ron Mullen *Host*
Terry Ousley *Host*
Nick Peterson *Host*

LEARNING

Kendra Thompson *Pastor of children & family life*
Karen Strusz *Preschool director*
Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*
Eyreka Barnes *Children's ministries assistant*
Dana Welsler *Neighborhood school*
Beth Laureijs *Pastoral residency administrator*
Teresa Whitbeck *Childcare team leader*
Haley Rhoads *Youth ministries intern*

MUSIC

Chris Nelson *Director of music ministries*
Bill Campbell *Contemporary worship director*
Don Gustofson *Contemporary worship assistant*
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*



Saturday, Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m., Veterans Memorial Park

Lace up your sneakers and join the St. Paul crew who walk each year to support programs and research for people who struggle with mental illness.

NAMI Walks support the mission-driven work of local NAMI organizations, like the one in the Quad Cities. NAMI stands for National Alliance on Mental Illness. They host education programs, facilitate support groups, provide mental health trainings, advocate for access to services, and offer a compassionate place to turn for the millions of Americans living with mental illness.

The St. Paul team is coordinated by Deb and Joe James.

Registration is free for St. Paul team members; everyone gets a T-shirt. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups, or this weekend at the table in the Elevator Commons.

Contact: Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com.

confirming faith

Confirmation concludes at the beginning of the ninth-grade year. Students will share their faith stories during a series of Sunday-morning sessions in Fellowship Hall, starting today (Sunday) Sept. 15, 10:20-11:05 a.m. They will be confirmed during worship on the morning they present their story. Students confirmed today during 9 a.m. worship: Miley Ashby, Curtis Canterbury, Rylon Hall, Quentin Hurley, Chandler Moore, Ayva Parker, Harrison Stephens, and Emma Vaaler.



THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

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 6-8: Lower Level, Youth Rooms

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL), GRADES 9-12 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

SNL gathers most Sunday nights at St. Paul. It's a strong framework for high school youth to live, grow, and serve joyfully. It's also a fun place to get recharged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

ALL

CONFIRMATION FAITH STORIES (10:20-11:05 a.m.)

Ninth-grade students share their faith stories in a series of five Sunday-morning sessions beginning today, Sept. 15. This group will be confirmed during worship at 9 a.m. today. In Fellowship Hall.

ADULTS

LEARNING FOR ADULTS (10:20-11:05 a.m.)

- ▶ *Meet our new pastor in residency:* Pastor Hayden Kvamme has arrived for two years of ministry as a pastor in residency at St. Paul. Hear his self-introduction as a pastor and theologian and have the opportunity to get better acquainted with him in an open discussion period. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s:* John 3:16 is one of the most familiar verses in the Christian Bible. Each week, explore the contexts, meaning, and significance of other 3:16 verses for our life, our faith, and our world. Daniel 3:16 with Pastor Peter W. Marty. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *When Did Truth Become a Debate?* With Paul Olsen, retired Augustana College professor and St. Paul member. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Creation and Re-creation - The High Holidays in Judaism:* With Cantor Gail Karp, recently retired from Temple Emanuel in Davenport. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s:* Galatians 3:16 with Pastor Hayden Kvamme. 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.

PASTORS & STAFF SOCIAL WORKER are available to members and guests for appointments.

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 pot-tery 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.

THE PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer request, contact the church office, 326-3547. No request is too small. Requests are worded for confidentiality.

MEMBERSHIP: A one-session Membership Inquiry Class is offered once a month for those interested in exploring what membership at St. Paul involves. The next opportunity will be **Saturday, Sept. 21, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Tuesday, Oct. 15, 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

LUNCH BUDDY AT MADISON: You could be a friend and an occasional lunch buddy to a student at Madison Elementary. Think about it. Contact: Dana Welser, dana@stpaulqc.org.

