

ST. PAUL connections



A LIFE OF HUMILITY

The Bible has a fair amount to say about living a life of humility. "Pride goes before the fall," is the quip from the book of Proverbs. "Walk humbly with God," the prophet Micah reminds us. We hear a lot about the importance of being humble, but not much about how to actually go about doing so.

Perhaps a good first step toward humility is to admit our own shortfalls. Simply put: every one of us is far from perfect. So, we try to cultivate enough humility to ask God for forgiveness, for grace, for the opportunity to make our tomorrows better than our todays. It's one reason we often begin our worship with confession. In the words of St. Augustine, "If you plan to build a tall house of virtues, you must first lay deep foundations of humility."

today at st. paul

Oct. 26 & 27 - Pentecost 20

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9am Youth Choir; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Psalm 84: 1-7; Luke 18: 9-14

next weekend

Nov. 2 & 3 - All Saints

Preaching:

5:30/11:15 Hayden Kvamme
7:45/9:00 Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9am Cantate Choir; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1: 11-23; Luke 6: 20-31

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 10/24)

Ruth Hunt
Pauline Koenig
*Vicky Swartzendruber

Birth:

Mia Grace Ebener, daughter of Nikki & Zach Ebener, Oct. 24

With sympathy:

Kathy & Gordon Siokos, granddaughter Catherine Ann Spies
Jimmy Siokos, niece Catherine Ann Spies
Ella, Noah, & Eli Siokos, cousin Catherine Ann Spies

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

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*
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*
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*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

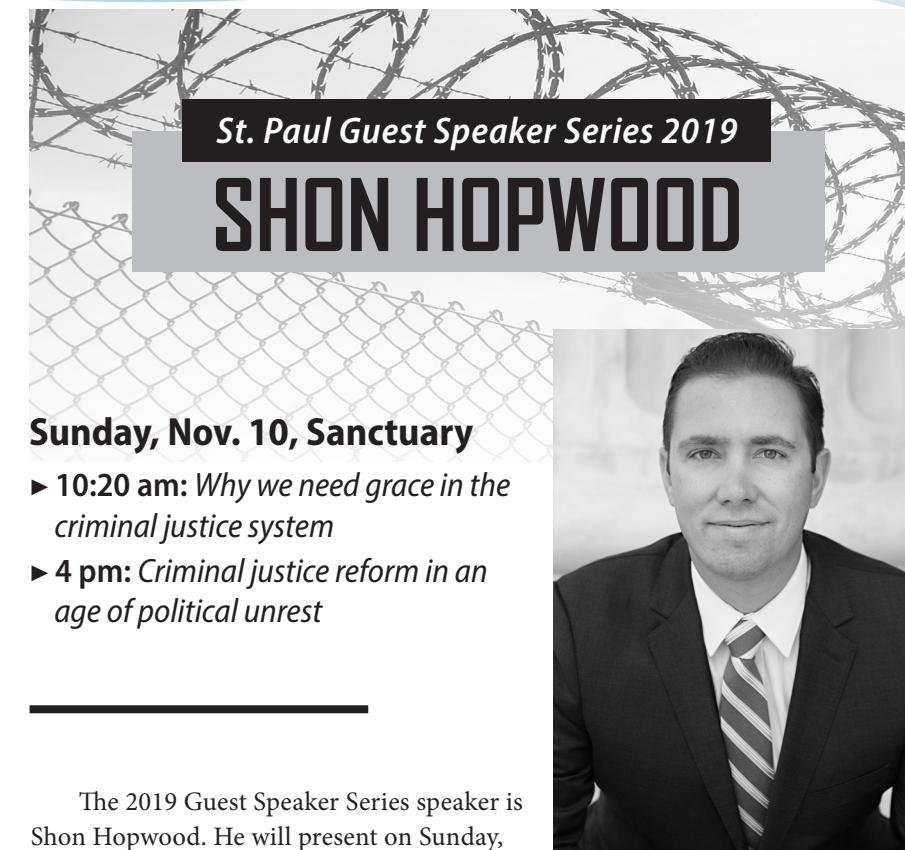
Karen Holden *Book Corner manager*
Beth Laureijs *Pastoral residency administrator*
Angie Vaaler *Social worker/counselor*
Dana Welsler *Neighborhood school*

