

ST. PAUL connections



WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD?

On five Sundays this fall, the 9th graders of this congregation affirm their faith as part of our confirmation ministry. Along with moments of blessing during worship, they share their faith stories during the learning hour. These young people authentically and creatively answer the question, "Where do you see God in your life?"

How would you answer that question? You might easily answer it by describing people in your life, or experiences of grace in difficult times, or those moments of awe in nature or worship. It could be a challenging question, if these days are full of doubt and struggle for you.

Our hope comes from the promise that God shows up to love us, even when we can't quite see how. It's true for those 9th graders and for us: no matter what, God is with us.

today at st. paul

September 22 & 23 - Pentecost 18

Preaching:

5:30/9:00 Katy Warren
7:45/11:15 Josh Kestner

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Rite of Confirmation; Youth Choir

Communion served at all services

Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18-20;
James 3: 13—4:3, 7-8a;
Mark 9: 30-37

next weekend

September 29 & 30 - Pentecost 19

Preaching:

5:30/9:00 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
7:45/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

9:00 Rite of Confirmation; Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29;
James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50

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 9/20)

*Emily Chewning
Bob Crampton
Eldon Curtis
*Barrett Lindmark
Bill Storjohann

Birth:

Lillian Joy Chewning, daughter of
Emily & William Chewning, Sept. 16

Wedding:

Bethanie Blake & James Zeller, Sept. 15

Deaths:

Gene Hanson, Sept. 18
Marlene Harmsen, Sept. 16

With sympathy:

Lisa & Josh Fiedler, her grandfather
Robert Adkins
Naomi Hanson, husband Gene Hanson
Katie Hanson & Dave Crowe, her father
Gene Hanson
Emily, Peter & Tyler Crowe, grandfather
Gene Hanson
Jim & Lou Ann Harmsen, his mother
Marlene Harmsen
Lacey Harmsen, grandmother
Marlene Harmsen
Jack & Georgine Schinckel, his
brother John Schinckel, Jr.
Dawn & Kenny Stone, her uncle
John Schinckel, Jr.

staff connections

PASTORS

Peter W. Marty *Senior pastor*
Sara Olson-Smith *Associate pastor*
Katy Warren *Associate pastor*
Kelsey Fitting-Snyder *Pastor in residency*
Joshua Kestner *Pastor in residency*
Ron Huber *Visitation pastor*

COMMUNICATIONS

Ann McGlynn *Director of communication*
Lauren Brown *Artistic director*
Becky Harper *Adm. asst. to sr. pastor*
Karen Holden *Book Corner manager*
Destiny Ellingsworth *Communications intern*

OPERATIONS

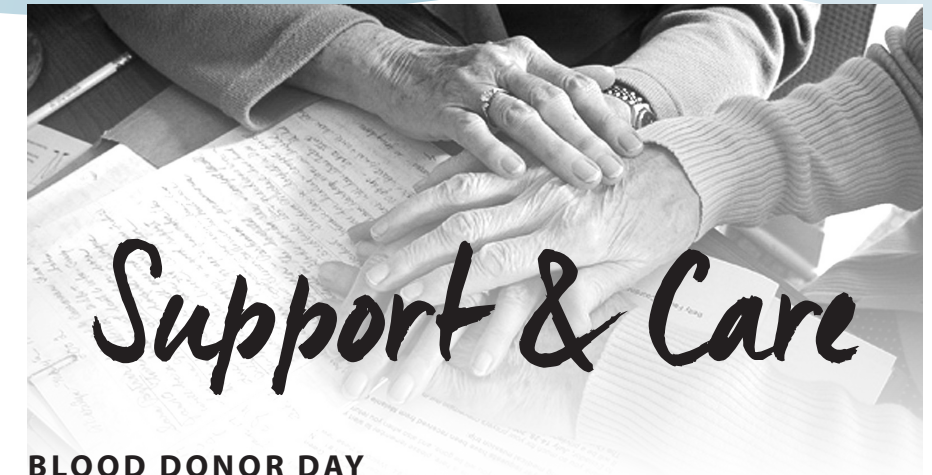
Todd Byerly *Operations director*
Paula Durham *Business manager*
Jennifer Garvey *Receptionist*
Carrie Bowman *Business office assistant*
Marcia Robertson *Stewardship coordinator*
Harris Schneekloth *Campus and grounds*
Matt Spencer *Building manager*
Jim Akright *Custodial/Maintenance*
Paul Caldwell *Host*
Terry Haru *Host*
Ron Mullen *Host*
Nick Peterson *Host*

LEARNING

Kendra Thompson *Pastor of children & family life*
Karen Strusz *Preschool director*
Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*
Eyreka Barnes *Assistant to learning director*
Dana Welsler *Neighborhood schools*
Teresa Whitbeck *Childcare team leader*
Christine Vincent *Youth ministries intern*

MUSIC

Chris Nelson *Director of music ministries*
Bill Campbell *Contemporary music*
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*



Support & Care

BLOOD DONOR DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2-6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Give the gift of life. Blood donation is a simple process that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Enjoy conversation and refreshments afterwards. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

FREE INDEED PRISON MINISTRY

Saturday, Oct. 6, 7:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Free Indeed congregation, within the walls of the Anamosa State Penitentiary, will welcome St. Paul people for worship. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Visitors must submit paperwork for a background check by Sept. 24. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Barb Brunkan, barbbrunkan@gmail.com.

WALKING THE GRIEF JOURNEY

Sundays, Oct. 21-Nov. 18, 10:20-11:05 a.m., Church House Living Room

A supportive, compassion-filled series for those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. Explore anger, depression, fears, acceptance, and new strength for a hopeful future. Led by Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and Joel Moore, deacon and registered nurse, sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain works quietly and steadily behind the scenes. Prayers rise for a problem or illness, or in praise or thanksgiving. No request is too small. Requests are worded for confidentiality. For a prayer request or to volunteer as one who prays, contact Karin Hanson, 563-528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com.



