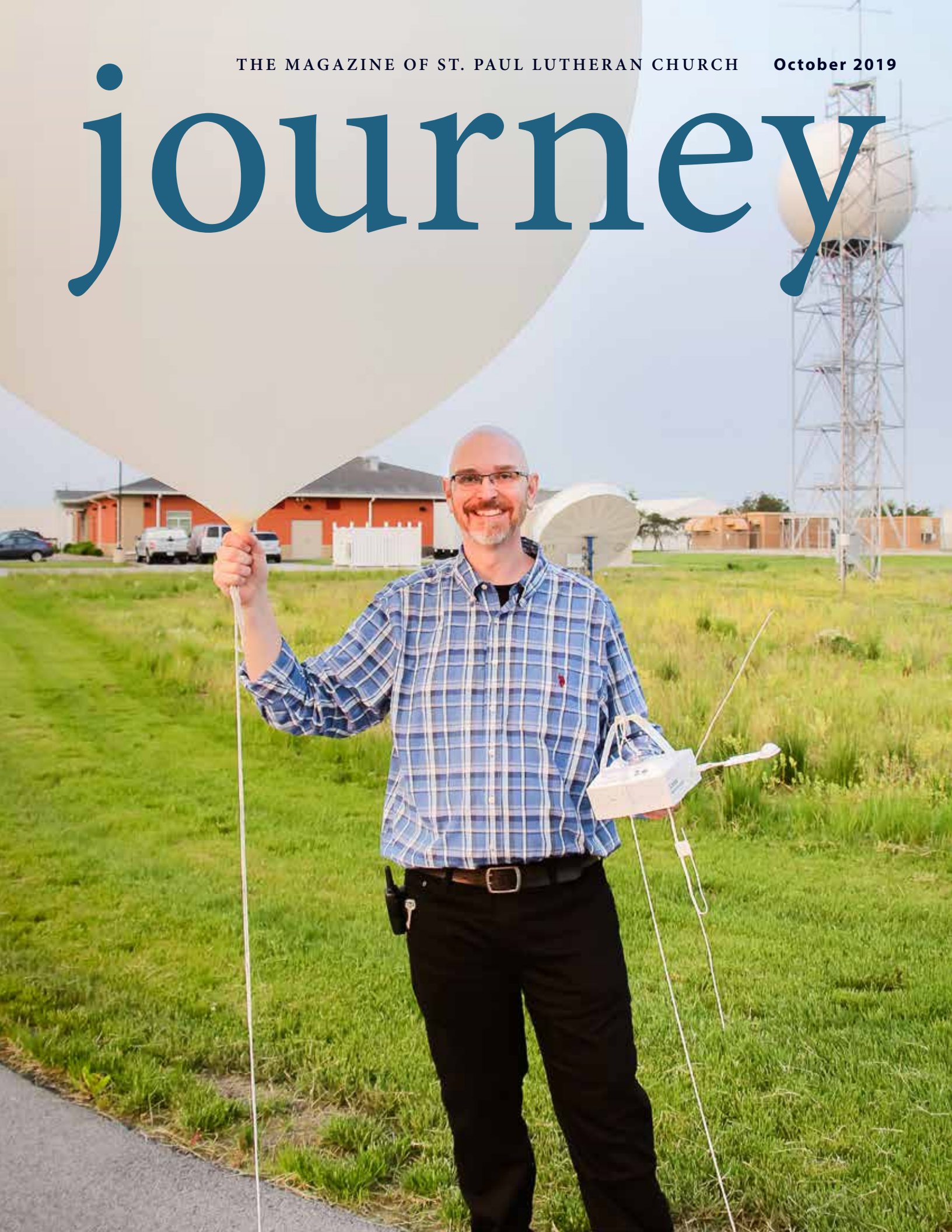


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# journey



# October gladness

Here in Iowa, the signs are all around us that autumn has arrived. The days are getting shorter, sweatshirts are needed at the end of the day. Combines whirl through the countryside. The leaves are beginning to change.