LEARNING

Kendra Thompson *Pastor of children & family life*
Karen Strusz *Preschool director*
Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*
Erika Lindebraekke *Children's ministries assistant*
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*



Sunday, Nov. 10, Sanctuary

- 10:20 am: *Why we need grace in the criminal justice system*
- 4 pm: *Criminal justice reform in an age of political unrest*

The 2019 Guest Speaker Series speaker is Shon Hopwood. He will present on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 10:20 a.m. and 4 p.m. Both are free and open to the public. He is the author of *Law Man: A Memoir of a Jailhouse Lawyer*. The book is available in the St. Paul Book Corner.

Shon Hopwood is a convicted felon, appellate lawyer, and professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. As a young man, he was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison at Pekin, Illinois after committing five armed bank robberies.

He was well known as a jailhouse lawyer, and became an accomplished Supreme Court practitioner by the time he was released from custody in 2009.

Each fall, St. Paul hosts the community-wide Guest Speaker 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.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

8:45am Preschool

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

8:45am Preschool

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

8:45am Preschool/gourd hunt
9:30am Staff meeting
1:30pm Blood donor day
2pm So All May Eat meal prep
5pm So All May Eat meal serving
5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
6pm All choirs rehearse
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

8:45am Preschool/gourd hunt
9am Moms' Morning
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

8:45am Preschool
11:45am Private meeting
5pm 8th grade confirmation retreat

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

8am Patterns class
10am Neighborhood clean-up
3pm NAMI Family & Friends seminar
4:45pm Confirmation retreat closing
5pm Book Corner open
5:30pm Worship
6:30pm Healing liturgy

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship
10:20am Walking the Grief Journey
10:20am Sunday morning learning for all
10:20am Christmas pageant tryouts
11:15am Worship
6:30pm High school potluck
7pm 2020 youth summer trips info meeting
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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THIS SUNDAY

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

Creepy Stories from the Bible: In place of regular Sunday morning learning. In Fellowship Hall. See next panel for more details.

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

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

- ▶ *Prevent, reach, develop:* One Eighty exists to bring hope, love, and opportunity to people and communities impacted by crisis, poverty, or addiction. Partnering with school districts, governments, police departments, and other non-profits in the Quad Cities – including St. Paul – the organization undertakes prevention, outreach, and human development initiatives and services. Rusty Boruff, founder and executive director. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Creepy stories of the bible:* The Witch of Endor, a valley of dry bones, the raising of Lazarus – the bible contains some pretty eerie tales. Come to this family-friendly event to vote for the creepiest story, and meet some of these characters, too. Kendra Thompson, pastor of children and family life. In Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s:* John 3:16 is one of the most familiar verses in the Bible. Explore the contexts, meaning, and significance of other 3:16 verses. 1 John 3:16 with Hayden Kvamme, pastor in residency. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *English Christians and American Indians at the first Thanksgiving:* David Crowe, professor of English, Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Navigating the holiday hump:* Beth Lonning, psychologist, Psychology Health Group. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s:* Job 3:16 with Pastor Katy Warren. In Room 208.

KIDS & YOUTH

ADULTS

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 pagens 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 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.

