

# CREATION SHOUTS JOY

# ST. PAUL connections

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## JOY WEEKEND 2019

### MONDAY, NOV. 11

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Quilting
- 9:30am Madison Market setup
- 10:30am Preschool board meeting
- 12noon Etude Club setup
- 1pm Music Students' Etude Club
- 6pm Friends & Family

### TUESDAY, NOV. 12

- 7:30am Madison Market setup
- 8am Speaker tuning
- 8:45am Preschool
- 12:30pm Madison Market
- 7pm Mission board
- 7pm Vision team meeting

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

- 8:45am Preschool/picture retake day
- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5:30pm Memorial committee
- 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
- 6pm All choirs rehearse
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High school midweek recharge

### THURSDAY, NOV. 14

- 7:30am Finance meeting
- 8:30am Youth suicide prevention task force
- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Moms' Morning
- 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

### FRIDAY, NOV. 15

- 8:45am Preschool
- 5:30pm Wedding rehearsal

### SATURDAY, NOV. 16

- 2:30pm Wedding: Parker/Mercer
- 5:30pm Worship

### SUNDAY, NOV. 17

- 7:45am Worship
- 8:30am Book Corner open
- 9am Worship
- 10:20am 10th grade milestone
- 10:20am Sunday morning learning for all
- 11:15am Worship
- 12:30pm Training for special needs "Buddy" ministry
- 6:30pm High school small groups
- 7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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### THIS IS JOY WEEKEND

Today St. Paul members and guests do not pass an offering plate. Instead, in one large procession, we bring forward our day's offerings and 2020 pledge commitments to large baskets in the front.

This special act of worship highlights our joy in giving generously and communally, a practice dating back to ancient times: "All the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses and came [to the altar]; everyone whose heart was stirred and whose spirit was moved brought forth the Lord's offering to be used" (Exodus 35:20).

Enjoy the moment and come forward, not as a peculiar obligation but as a joyful occasion to give a gift that counts. Even if you do not bring a financial offering on this day, come forward with everyone else to place something in the basket that symbolizes the trusting of your life and blessings to the Lord's care.

### today at st. paul

#### Nov. 9 & 10 - JoyWeekend

Preaching:  
All services Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:  
7:45 St. Paul Quartet  
9am Alleluia Choir; Chorale  
Communion served at all services

Readings: Psalm 95: 1-7; Isaiah 55: 8-12

### next weekend

#### Nov. 16 & 17 - Pentecost 23

Preaching:  
5:30/9:00 Katy Warren  
7:45/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:  
7:45 St. Paul Quartet  
9am Jubilate Choir; Chorale  
Communion served at all services

Readings: Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

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](mailto:becky@stpaulqc.org).

#### Hospitalized: (\*released as of 11/7)

- \*Mike Boehm
- \*Abby McLeland
- \*Randy Miller
- \*Barbara Palm

#### With sympathy:

- Michelle & Joe Danay, her grandfather
- George Turnquist
- Michelle & Bill Campbell, her mother
- Lucy Murguia

#### Death:

- George Turnquist, Oct. 31

## 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*
- Dana Taylor *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*



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### PLEDGING FOR 2020

God's complex creation surrounds us – the air, water, creatures, plants, mountains, sky all play a vital role on this Earth, no matter how expansive or how small. At St. Paul, we seek to find beauty in all that God makes.

This Joy Weekend be filled with goodness as we look forward to 2020.

Each fall, every St. Paul member is asked to make a financial commitment to the life and work of this church for the coming calendar year.

The involvement and generous giving of every household is vital to growing this community of faith. The pledges of St. Paul people create the ministry and mission of this church.

### A MOVING PROCESSION

All are invited to come forward today with a financial offering, a 2020 pledge commitment card, or an expression of gratitude written or drawn on the sheet inside of the bulletin. Did you pledge online? Check the "I pledged online" box on the blue pledge card and join in the procession.

#### St. Paul Guest Speaker Series

## SHON HOPWOOD

TODAY, 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*





## THIS 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 6-8: Lower Level, Youth Rooms

### 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.)

- ▶ *Why we need grace in the criminal justice system:* Each fall, the St. Paul congregation 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. The 2019 guest speaker is Shon Hopwood, associate professor of law, Georgetown University. At 10:20 a.m., he will speak on “Why we need grace in the criminal justice system.” At 4 p.m., he will present “Criminal justice reform in an age of political unrest.” Both are free and open to the public. Shon's book, *Law Man: A Memoir of a Jailhouse Lawyer* is available for purchase in the St. Paul Book Corner. In the Sanctuary.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *The invisible class:* John De Taeye, Humility Homes. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Grace and reform in criminal justice:* Tami Mahl, attorney. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s:* Deuteronomy 3:16 with Peter A. Pettit. 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 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 potterly 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 **Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30-9 p.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

**QUILTERS:** Monday, Nov. 11, any time between 9 a.m. and 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

**FRIENDS & FAMILY** is a drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness, next meeting Monday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara, sara@stpaulqc.org