I drive along East Central Park Avenue in the middle of Davenport multiple times a day. Rushing between appointments and moving kids around, I seldom notice what's around me. But in October, that street is an avenue of beauty and color. The road is lined with trees that turn the most brilliant yellows and deep reds and stunning oranges. Instead of driving through quickly, in October I drive exactly the speed limit so I can savor the colors.

The tree-lined avenue makes me think of the book *Anne of Green Gables*. The title character, Anne, is an orphan who has this incredible gift of noticing nature's beauty and reveling in it. When she arrives at Green Gables, Anne marvels at the trees that surround their house. She says to the older woman, who takes the girl in as her own, "Oh, Marilla, I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

Anne goes on to talk about the maple branches and how she's going to put the colorful leaves all over her bedroom as decoration. Sensible Marilla doesn't understand this. "You clutter up your room entirely too much with out-of-doors stuff, Anne. Bedrooms were made to sleep in," she tells the wonder-filled orphan. But Anne says, "Oh, and to dream in, too, Marilla."

Perhaps this is why God gave us Octobers, to help us to dream. Octobers reintroduce us to wonder. We need those reminders, because our daily grind often keeps us from noticing the loveliness of our landscapes. Like Marilla, we get caught up in our own individual responsibilities and worries, and we miss out on God's many gifts to us. Our bedrooms are for more than sleep, but dreams. Our drives are more than a commute, but opportunities for awe.

There is such beauty in these autumn days. It pulls us out of the center of our lives, and onto the sidelines to cheer on God for the stunning work God makes in creation. Experiencing wonder is an essential practice of faith. It gives us a sense of God's strength and mystery and loving presence. Not only does this bring us a peace and joy, but it pulls us out of our natural tendencies to play god, trying to be the controller of our universes.

Allowing ourselves to be spectators to God's miraculous acts of creation moves us from ignorance to attention, from attention to affection, and from affec-

tion to intentional care. We can awake from simply sleepwalking through life, and allow our dreams of beauty and sustainability to direct our daily stewardship of this planet God has given to us to tend.

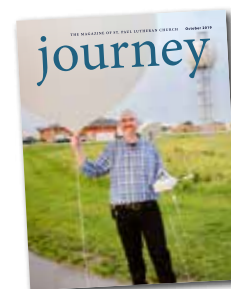
As Psalm 33 says, "Good people, cheer God!...Earth is drenched in God's affectionate satisfaction" (The Message).

So be blessed by these October days. Soak in God's affection around us. Seek out some beauty, especially when life feels overwhelming, or confusing, or broken. Take a moment to notice the leaves, or the brilliance of the blue sky, or the laugh-made wrinkles deep in a loved one's forehead, or the map of veins that move across the back of your hand. God made those things, finds satisfaction in them, and continues to move through creation to bring life and beauty and hope.

Like Anne, I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.



**SARA OLSON-SMITH**  
associate pastor



**ON THE COVER:**  
Tom Philip

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## NAMI to hold Family & Friends seminar at St. Paul

St. Paul will host a presentation on Saturday, Nov. 2, 3-4:30 p.m. for people who have loved ones with a mental health condition. The session will be led by representatives of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The teachers are trained people with personal experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. They will walk you through the following topics:

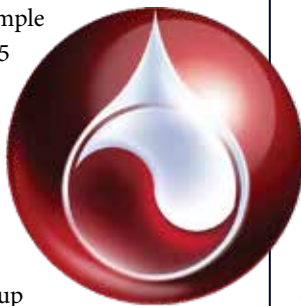
- Understanding diagnoses, treatment, and recovery
- Effective communication strategies
- The importance of self-care
- Crisis preparation strategies

The session is also an opportunity to meet other people in similar situations and gain community support. To learn more and register, call 563-386-7477, ext. 266, or visit [www.namigmv.org/find-support/monthly-seminars](http://www.namigmv.org/find-support/monthly-seminars).