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, Nov. 9, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Thursday, Dec. 12, 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

kids/youth/families

CREEPY STORIES FROM THE BIBLE:

All ages are welcome to a presentation of "Creepy Stories from the Bible" with a chance to vote for the creepiest! Our time together will end with a dramatic reading of a Bible story from Pastor Kendra. Sunday, Oct. 27, 10:20-11:05 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Kendra, kendra@stpaulqc.org

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:20 a.m. Auditions for speaking parts begin Nov. 3 for children in 2nd through 5th grade. Music and set design rehearsals (for all ages and grades) will happen on subsequent Sundays. For more information, contact Pastor Kendra. Pastor Kendra, kendra@stpaulqc.org

women

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

First Tuesdays of the month, 6:30-8 p.m., next gathering Nov. 5 in the Library Commons. Scripture will serve as a taking off place as we discuss how to make space in our lives for rest, prayer, play, and more. All women of St. Paul are welcome. Childcare will be available. 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): Nov. 4, 12:30 p.m. (Dixie Kutzbach's home); Anna (evening): Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. (Sonia Vogel's home); Dorcas: Nov. 5, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Explore: Nov. 21, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Nov. 4, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Online: Nov. 19, 7 p.m. (via Zoom Meeting - zoom.us/j/5635700565); Ruth: Nov. 7, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: Nov. 5, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850

MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS

is 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. Second Saturdays, 9 a.m. in the Church House

Living Room, next meeting Nov. 9. Nicole Rathje, rathjefamily@gmail.com

men

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Gather together for a time of fellowship, study, and light supper first and third Wednesdays each month, 6:15-7:30 p.m., next gathering Nov. 6. Meet in the 129 House on the St. Paul campus, corner of Lombard and Main Streets. Jeff Keller, jeff.keller@aol.com

SECOND SATURDAY MEN

Second Saturdays of the month, 8 a.m., next gathering Nov. 9 in Fellowship Hall. Men of St. Paul gather for service, fellowship, and discussion. The idea is to strengthen guys in their faith. Todd Byerly, todd@stpaulqc.org

adults

CC CONVERSATIONS

is a first-Thursday-of-the-month opportunity to discuss faith, politics, and culture, using articles and news from the *Christian Century* magazine as a springboard for conversation. Gather Nov. 7, 6-7:15 p.m., Library Commons. Peter Marty facilitates. Participants read in advance: "Thoroughly sinful" (pps. 28-29) in the 10.9.19 issue of the magazine. Come prepared to think and discuss. Stop at the church to read an onsite copy secured in the library or read via subscription (special St. Paul rate cards available at the Info Center).

2136

is a ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s to be social, to study, and to serve. On Thursday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m., join 2136 at Ross' Restaurant, 2297 Falcon Ave, Bettendorf. Our guest will be Ben Cleveland who will share about his experiences working with homeless youth. Pastor Hayden Kvamme, kayden@stpaulqc.org

MUSIC STUDENTS' ETUDE CLUB:

Featuring St. Paul's Chris Nelson on organ, the Music Students' Etude Club will gather on Monday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m. at St. Paul. This group is made up of musicians, music teachers, and people who simply enjoy listening to music. It is free and open to the public. Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org



ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

St. Paul people – will you be heading south for the winter? If so, our business office would like to know. A quick note or phone call to Carrie Bowman, business office assistant, will ensure that you receive important mail for your time away. To connect with Carrie, please email her at carrie@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547, ext. 243.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK! Be sure to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed next Saturday, Nov. 2.



NAMI FAMILY & FRIENDS: On Saturday, Nov. 2, 3-4:30 p.m., family and friends of people with a mental health condition are invited to attend a seminar at St. Paul by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This free seminar is led by trained people with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. To learn more and register, call 563-386-7477, ext. 266, or visit www.namigmv.org/find-support/monthly-seminars.

A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, 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.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS: 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. Next meeting Monday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. No need to sign up, just come. Deb & Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others Saturday, Nov. 9, 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



Blood Donor Day

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2-6 p.m.

St. Paul people roll up their sleeves twice a year to donate blood for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. The blood collected will be sent to supply one of the 88 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin that relies on these donations.

Rumor has it that St. Paul has some of the best post-donation snacks and conversation around. To sign up to give, visit stpaulqc.org/signups.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Saturday, Nov. 2, 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

10th GRADE FAITH MILESTONE

Share, Save, Spend: On Sunday, Nov. 17, 10:20-11:05 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, families will begin the conversation about money and examine our hopes and values. This is a moment to pause and talk about money intentionally. Signup at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