EARLY MORNING BOOK GROUP: Tuesdays, Sept. 17-Oct. 1, 6:45-7:30 a.m., Library Commons. The selection is *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor and is available in the Book Corner. Please read through chapter 4 for the first gathering. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

2136 KICK-OFF: 2136 is a ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s to be social, to study, and to serve. On Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m., 2136 kicks of the season with a tailgate party. Wear your team colors, bring a dish and a chair, and gather around a fire to celebrate friends and fall. Meet in the west parking lot. Pastor Hayden Kvamme, hayden@stpaulqc.org

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK: Primetime 50+ (for folks 50 and older) gathers for a potluck breakfast at West Lake's Breezy Point Shelter (gate 6) on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 8:30 a.m. A \$3/person donation helps cover costs. Drinks provided; bring table service. Sign up at the Info Center by Sept. 15, indicating what dish you'll bring. In case of rain, we'll gather at St. Paul. Joan & Paul Marietta, 563-349-1973; Linda & Jim Hoepner, 563-940-6737

678 NIGHT: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Youth Room. High-energy games + fun + togetherness + great Bible studies + campfire-style worship = 678. This group for those in grades 6, 7, and 8 meets periodically throughout the year. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

HEART.SOUL.MIND. BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Israel's prophets came in many varieties and are remembered for diverse blessings that they brought to the community. Pastor Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org

women

EXPLORE WELCA: On Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., enjoy time together and a Bible study with women of St. Paul. This circle of the Women of the ELCA, as are all of the circles, is committed to growing faith, affirming gifts, supporting one another in our callings, and engaging in ministry and action. Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850

NEW THIS FALL - ONLINE CIRCLE: This monthly Women of the ELCA gathering will be held on the third Thursday of the month. For the first gathering, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m., meet at Wells Accounting Services, 621 E. Kimberly Rd., Davenport, or online: Zoom meeting ID 5635700565. For questions, contact Martha Wells, marthawells99@gmail.com, 570-0565.



Parents'
GAME
Night

Friday, Sept. 27, 5:30-8 p.m.
Sign up online:
stpaulqc.org/signups



GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul senior adults, 75 years and older, come together each October for the Golden Agers worship and luncheon. RSVP by calling 563-326-3547. Contact: Pastor Ron Huber, ron@stpaulqc.org.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

THE 2019/2020 LEARNING CALENDAR is available at the Info Center with important dates for kids, youth, and families.



MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others Saturday, Sept. 21, 9-11:30 a.m., exploring life and faith in this place. Explore what the commitments, values, and joys are for this congregation. Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

HOLY BAPTISM: During 11:15 a.m. worship this weekend, Reese Joyce, daughter of Katy and Brenton Joyce, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome her into the Lord's family.

ST. PAUL BOOK CORNER is open this Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Stop in to find Confirmation cards and gift ideas. This store is a non-profit congregational venture to help people make the Christian faith a seven-day-a-week experience. Prices are below retail; no tax is charged.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP: Third Wednesday of the month, 2-3 p.m., in the Luther Loft. Next gathering Sept. 18, this group brings together stroke survivors and their families in an atmosphere of caring and sharing to assist recovery. Education about life after a stroke, including helpful hints and coping skills, is included. Karen Caldwell, kcl254@aol.com

QUILTERS: Monday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. This devoted group of caring quilters, beginners and experts alike, gathers 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

KNITWITS: Third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. Next gathering Sept. 19, knitters and crocheters are invited to share time over yarn to work on service and individual projects. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'll be glad to teach you. Belinda Holbrook, belinda@holbrook.fm

INSTALLATION SET FOR NEW PASTORS

St. Paul will celebrate the installation of Pastors Peter A. Pettit and Hayden Kvamme on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the 5:30 p.m. worship service.

As teaching pastor, Peter Pettit guides learning at St. Paul, including preschool, children & families, youth, and adults.

Hayden Kvamme will serve at St. Paul for two years in the Pastoral Residency Program supported by the Lilly Endowment. The structure of the program promotes personal growth, building on a young pastor's interests and skills.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Swing a hammer and make new friends. Volunteers will work to build for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. Interested in a few autumn work dates left?

- ▶ Wednesday, September 25, 5-8 p.m.
- ▶ Wednesday, October 23, 5-8 p.m.

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