## Give the gift of life on Blood Donor Day

Volunteer to help others battling serious injury and illness at the fall Blood Donor Day on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1:30-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Blood donation is a simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Enjoy conversation and treats afterwards. Donations are utilized by the health care facilities in the region that receive blood from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).



## Clean up the St. Paul neighborhood

The St. Paul corner of the world is a beautiful place. But with a location near busy streets, businesses, and schools, litter and debris accumulate.

On November 2, 10 a.m.-12 noon, St. Paul people will gather to pick up trash in the blocks surrounding the campus. This few-times-a-year event is called the Make It Yours Neighborhood Cleanup. Grab a picker-upper, a snazzy safety vest, gloves, and a garbage bag. Head out with family and friends new and old to clear away things that should be recycled or pitched instead.

All supplies and snacks are provided. No need to sign up, just gather at the south entrance. Contact: Jules Irish, [julesi@mchsi.com](mailto:julesi@mchsi.com).



## CLEANUP FOR ST. PAUL COMMUNITY GARDEN SET FOR OCT. 13

After a season of abundance in the St. Paul Community Garden, it is time for the soil to rest for the winter. A cleanup is set for Sunday, Oct. 13, 2-4 p.m. Crews will clear the raised beds in the backyard of 2025 Main Street as well as the southern plot down the alleyway. Extra muscle is needed for the removal of fencing. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 20, 2-4 p.m.

This year, the garden provided produce for Café on Vine, the Madison Market, St. Paul neighbors and friends, and the annual Garden Share – the farmers' market-like giveaway on a Sunday morning in August. Contact: Matt Schroeder, [schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com](mailto:schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com).

## Nova Singers to perform at St. Paul

Nova Singers, led by conductor Laura Lane, is celebrating its 34th season of bringing choral music to audiences in Galesburg and the Quad Cities.

Nova opens this season on Sunday, October 13, 4 p.m. at St. Paul, with *The Spirit Sings*, featuring classical saxophonist Kenneth Tse. He will join the ensemble for a performance of James Whitbourn's *Son of God Mass*.

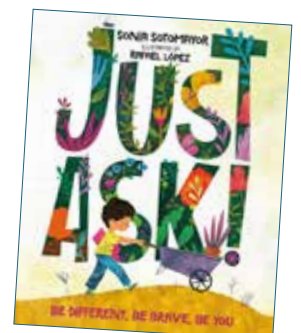
In December, enjoy *A Nova Christmas*, an evening of traditional and contemporary songs of the season. April's concert, *A Voice of Her Own*, commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment with a concert featuring all women composers.

Tickets are available online at [novasingers.com](http://novasingers.com) or at the door.

## St. Paul Book Corner features new additions

The St. Paul Book Corner has new selections for adults and children. Every book is carefully selected by St. Paul pastors, staff, and avid St. Paul readers. The new books can also be checked out from the St. Paul Library. They include:

- *Vesper Time: The Spiritual Practice of Growing Older* by Frank J. Cunningham
- *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* by Lenny Duncan
- *God Land: A Story of Faith, Loss, and Renewal in Middle America* by Lyz Lenz
- *The Heart of a Boy: Celebrating the Strength and Spirit of Boyhood* by Kate T. Parker
- *Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* by Sonia Sotomayor



# Old home, new life



## St. Paul partners with One Eighty and Madison Elementary to renovate a home for a family

**“There are generations of families who will never experience home ownership due to circumstances beyond their control. We are going to work together to make this happen for one Madison family.”**

— KATHY SCHUTMAN

The house on the corner of Grand and Walling Court in Davenport has seen better days in its 120 years.

The windows are boarded up, grass and trees are overgrown, garbage covers the floors, and plumbing and electrical systems need some serious attention. It’s one of dozens of homes in Davenport that need an investment of time and money to fix up to become an affordable home for a family.

That is exactly what is about to happen.

“As we know – food, clothing and shelter are basic needs for everyone,” said Kathy Schutman, one of the affordable housing team members who are leading this initiative. Others in the group include Steve Evans, Lori Bippus, and Dave Crockett. “I worked in the social work field for more than 20 years and having your own home can be an impossible dream for many people. There are generations of families who will never experience home ownership due to circumstances beyond their control. We are going to work together to make this happen for one Madison family.”

