

MONDAY, AUG. 8**TUESDAY, AUG. 9**

1:30pm Madison Market Place
7pm Theology Pub
7pm Personnel meeting
7pm Women Connected

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

9:30am Staff meeting
5pm Memorial meeting
6pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
7:30pm Finance meeting

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit ensemble practice

FRIDAY, AUG. 12**SATURDAY, AUG. 13**

8am Habitat work day
10am Make It Yours neighborhood cleanup
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

8am Worship
9am Book Corner open
9:20am Worship
11am Worship
12noon Faith story workshop

**GOD'S CONSTANT LOVE**

Turning the calendar page from July to August can cause many of us to think of all the changes that happen in the next month. We go from vacations and travel to the start of school. Long, hot summer days turn a little cooler and a bit shorter by the end of this month. Before you know it, fall has arrived.

Yet, even in the midst of so much change throughout these 31 days, there's at least one constant we can rely on. Every day of every month of every year, no matter the fullness of our calendars or the seasons of our lives, there is a God whose love for us remains consistent and steady. Or, as scripture puts it, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies endure forever." For better or worse, so much of our lives may change. But God's love remains constant.

today at st. paul**August 6 & 7 - Pentecost 12****Preaching:**

5:30/9:20 Katy Warren
8:00/11:00 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services
Readings: Genesis 15: 1-6;
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12: 32-40

next weekend**August 13 & 14 - Pentecost 13****Preaching:**

5:30/11:00 Amy Diller
8:00/9:20 Katy Warren

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services
Readings: Jeremiah 23: 23-29;
Hebrews 11: 29—12: 2;
Luke 12: 49-56

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS
are available at the Info Center
and online at www.stpaulqc.org/connections-flyer.

Printed copies of the Open Spirit service order are available at the usher's station.

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.

Our hospitalized: (*released as of Aug. 4)

*Joyce Claussen
*Rachel Griggs-Hall
Marlene Harmsen
Erica Mullen

Deaths:

Sarah Behrens, July 28
Joanne Paustian, July 28

With sympathy:

Family of Sarah Behrens:
Tim Behrens, wife
Nathan & Beth Behrens, mother
Will Behrens, stepmother
Jolene & Jim Mullins, daughter
Anne Mullins, sister
Blake Preston, aunt
Linda & Jim Hoepner, her sister
Louise Gordy

MY NOTES FROM TODAY**ST. PAUL connections****NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP**

Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.-12 noon

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

On August 13, 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.

HUNGER AWARENESS WEEKEND | AUG 20 & 21**► Food pantry gathering**

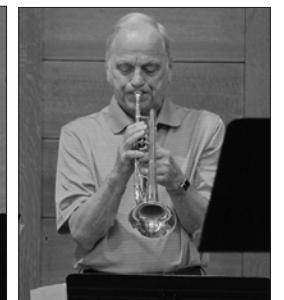
Stock a paper bag with nonperishable food items and bring it to worship that weekend. The food gathered will be used to fill the shelves at the Friendly House Food Pantry.

**► Community Garden food share**

Too many tomatoes? Not enough squash? St. Paul people can bring bounty from their gardens to share with others. The harvest left over will be donated to Café on Vine.

ALL THAT JAZZ:

Jazz Sunday at St. Paul is a soul-filled, foot-stomping, singing-at-the-top-of-your-lungs experience. Many thanks to our ChurchJazz friends for all the joyful jazz last weekend.



HELP IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

These plots of plants are grown to feed those who are food insecure. Volunteers are always needed to help with weeding, watering, and tending these veggies, herbs, fruits, and flowers. Come and help harvest on Saturday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Contact Matt Schroeder to help, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.

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 9:20 and 11 a.m. Special bulletins are available from an usher. Worship bags for children are at entrances to the Sanctuary.

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.

MEMBERSHIP: A one-session Membership Inquiry Class is offered once each month for those interested in exploring what membership at St. Paul involves. The next opportunity will be on **Saturday, August 20, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Tuesday, Sept. 20, 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

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FAITH STORY WORKSHOP: Confirmation faith stories are coming up soon! It's time for 9th-graders to sign up for a faith story workshop on Aug. 7, 14, or 17. Visit stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Ryan Bailey, director of faith formation, 563-326-3547 x224, ryan@stpaulqc.org.