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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 6-12: 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.)

- ▶ *Campus ministry is for everyone:* Campus ministry is crucial in the faith formation of many young adults. Leaders and students share stories and lead conversations about how to connect with campus ministry. Sarah Goettsch, campus pastor, University of Iowa; Jon Fry, campus minister, University of Northern Iowa; and students. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Scott County Kids:* Learn about Scott County Kids' mission to provide effective programming deterring children and youth from entering the juvenile justice and the child welfare system. They also support programs ensuring safe exit for children already in these systems. Dawn Knutson, family system coordinator, Scott County Kids. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child:* Begin with the reading of a story from a children's Bible then dig more deeply into the scripture itself. Pastor Peter W. Marty. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Finding your prophetic voice (1 of 2):* Jan Schnell Rippenrop, pastor, JustChurch in Iowa City, professor of homiletics at Association of Chicago Theological Schools. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Becoming a sanctuary congregation:* John Dunsheath, UUCQC. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child:* Zacchaeus with Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder. In Room 208.

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.

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 potery 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, Oct. 13, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Monday, Nov. 12, 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

youth

678 NIGHT: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Library Commons. High-energy games, fun, togetherness, and great Bible studies with campfire-style worship! Our youth director, Andy Langdon, and a slew of high school youth leaders rally the excitement. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

adults

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 Oct. 4, 6-7:15 p.m., Library Commons. Peter Marty facilitates discussion. Participants will want to have read "Ways of being Muslim in America" (pp 20-23, Sept. 12 issue), and "Martin Niemoller opposed Hitler - eventually" (pp 30-34, Sept. 26 issue) either by stopping at the church to read a copy secured in the library or through a subscription (special St. Paul rate cards available at the Info Center). Pastor Marty, peter@stpaulqc.org

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK: Prime Time 50+ (for folks 50 and older) gathers for a potluck breakfast at West Lake's Breezy Point Shelter (gate 6), on Saturday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. A \$3/person donation helps cover costs. Today, Sept. 23, is the final day to sign up at the Info Center; please indicate what dish you'll bring. Drinks are provided; bring table service. In case of rain, we'll gather at St. Paul. Joan & Paul Marietta, 349-1973; Linda & Jim Hoepner, 940-6737

HEART. SOUL. MIND. BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. *Cross Examinations:* The central symbol of the Christian experience, the cross, evokes not only a range of emotions, but also a range of interpretations. Explore how the cross has shaped the lives

of people in different contexts, and how it continues to shape us today. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org

MOMS' MORNING: Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m., in the Church House Living Room. Moms' Morning is an every-Thursday-morning 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. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

book lovers

LUNCH BOOK CONVERSATION: Thursdays, Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 12-1 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Gather with others to discuss this fall's Faith & Life Speaker Austin Channing Brown's book, *I'm Still Here*. Bring a bag lunch and an openness to talk and listen about racism, privilege, and how we might commit to building racial justice in our church and world. Book available in the Book Corner. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

GOING DEEPER: Mondays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, and 15, 5-6 p.m., Church House Living Room. Longing for deeper conversation about matters of faith? This four-week study will consider *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. Using various genres, the author explores with knowledge, imagination, and wit what the Bible is and how it is read. Book available in the Book Corner. Please read the first 60 pages before the first meeting. Lynn Batcher, ldbatcher@hotmail.com

ST. PAUL BOOK CORNER is open this Sunday morning. Stop in to find Confirmation cards and gift ideas, and to check out the large selection of new adult and children's books. This book store is a non-profit congregational venture to help people make the Christian faith a seven-day-a-week experience. Prices are below retail; no tax is charged.

GOLDEN AGERS LUNCHEON

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

St. Paul senior adults, 75 years and older, come together each October for the Golden Agers worship and luncheon. RSVP by calling 563-326-3547. Contact: Pastor Ron Huber, ron@stpaulqc.org.



OF SPECIAL NOTE

FALL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE: St. Paul is hosting the 2018 Fall Theological Conference today, Sunday, Sept. 23 through Tuesday, Sept. 25. This will be a time of conversation, learning, and fellowship for pastors and other rostered leaders in the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF THE QUAD CITIES FALL BRUNCH: Friday, Sept. 28, Library Commons. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with brunch at 9:30 a.m. Come together with other QCA women for a morning of fellowship. Pastor Rich Hendricks from the Metropolitan Community Church and One Human Family will present on "Combating Hate." Cost is \$7. Signup at stpaulqc.org/signups. Karen Miller, grammy630@msn.com

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m., next gathering Sept. 24, in the Church House Living Room. A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness, *Friends & Family* is for anyone looking for mutual support by sharing with and listening to others. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

confirming faith

Confirmation concludes at the beginning of the ninth-grade year. Students share their faith stories during a series of Sunday-morning sessions in Fellowship Hall, 10:20-11:05 a.m. They will be confirmed during worship on the morning they present their story. Students confirmed today, Sept. 23, during 9:00 a.m. worship: Makayla Alger, Kate Andersen, Martha Barnds, Sarah DeFauw, Anna Dickman, Jadelyn Roberts, Sadie Ryan, Olivia Schroeder, and Lyndsey Volquardsen.

FAITH & LIFE SERIES 2018

AUSTIN CHANNING BROWN

SUNDAY, OCT. 7, SANCTUARY

- ▶ 10:20 am: *Power, Privilege, & Purpose*
- ▶ 4 pm: *I'm Still Here*



Parents' GAME Night

Friday, Oct. 12, 5:30-8 p.m.

Sign up online:
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