When the renovation is done, a family from Madison Elementary School will call it home. Mom is a full-time student, dad works at a local hardware store. The couple has four kids. They were chosen with the help of school leaders.

This is one of the first homes that One Eighty has renovated as part of an initiative to fight poverty by turning abandoned houses into affordable homes. An earlier project also is home to a Madison Elementary School family.

“It’s been abandoned for over 10 years,” said Rusty Boruff, the founder of One Eighty. “As you can see, most would drive by it and be scared to even look at it let alone own it. Our team sees a house that is ready to fulfill its purpose again. This specific house will be part of One Eighty’s cutting edge program that is designed to create home ownership. Home ownership is vital to the health of a community.”

To start the house on Walling Court, St. Paul made an upfront monetary gift of \$43,000 to One Eighty for the express purpose of One Eighty acquiring and rehabbing a home in need of repairs in the Madison Elementary School boundary.

The previous owner donated the house to One Eighty. The hope is to have the house completed no later than springtime.

The family selected for the program will make a reasonable payment each month to One Eighty, based on their income. One Eighty will eventually turn over ownership of the home once program expectations are met.

All the while, a team of people from St. Paul will help refurbish the home, and then support the family as they move from instability to stability. The hope is that this pilot project is the beginning of an extended partnership.

“St. Paul is demonstrating that we understand life can be very challenging,” Kathy said. “St. Paul is committed to the families at Madison School. This is another example of that commitment, and to help improve the lives of others in our community.”

**The house renovation is scheduled to begin in October. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) for:**

**General work day:** This is for clearing the inside of the house of significant debris. The date is Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m.-noon or 12:30-4 p.m. Supplies will be provided.

**Skilled work:** To keep the cost of rehabbing the house low, One Eighty work crews and St. Paul work crews will do some of the work. However, some professional/licensed work is needed. Do you have skills in the following areas and are willing to help?

- Windows/siding
- Landscaping
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Carpentry
- Flooring
- HVAC

## ST. PAUL SENIORS:

# WORSHIP, EAT, LEARN TOGETHER

St. Paul cherishes people with the wisdom, grace, and joy of years. Those age 75 and older are invited to Golden Agers in October. The popular *A Matter of Balance* class for the fall will wrap up this month, with an additional session planned for the spring.



## Golden Agers worship and luncheon

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m.

They break bread in worship, then they share a meal.

The Golden Agers Worship & Luncheon is a joy-filled annual tradition at St. Paul. For those who are age 75 and older, it's a time of togetherness – a message, songs, entertainment, and food.

This year's Golden Agers event will be Wednesday, Oct. 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

The morning starts with worship. The St. Paul staff sing a song. Pastor Peter A. Pettit will offer a message, and Chris Nelson, director of music ministries, will lead the music.

Then it's off to Fellowship Hall for a catered meal. The Women of the ELCA guide the volunteers. With a bit of entertainment and great conversation, it's a beautiful day of fellowship.

Please RSVP. Call Jennifer Garvey at 563-326-3547 or email [jennifer@stpaulqc.org](mailto:jennifer@stpaulqc.org).



## A matter of balance

Coming this spring

*A Matter of Balance* is a popular program designed to benefit older adults who are concerned about falls, have sustained falls in the past, or restrict activities because of concerns about falling. Participants should be interested in improving flexibility, balance, and strength; and age 60 or older; community-dwelling; and able to problem solve. It includes eight two-hour sessions for a small group of 8-12 people led by a trained facilitator.

The program enables participants to achieve significant goals and gain confidence by learning to:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce fall risk at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

St. Paul will offer *A Matter of Balance* again this coming spring. It is free for people age 60+; \$110 for those age 59 and younger. Please inquire if you would like to be considered for a needs-based scholarship. To register, contact Beth Laureijs, [beth@stpaulqc.org](mailto:beth@stpaulqc.org), 563-326-3547 ext. 215.