SIGN UP FOR CONFIRMATION:

Students entering 7th grade this fall are encouraged to sign up now for St. Paul's confirmation program. Meeting the first three Wednesdays of each month from September through April, confirmation is key to shaping the faith of middle school students. For more information and registration materials, contact Ryan Bailey: ryan@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x224.

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CENTERING PRAYER: Every Thursday, 6 p.m., in Room 203. Centering prayer was originally used by Christian monks. Today, this holistic prayer helps release unhealthy emotions, while deepening and personalizing your relationship with God.

Dick Jensen, rjensen65@gmail.com

WOMEN CONNECTED: Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering Aug. 9.

A fellowship and discussion group for women of all ages. Dive into a video series as the focus of discussion.

Lori Byerly, labyerlyt.l@gmail.com

THEOLOGY PUB: Second Tuesdays, next gathering Aug. 9, 7 p.m., at Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Theology Pub is a place with talk of faith, a beverage, and community.

Brett Hagen, hagenman@gmail.com

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: First and third Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Gather together Wednesday, Aug. 17, for a time of fellowship and study. Meet in the 129 House on the St. Paul campus, corner of Lombard and Main Streets.

Jeff Keller, jeff.keller1964@gmail.com

ALL WOMEN OF ST. PAUL are invited to come and connect with God and each other at *Connect & Grow Together*. This morning of learning and fellowship will be on Saturday, Aug. 27, 9-11 a.m., at St. Paul. Beginning with a Bible study in the Chapel, led by Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, then move to the Chapel Commons for food and conversation. People from a variety of ministries will be present. There is no cost to attend. Childcare will be available. To sign up, visit stpaulqc.org/signups, or the Info Center. Contact:

Jan Lloyd at 563-359-3790 or Judy Skogman at djskog@aol.com.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

IN-HOME COMMUNION: Four times per year, people from our congregation take communion to homebound members. Following the 8 a.m. service this Sunday, Aug. 7, they will go to the homes of those who are not able to worship with us. We ask God's blessing on them as they take the Lord's Supper to these members of St. Paul.

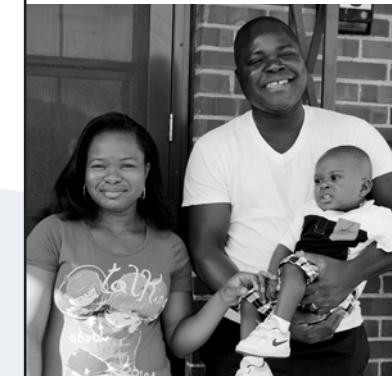
ALL ST. PAUL MEN are invited to come and sing during worship on Sunday, Aug. 28, at the 9:20 a.m. service. Two rehearsals will take place: today, Sunday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 21, at 10:30 a.m. on the lower level in Room 011. For more info, contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY: The National Alliance on Mental Illness will host its free course, *Family-to-Family*, at St. Paul on Thursdays, Sept. 1—Nov. 17, from 6-8:30 p.m. This 12-session education program is for families, partners, friends, and significant others who have a loved one living with a mental health condition. It is led by trained teachers who are also family members who know what it is like to have a loved one living with a mental health condition. Registration deadline is Aug. 19. Call 563-322-8870 or email coordinator@namigmv.org.

FOOD GATHERING SORTING: Help sort the food gathered for the Friendly House Food Pantry on Sunday, Aug. 21, 12 noon, in the Gathering Area. This lively 90-minute project is one for all ages and abilities.... and saves the food pantry volunteers and staff days of work. A simple pizza lunch will be served at noon, with sorting beginning by about 12:15 p.m. Signup at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org.

HOLY BAPTISM: Zola Marguerite Stamer, daughter of Justine and Alex Stamer, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism at our 9:20 a.m. worship service this weekend. We welcome her into the Lord's family.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



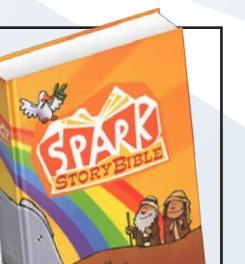
Swing a hammer and make new friends. Volunteers will work throughout the summer and fall to build a house for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. Interested in helping? The dates of build days include:

- ▶ Saturdays, August 13 & September 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ▶ Wednesday, October 12, 5-8 p.m.

To sign up, visit stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren at katy@stpaulqc.org or 326-3547.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Sunday, Aug. 21



Bring your backpacks, school bags, laptops, and briefcases for a blessing during worship at 9:20 & 11 a.m.

