

ST. PAUL connections



ALONE AND LONELY

Anyone with experience will tell you that there is a difference between being alone and being lonely. Being alone offers a certain peace. Solitude has peculiar blessings. Being lonely is much more painful. Perhaps you've been lonely in a crowd, left out or just feeling awkward.

All kinds of people come to church alone. That's natural in a diverse place. But do you know what creates loneliness for them? When people turn first to those they know – as in the sharing of Christ's peace – instead of those who came alone, that's when loneliness sets in. It stinks.

Today, and every weekend, think of turning first NOT to the person with whom you came to worship, but to that individual nearby who came alone . . . and who, if their soul spoke, would tell you exactly how awful loneliness feels.

today at st. paul

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: 5-11

next weekend

Nov. 23 & 24 - Reign of Christ

Preaching:

All services Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

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

Communion served at all services

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

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 11/14)

Dorothy Haes
*Steve Lensch
*Shelby Pelzer

With sympathy:

Sandy & Al Hutson, her stepfather
Sid Eldridge

Birth:

Elliotte (Lottie) Pelzer, daughter of
Shelby & Adam Pelzer, Nov. 13

St. Paul members: Have you pledged for 2020? Thank you for taking care of this commitment as soon as possible. With hearts of faith, we enter the coming year enthusiastic for serving in Christ's name. The financial pledges of every St. Paul household make 2020 possible. Think as generously as your faith and blessings allow.

To pledge yourself to St. Paul's Daily Ministry, please direct your blue pledge card in envelope to Marcia Robertson, giving ministry coordinator, or make your pledge online at stpaulqc.org/pledge.

CREATION
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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*

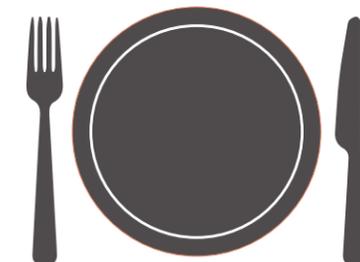


On Friday, Nov. 22, St. Paul high school students will start their day with a hearty breakfast. Then, they will not eat again until mid-afternoon on Saturday.

The 30-hour famine is an initiative by World Vision, an international aid organization, to raise awareness and raise money to fight hunger. It is a youth retreat, bible study, resource simulation, and inspirational gathering. One in nine people in the world don't get enough to eat. The hope is that this experience will open eyes and inspire youth to understand the statistic, and then take an active role in changing it. Mid-afternoon Saturday, the group will take communion together. From there each person will be randomly assigned a number that will determine the meal that will break their fast.

Some kids will be able to feast to their heart's desire, some will have a bowl of rice, some will share a bowl of rice between four people.

The goal is that kids will see how hunger plays a role in health - both physical and mental - education, and social aspects of life. Throughout the event, youth will gain a better understanding of what they have - and how they can serve others who do not have access to adequate resources.



"Learning the disparity between people who have food and those who don't is critical in helping kids understand their role in sharing resources."

Andy Langdon,
director of youth ministries

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.)

- ▶ *The Invisible Class*: People without adequate, affordable housing have become a fixture of American cities. Discuss the roots of this fairly recent development and view clips from the film, "The Invisible Class," which documents three basic causes of homelessness. A full screening of the 90-minute film will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 pm in the Chapel, followed by discussion. John De Taeye, Humility Homes. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Grace and reform in criminal justice*: Extend your engagement with the ideas of Shon Hopwood, St. Paul's 2019 Fall Guest Speaker. Explore grace and reform as necessary agenda items in America's system of criminal justice. You need not have heard either of Hopwood's talks on Nov. 10 to be part of this discussion, which touches on issues close to all Americans. Tami Mahl, attorney. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *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. Deuteronomy 3:16 with Peter Pettit, teaching pastor. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *The music of Advent*: Chris Nelson, director of music ministries. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Matthew – gospel for the coming year*: Peter A. Pettit, teaching pastor. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s*: 1 Samuel 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 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 pottery 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. OR Saturday, Jan. 25, 9-11:30 a.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

DISCOVER & CONNECT

TRAINING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

"BUDDY" MINISTRY: Today, 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. Pastor Kendra Thompson: kendra@stpaulqc.org

"YOU HELP ME TO KNOW ME – AN INTERFAITH INSIGHT:" Monday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. 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. Free and open to the public. Childcare available. Peter A. Pettit, ppettit@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; childcare available. Discussion afterwards will be led by John De Taeye of Humility Homes. Peter A. Pettit, ppettit@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). Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850 or Martha Wells, marthawells99@gmail.com

LIFE AFTER A STROKE: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2-3 p.m. in the Luther Loft. The 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. Contact: Karen Caldwell, kcl254@aol.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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM: Thursday, Nov. 21, 6-7 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.

2136 YOUNG ADULTS: Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. Join other young adults for a night of bowling at Blackhawk Bowl & Martini Lounge, 200 E. 3rd St, Davenport. Bring \$5 for bowling. 2136 is a ministry for adults in their 20s and 30s to be social, to study, and to serve. Pastor Hayden Kvamme hayden@stpaulqc.org

ADVENT FAMILY LEARNING EVENT: Sunday, Dec. 1, 10:20-11:05 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. For all ages, this event will be a time to gather and explore what it means to observe this season leading up to Christ's birth. Every child will also leave with a special devotional guide: an Advent "doodlebook." Hope to see you there! Pastor Kendra Thompson: kendra@stpaulqc.org

10th GRADE FAITH MILESTONE

Share, Save, Spend: Today, 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. Contact: Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org



OF SPECIAL NOTE

NOMINATION FORMS to recommend yourself or others for several 2020 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 or 563-326-3547. A reception for all follows the service that evening.

A VERY BRASSY CHRISTMAS: The Big River Brass Band will celebrate the holiday with favorite and festive Christmas music on Sunday, Dec. 1, 3 p.m., at St. Paul. Organist Chris Nelson is making a special guest appearance. Freewill donations accepted.



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



FOOD INGATHERING

Stock a paper bag with nonperishable food 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, bar soap, laundry soap, feminine hygiene products, diapers (sizes 4 and 5), and wipes. Please note: Expired items will be accepted.

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.