# An eye on the weather

From an office at the Davenport Municipal Airport, Tom Philip is one of the meteorologists who tells of sunny (and rainy, snowy, or cloudy) days ahead

Early in the morning, at 5:45 a.m. when the sun is thinking about starting its day, Tom Philip heads out of his office to make a short trek to an oddly shaped, very tall garage. He carries an uninflated specialized balloon attached to a small box called a radiosonde.

No matter the weather, at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. every single day, the meteorologists at the National Weather Service at the Davenport Municipal Airport enter the garage and inflate a balloon with hydrogen to about five feet wide. They open the overhead door, step outside, radio to the office that they are ready, and release the gigantic balloon into the sky.

It's gone from sight within a matter of seconds. Tom explains its purpose.

The balloon and its radiosonde rise about 1,000 feet per minute, measuring pressure, temperature, and relative humidity along the way. The measurements are sent back to the National Weather Service, where a look at a computer screen shows data streaming in as the balloon goes up.

When released, the balloon can rise for more than two hours, to about 115,000 feet, where temperatures can be as cold as -130 degrees. It expands as it goes higher, and bursts when it gets to be about 20-25 feet round. A small parachute brings the box back to the ground.

A practice since the late 1930s, this twice-daily balloon launch in Davenport is part of a network of hundreds worldwide. The National Weather Service in the U.S. has 92 stations.

While a balloon is on the more low-tech side of things, a step back inside of Tom's office shows that there is nothing low-tech about his work.

## **WGN, a great blizzard, and a lightning strike**

At his desk, with an array of colorful computer screens behind him, Tom settled in and talked about how he became a meteorologist, and why he enjoys the work.

He always liked weather growing up, especially thunderstorms. Growing up in a suburb of Chicago, he remembers watching Tom Skilling's WGN weather segments on the 9-o'clock news.

"He was the first TV weatherman to really show a lot of graphics to explain what was happening," Tom said.

While in grade school, Tom remembers shoveling feet of snow from his family's garage roof with his sister and grandpa so it wouldn't collapse. That was the blizzard of 1978-79. He can also remember one storm during his high school years that had a lightning strike hit a tree right in front of his house. "The tree had a burn scar going down the trunk towards a broken sprinkler system pipe. The loud crack of thunder from the lightning strike that close was amazing," he said.

In college, Tom realized that he could be a weather person for a career.

“I took an intro to meteorology class and a severe & unusual weather class at the University of Illinois. It was after those classes, with my love of math and science, that I decided to major in meteorology,” he said.

Tom transferred from the University of Illinois to Northern Illinois University, which has a well-regarded bachelor’s degree in meteorology. He will celebrate his 25th anniversary with the National Weather Service this month. He first worked at a radar station in Marseilles, Illinois. When that closed, he moved to the Davenport office. A St. Paul member, Tom is married to Amy Philip, and they two children, Anna and Nicholas.

What is his favorite part of the job?

“Aside from those occasions we get positive feedback from customers who used our forecast and it helped them with their decision-making, I enjoy the variety in forecasting Midwest weather from season to season. I also enjoy getting out of the office occasionally, whether to meet with partners or just do the weather balloon observation.”

What is the most challenging?

“Strong winter storm systems that include mixed precipitation types, from rain, freezing rain, sleet, and snow. Not only are you dealing with a system that could produce a lot of precipitation, but the 32-degree line may be meandering across the area, which could mean the difference between getting an inch of rain vs. about 12 inches of snow, and depending on the track of the system, some areas may not see anything at all.”

### High wind, hail, and freezing drizzle

The meteorologists at the National Weather Service in the Quad Cities are not immune to the effects of the weather, Tom notes. For example, high winds in 2003 took part of the roof of the weather service office.

The most interesting type of weather phenomenon, Tom believes, is hail. “Rain is rain, snow is snow, both relatively common. But, a severe thunderstorm that produces large hail to me, is really awe-inspiring.”

