

# ST. PAUL connections

*For all the saints*

Today, a bell will toll. The names of beloved from St. Paul who died this past year will be read out loud. Candles will be lit.

We will remember, with deep gratitude, these precious lives: Parents, spouses, siblings, grandparents, friends.

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest...**

All Saints Day is this first Sunday of November. It celebrates living saints, too. "All saints are believers in Jesus Christ, both those living on earth and those living in heaven," the Lutheran Confessions say.

**Who Thee by faith before the world confess...**

So as we remember this day those who have entered life eternal, we give thanks for the saints among us — knowing we are simultaneously saint and sinner, embraced in God's grace: Parents, spouses, siblings, grandparents, friends.

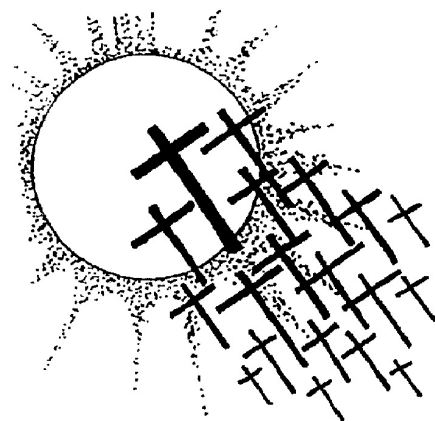
**Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest...**



**CREATION  
SHOUTS  
JOY**

**Joy Weekend, Nov. 9 & 10**

At St. Paul, we embrace how God shapes each of our individual lives as we together work toward a more loving, just, and merciful world. On Joy Weekend, Nov. 9-10, come and be filled with goodness as we look forward to 2020.



## FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

What is a "saint?" Is a saint someone who is perfect? Is a saint someone who is faithful in every situation? That would not be how a Lutheran Christian defines a saint. A saint is a forgiven sinner – a most ordinary Christian. This means that "hard work" or "living a perfect life" does not make one a saint. In fact, there is nothing that we can do to become a saint. It is by the powerful grace of God that our sins are forgiven. It is God who declares us saints, even in our sinfulness.

This weekend, we celebrate the Festival of All Saints. We remember and celebrate the saints most dear to us, and the gift of God's grace to all of us.

## today at st. paul

**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

## next weekend

**Nov. 9 & 10 - Joy Weekend**

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

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 10/31)

\*Andrea Black  
Trampus Budde  
\*Ruth Hunt  
\*Tyler Lamp

**Birth:**

Lauren Elizabeth Black, daughter of  
Andrea & David Black, Oct. 28

**Marriage:**

Mackenzie Garlock & Nicholas Gilbert,  
Oct. 26

**With sympathy:**

Julia Bryant, brother Don Holmes  
Laura (Matt) Kestner-Ricketts, her uncle  
Don Holmes

## 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)



## 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*

## MONDAY, NOV. 4

8:45am Preschool/conferences  
9am Lydia circle  
12:30pm Anna day circle  
6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

## TUESDAY, NOV. 5

8:45am Preschool/conferences  
9:15am Dorcas circle  
1:30pm Sarah circle  
6:30pm Anna evening circle  
6:30pm Women's Bible study  
7pm Personnel meeting

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

8:45am Preschool  
9:30am Staff meeting  
5pm Book Corner open  
5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics  
6pm All choirs rehearse  
6:15pm Men's Bible study  
6:30pm Confirmation  
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

## THURSDAY, NOV. 7

8:45am Preschool  
9am Moms' Morning  
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study  
12:30pm Ruth circle  
6pm CC Conversations  
6pm Theology Pub  
6pm Centering Prayer  
6:30pm 2136 young adults  
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

## FRIDAY, NOV. 8

8:45am Preschool

## SATURDAY, NOV. 9

8am Second Saturday Men  
9am Membership inquiry class  
9am Motherless Daughters  
5:30pm Worship

## SUNDAY, NOV. 10

7:45am Worship  
8:30am Book Corner open  
9am Worship  
10:20am Adult learning guest speaker  
10:20am Sunday morning learning for kids  
11:15am Worship  
3:30pm Book Corner open  
4pm Guest Speaker Series  
6:30pm High school small groups  
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

**RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS** are available at the Info Center and online at [www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand](http://www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand).



## 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.)

- ▶ *English Christians and American Indians at the first Thanksgiving*: Review some of the myths and realities about the first thanksgiving feast celebrated by English immigrants and American Indian residents near Cape Cod. David Crowe, professor of English, Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Navigating the holiday hump*: The upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas can take an emotional toll. For a number of different and very legitimate reasons, jolly, happy, and merry are not always the mood. Beth Lonning, psychologist, Psychology Health Group. 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. Job 3:16 with Pastor Katy Warren. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *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.

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 **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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups), at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

## DISCOVER & CONNECT

### kids/youth

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:20 a.m. Auditions for speaking parts begin today, 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](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

### 2020 SUMMER TRIPS INFO MEETING:

Today, Sunday, Nov. 3, 6:45-7:15 p.m., Library Commons. During the potluck tonight, we will announce 2020 trip dates, costs, and details. Andy Langdon, [andy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org)

### adults

**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](mailto: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, 6:30 p.m. (via Zoom Meeting - [zoom.us/j/5635700565](https://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

**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](mailto:todd@stpaulqc.org)

**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](mailto:rathjefamily@gmail.com)

**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 Cleave-land who will share about his experiences working with homeless youth. Pastor Hayden Kvamme, [kayden@stpaulqc.org](mailto: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](mailto:chris@stpaulqc.org)

**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](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org)

**THEOLOGY PUB:** Thursday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m., upstairs at Sippi's, 406 W. 2nd St., Davenport. Theology Pub offers a rich mix of people, pints, and perspective, as we explore informally the many ways in which our faith intersects with our lives and the world. Plan to eat or plan to feast on the fellowship. Pastor Peter Pettit, [ppettit@stpaulqc.org](mailto: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. Discussion afterwards will be led by John DeTaeye of Humility Homes. Peter A. Pettit, [ppettit@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ppettit@stpaulqc.org)

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**IN-HOME COMMUNION:** Four times per year, people from our congregation take communion to homebound members. Following the 7:45 a.m. service this Sunday, Nov. 3, they will go to the homes of those who are not able to worship with us. We ask God's blessing as they take the Lord's Supper to members of St. Paul.

**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](mailto: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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto: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)

### St. Paul Guest Speaker Series

## SHON HOPWOOD

### 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*



## 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 (5 & 6), and wipes.

Please note: Expired items will be accepted.