### TRAINING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

**“BUDDY” MINISTRY:** Sunday, Nov. 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Are you interested in being paired up with a child with special needs for Sunday school? Signup online for this training at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Kendra Thompson: [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

### “THE INVISIBLE CLASS” TO BE

**SCREENED AT ST. PAUL:** A documentary about the systemic causes of homelessness in America will be shown at St. Paul on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel. *The Invisible Class* explores what it means to be homeless in America, challenging stereotypes and examining the systemic causes of mass homelessness in the wealthiest nation in the world. Free and open to the public. Discussion afterwards will be led by John DeTaeye of Humility Homes. Peter A. Pettit, [ppetit@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ppetit@stpaulqc.org)

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Explore WELCA circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., at St. Paul. For those who can't attend a circle meeting in person, the Online circle gathers on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., via Zoom Meeting ([zoom.us/j/5635700565](https://zoom.us/j/5635700565)). Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850 or Martha Wells, [marthawells99@gmail.com](mailto:marthawells99@gmail.com)

**KNITWITS:** Thursday, Nov. 21, 5-6:30 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. Knitters and crocheters are invited to share time over yarn as we work on service and individual projects. We'll be glad to teach you if you don't know how. Belinda Holbrook, [belinda@holbrook.fm](mailto:belinda@holbrook.fm)

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

**TEAM:** Thursday, Nov. 21, 6-8:30 p.m., in the Library Conference Room. The St. Paul Mental Health Awareness Team, through educational offerings and events, strives to increase understanding of mental health issues. Help us continue to create a supportive, caring, compassionate community for people affected by mental illness and those who care about them. Interested in being a part? Contact: Beth Laureijs [beth@stpaulqc.org](mailto:beth@stpaulqc.org).

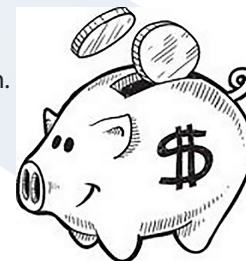
**MOMS' MORNING:** Friendships form when mothers of young children get together. Moms' Morning is an every-Thursday-morning, 9-10:30 a.m., gathering that celebrates parenthood with laughter, prayer, and mutual support. A Bible study is held once a month, along with service projects and learning. Childcare is provided. In the Church House Living Room. Pastor Kendra Thompson [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

### HEART.SOUL.MIND. BIBLE STUDY:

Israel's prophets came in many varieties and are remembered for diverse blessings that they brought to the community. The books in which they appear – and that carry some of their names as titles – have become part of the Jewish and Christian Bibles. Thus “the prophets” become a rich resource for Christians in facing the challenges of life as the people of God. In our life together as the church, in our witness to God in the public square, in our personal morality and our collective action, prophets and their messages offer us guidance, challenge, hope, and inspiration. Pastor Peter Pettit [ppetit@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ppetit@stpaulqc.org)

### 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Andy Langdon, [andy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org)



## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**YOU HELP ME TO KNOW ME – AN INTERFAITH INSIGHT:** Monday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., in the Chapel. Dr. Marcie Lenk is a Jewish scholar of early Christianity, trained at both Yeshiva University and Harvard University. A progressive feminist American who emigrated to Israel to help Israel fulfill its Zionist ideals, she has learned and taught the value of deeply connecting with people who are different. Her experience and insight bring to life the power of encountering something different to understand and strengthen who we are ourselves. Free and open to all. Pastor Peter Pettit [ppetit@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ppetit@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](mailto:chris@stpaulqc.org)

**NOMINATION FORMS** to recommend yourself or others for several 2019 elected leadership spots are available at the Info Center. The Nominating Committee looks forward to receiving all suggestions by Nov. 24. Please leave the form at the receptionist's desk or mail it to the church office c/o the Nominating Committee.

**THANKSGIVING GREETERS:** Offer a smile, a handshake, a warm hello as people gather for Thanksgiving Eve worship. A handful of greeters are needed, 6:40-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 27, to share hospitality. Interested in helping? Contact Jennifer Garvey at [jennifer@stpaulqc.org](mailto:jennifer@stpaulqc.org) or 563-326-3547. A reception for all follows the service that evening.



### FOOD INGATHERING

Stock a paper bag with nonperishable food and hygiene items and bring it to worship on Thanksgiving Eve or the weekend of Nov. 30 & Dec. 1. Grocery bags will be distributed the weekend of Nov. 23 & 24.

What's needed? Soups, mac & cheese, canned meat (chicken & tuna), cereal, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, soap, feminine hygiene products, diapers, and wipes. Please note: Expired items will be accepted.



### Thanksgiving Eve worship Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.

### LIGHT AND LIFE: ADVENT DEVOTIONS

The December season of waiting and watching is near. Beginning on Dec. 1, read short stories and meditations written by St. Paul people. Sign up to receive these daily devotions by email at: [www.ow.ly/TGYC5](http://www.ow.ly/TGYC5).