His least-favorite type of weather is freezing drizzle/rain.

“It is difficult to forecast, kids can’t really play in it, and it could be very hazardous not only with travel but also with power outages which could last for a while,” he said.

Despite his love for his work, Tom does clearly know his professional limits. “I can forecast the weather. I can’t predict the future.”

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## Get involved

The general public can help meteorologists track weather a few different ways.

- ▶ **Storm Spotters:** Spotters provide real-time ground-truth of local conditions such as hail size, wind speed, tornado development, and local damage to help warn the public. Even as new technology allows the National Weather Service to issue warnings with greater lead time, spotters will always serve as a critical link between radar indications of severe weather and what’s happening on the ground. To learn how to become a spotter, visit [www.weather.gov/dvn/spotters](http://www.weather.gov/dvn/spotters).
- ▶ **Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, & Snow Network (CoCoRaHS):** This is a network of volunteers who take daily measurements of precipitation in their back yards. They use high quality rain gauges and, in some places, hail pads to collect information. The information helps meteorologists better understand precipitation across the country. To learn more, visit [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org).
- ▶ **Meteorological Phenomena Identification, or mPING:** Using the free mPING app, anyone with a cell phone can submit a weather observation anonymously. The data goes to a database and is then displayed on a map accessible to anyone. With mPING, officials can compare the public reports with radar echoes to make forecasting more accurate. To learn more, visit [nssl.noaa.gov/projects/ping](http://nssl.noaa.gov/projects/ping).
- ▶ **Weather-Ready Nation Ambassadors:** The WRN Ambassador initiative is the connecting hub of federal, state, and local government agencies; emergency managers and city planners; researchers; the media; the insurance industry; nonprofit organizations; the private sector; and many others who are working together to address the impacts of extreme weather on daily life. To learn more, visit [www.weather.gov/wrn/ambassadors](http://www.weather.gov/wrn/ambassadors).



# PHOTOS *OF* JOY

The vivid colors and textures in the photographs of flowers from Erin Platt's surroundings showcase the joy of creation. Erin, a St. Paul member, recently shared some words about her visual depictions of nature's beauty.

## **How did you start taking photos of flowers/plants?**

I remember when I was in 4-H as a kid, I was always intrigued by the photography exhibits at the Mississippi Valley Fair. I had absolutely no idea how the photographers achieved the shots they did or what kinds of cameras they used; I just wanted to try mimicking them. One day I grabbed my mom's Kodak camera and went out to our iris bed on the edge of the front lawn. The sun was setting from the west, and I loved how the opaque, lavender flower captured the light from behind to showcase its petals. I looked through the viewfinder and just pointed and clicked. This was back in the days of having to wait to get your film developed to see how the picture came out. I was so excited because I just knew that I had captured the same award-winning shots that those grand champion ribbon-winners had at the fair. Sadly, the photo was horrible; it was blurry, over-exposed, and it wasn't a tight shot showing the level of detail up close that I had seen with my naked eye. Needless to say my newfound photography passion was short-lived.

## **Where do you find your subjects? What kind of camera do you use?**

Most of the time I just use an iPhone, so it's easy to capture a shot when I'm just out and about. I have no formal photography training, but if I'm feeling really fancy, I'll grab a little clip-on macro lens my husband gave me as a present to get up close and personal with the flowers. I love VanderVeer Botanical Center during all seasons because there's always something new to see, and the rose garden is fantastic in the summer. The Stampe Lilac Garden at Duck Creek Park is a must-visit destination in the spring when the lilacs and peonies are in full bloom – bonus if it's right after a light rain! But really, anywhere is fair game if there's good light and interesting texture and color to be had.

## **Why do you do this? What interests you in this type of creativity?**

I can't garden to save my life, but I LOVE flowers. I love how they make me feel. I love their colors and shapes and textures and different fragrances. Capturing their essence is really a form of art therapy for me. I love the creative process; it's cathartic but it definitely can't be forced. Some days it's bad light, and I can't get my lens to focus where I want it to, and it's a struggle. But on those days when everything is firing on all cylinders – the light, the focus, the composition – you feel a certain connection with the life energy of the moment. It's very spiritual.

## **Tell us about your favorite photo - and why it's your favorite.**

That is an IMPOSSIBLE question! It's like asking a parent to choose their favorite child. I love them all for different reasons. My favorite is the one that is making someone smile at any given moment. Sometimes that's a singular photo, sometimes it's a collection. I will say that some of the most satisfying photos for me are the ones where the bloom is fading, yet the definition is still exquisite. It's like their life experience is what makes them so beautiful and interesting.

## **What kind of conversations does your photography prompt?**

I think they help spark joy for people. The world can feel awfully heavy at times, so I'm glad that the flowers can bring a little bit of happiness into people's lives.

## **Where do you see God in all of this?**

What I love most about photographing flowers is seeing the whole life-cycle from birth to death. Every winter the flowers wither and die, and yet every spring they're back. They're resilient, even when faced with brutal conditions. I trust each year they will bloom again; it's an analogy for having faith even when things seem darkest.





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— ERIN PLATT

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The theme for the 2020 stewardship season is "Creation shouts joy!" Do you have a story to share about how God's creation brings joy to your life? Message Ann McGlynn, [ann@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ann@stpaulqc.org).



# new members / AUGUST 2019



David Bayles, Cole



Cassie Dowell



Allison Fassler



Jessica Harmon



Kate Kjome



Hannah & Brian Knuth



Nancy Marker



Jenel & Joe Nels, KC, Tyler



Ted & Wendy Retzl, Camryn, Ellie



James & Chelsea Robinson, Louella



Nicole & David Savatski, Jack, Finn



Leslie & Mike Wells, Graham



Christine & Rob Yoerger



Joel & Ann Ziegelbein, Ellie, Sylvia, Johnny

**DAVID BAYLES** has one teenage son, Cole. David operates a personal fitness training studio in Bettendorf. He enjoys watching TV, working out, and meditation. The youth programs and worship opportunities are what attracted him to St. Paul.

**CASSIE DOWELL** is a program lead at Handicapped Development Center. She spends her free time writing, reading, and acting. What drew her to St. Paul? "The beautiful campus, services, and sense of belonging."

**ALLISON FASSLER** is employed as a registered dietitian with Genesis Medical Center. She likes to run, swim, cook, travel, and read. She finds St. Paul to be an inviting and warm place and is connected with the 2136 young adults group.

**JESSICA HARMON** is a student at Palmer College of Chiropractic. She enjoys watching Netflix, spending time with friends, and working out. She's excited to get involved in activities at St. Paul.

**KATE KJOME** works as an enforcement officer with the USDA. She has two adult daughters. Kate comes to St. Paul through friends.

**HANNAH & BRIAN KNUTH** are parents to new baby Easton. Brian is a teacher at Davenport West High School and Hannah works as a purchasing manager at Cobham Mission Systems. They like to spend their free time outdoors and with family. The community of St. Paul is what drew them here.

**NANCY MARKER** is a retired registered nurse from Genesis. She likes to walk, knit, swim, and play pickleball. She is coming back to St. Paul after taking part in the Godspan summer series.

**JENEL & JOE NELS** have two children, Tyler and KC. Joe and Jenel both work at John Deere – Joe in IT and Jenel in marketing. They enjoy spending time watching their kids do what they love: sports, school, and playing games. The youth program is what brought them to St. Paul.

**TED & WENDY RETZL** are parents to daughters Camryn and Ellie. Ted is employed as an electrician with Tri-City Electric. Wendy is a teacher with Bettendorf Schools. They take an interest in movies, reading, and family time. The youth program is what attracted them to St. Paul.

## NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

**JAMES & CHELSEA ROBINSON** like to spend free time with their daughter Louella and family. James works as a sales representative for PPG Paints. Chelsea is a teacher at Madison Elementary. They were attracted to St. Paul by the partnership with Madison.

**NICOLE & DAVID SAVATSKI** have two boys – Jack and Finn. David is self-employed and likes gardening, fixing things, and hockey. Nicole is a pharmacy manager with Hy-Vee and takes an interest in cooking, the environment, and craft beer. The sense of community and friends is what brought them to St. Paul.

**LESLIE & MIKE WELLS** are parents to five-month-old Graham. Mike works for Davenport Schools in math curriculum and Leslie is a project coordinator with Bush Construction. They enjoy being outside, playing games, golf, and yoga. They come to St. Paul through friends.

**CHRISTINE & ROB YOERGER** enjoy time with family and their new puppy. Rob works at John Deere and Christine is employed with Pleasant Valley schools. They have a teenage son, Nolan, and a daughter, Sarah, in college.

**JOEL & ANN ZIEGELBEIN** are parents to Johnny, Ellie, and Sylvia. Joel is a radiologist with Radiology Group. Ann is a data scientist who does genetic research with University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics. They enjoy spending time with their active kids and being outside.



**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 Tuesday, October 15, 6:30-9 p.m. or Saturday, November 9, 9-11:30 a.m. Sign up at the Info Center or online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

## Council Notes

The congregational council heard updates on a handful of on-going initiatives at St. Paul during its September meeting. They also approved the hiring of a new children's ministry assistant.

Following a late summer search process, Erika Lindebraekke was selected as the new children's ministry assistant, beginning Oct. 1. Eyreka Barnes is stepping away to have more time with her family.



Erika Lindebraekke

Erika is originally from Norway, but raised in Davenport. Her siblings still reside in Norway, so she visits from time to time. Her son, Will Behrens, is a junior at Bettendorf High School, and active in youth ministries at St. Paul. They enjoy

hiking, kayaking, and outdoor adventures.

Erika was drawn to the position after she helped with Vacation Bible School this summer, as well as her time volunteering with Sunday Night Live and mission trips. She looks forward to serving and meeting new families.

St. Paul's staff computers will be upgraded in the coming months, prompted by the obsolescence of the Windows 7 operating system. All computers will need to be replaced, with now Windows 10 as the operating system.

The business office has successfully transitioned to a new financial and membership database system called ShelbyNext. St. Paul people can watch for information about online access for giving and membership information, coming later this year.

Two projects were approved by the Memorial Gifts Committee. The first will provide 40 additional choir folders for the Youth Choir and the adult Chorale. The second is for a projector, screen, and laptop for the rural Jackson County, Iowa, congregation that Ron Huber, St. Paul's visitation pastor, serves. Salem Lutheran Church is a congregation of 124 members, including 12 young families with 23 children.

The young families, Pastor Ron said in his request to the committee, are acquainted with visual opportunities that technology offers. Salem Lutheran would like to offer a digital display on Sunday mornings. The congregation is one that has much hope for the future — the project, he said, will be a blessing.

## UPCOMING worship

### OCTOBER 5 & 6

Season after Pentecost

#### PREACHING

**5:30** Katy Warren  
**7:45** Katy Warren  
**9:00** Katy Warren  
**11:15** Andy Langdon

#### MUSIC

**7:45** Quartet  
**9:00** Chorale, Alleluia Choir

### OCTOBER 12 & 13

Season after Pentecost

#### PREACHING

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

#### MUSIC

**7:45** Quartet  
**9:00** Chorale, Cantate Choir

### OCTOBER 19 & 20

Season after Pentecost

New Member Sunday, 11:15 a.m.

#### PREACHING

**5:30** Peter W. Marty  
**7:45** Peter W. Marty  
**9:00** Peter W. Marty  
**11:15** Peter W. Marty

#### MUSIC

**7:45** Quartet  
**9:00** Chorale, Jubilate Choir

### OCTOBER 26 & 27

Season after Pentecost

#### PREACHING

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

#### MUSIC

**7:45** Quartet  
**9:00** Chorale, Youth Choir



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# TRUNK *or* TREAT

*Sunday, Oct. 20, 5-7 p.m.*

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