

ST. PAUL connections

confirming faith

St. Paul's confirmation ministry is an experience that gets to the very heart of where middle-schoolers live. It's a creative, spirit-enlivened venture into the life of faith. Built solidly on relationships with God and others, confirmation relies on the care and attention of a caring Christian mentor.

FAITH STORIES & CONFIRMATION

Confirmation concludes at the beginning of the ninth-grade year. Students will share their faith stories during a series of five Sunday-morning sessions in Fellowship Hall, Sept. 16-Oct. 14, 10:20-11:05 a.m. They will be confirmed during worship on the morning they present their story. Anyone is welcome to attend.

RETREATS

Camp Shalom near Maquoketa is the splendid outdoor setting for the seventh-graders this coming weekend. The eighth-graders explore faith pathways throughout the area in an overnight retreat in November.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Three Wednesdays a month, confirmation combines interactive learning sessions with pastors and other key leaders, explorations of the Bible, small-group experiences with dedicated adult sponsors, and worship moments.



LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Have you ever been driving on a road that looks as though it could go on forever? Or stood on a beach and gazed over what appears to be an endless ocean? There are certainly points along I-80 where it seems the rows of corn stretch far beyond one's eyesight.

Such images might be a good representation of the Christian life – always seeking to continue forming our faith. There's never a point where we're finished learning or we've completed our worship. The possibilities are endless. The opportunities to engage our lives of faith are never ending.

Now is as good a time as any to jump into something new. Plug into a bible study. Add your voice to a choir. Connect with a Sunday morning class. Use today, and every day, to keep making faith formation a lifelong endeavor.

today at st. paul

September 8 & 9 - Pentecost 16

Preaching:
All services Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 35: 4-7a;
James 2: 1-10 [11-13] 14-17;
Mark 7: 24-37

next weekend

September 15 & 16 - Pentecost 17

Preaching:
5:30/7:45 Josh Kestner
9:00/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; James 3: 1-12;
Mark 8: 27-38

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 9/6)

Russ Carlson
Bob Crampton
Tina Harper
*Teresa Zinn

Death:

Shirley Saladino, Sept. 1

With sympathy:

Steve & Joy Saladino, his mother
Shirley Saladino



NAMI WALK

Saturday, Sept. 22, 9:30 a.m.

Lace up your sneakers and join the St. Paul crew for the National Alliance on Mental Illness two-mile walk. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

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*



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MONDAY, SEPT. 10

8:45am Preschool
9am Quilting
9am Lydia circle
12:30pm Anna circle
6:30pm Survivors of Suicide Loss

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

8am Madison Market setup
8:45am Preschool
12:30pm Madison market
6:30pm Anna evening circle
7pm Theology Pub
7pm Mission board

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

7:30am Finance meeting
8:45am Preschool
9:30am Staff meeting
11:45am Preschool ice cream social
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
5:30pm Memorial committee
6pm Choir rehearsals
6:30pm Confirmation
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

8:45am Preschool
9am Moms' Morning
9:30am Heart. Soul. Mind. Bible study
11:45am Preschool ice cream social
12noon Lunch book conversation:
I'm Still Here
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Faithful Readers potluck
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

8:45am Preschool
9am Ridgecrest circle
5pm 7th grade confirmation retreat
5pm Wedding rehearsal

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

3pm Blake/Zeller wedding
5pm 7th grade retreat returns
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship/Rite of Confirmation
10:20am Learning for all ages
10:20am Confirmation faith stories
11:15am Worship
6:30pm High school small groups
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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

Look for someone wearing a red visor to help you find your classroom.

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.)

- ▶ *Unearned privilege as cheap grace (1 of 2)*: There are many people today wanting to unmask and dismantle unearned privilege such as white, male, and economic privileges. Jason Mahn tries to theologically grapple with his own privilege, inviting and enabling participants to join him. Jason Mahn, associate professor of religion and director of the Presidential Center for Faith and Learning at Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Meet the Street Team*: Since 2009, The Center provides a place where Hilltop neighbors put aside their concerns of poverty and enjoy the company around them. Homeless outreach is one of three areas of focus for the center, seeking to alleviate the pain of oppressed and marginalized peoples. Pennie Kellenberger, director, The Center. 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 Katy Warren — Noah and the Ark. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Unearned privilege as cheap grace (2 of 2)*: More details above. Jason Mahn, associate professor, Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *We are the church together*: Pastor Josh Kestner. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: Led by Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. 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 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.

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 **Monday, Sept. 17, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, Oct. 13, 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

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:

In college or grad school in the area? We want St. Paul to be home to you. Stay after the 11:15 a.m. worship service today, Sept. 9, to share pizza and meet some new friends. Can't make it this Sunday? Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups to be in the loop about future events. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS: Monday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., Library Conference Room. Offering 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. No need to sign, just come. Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

THEOLOGY PUB: Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., next meeting Sept. 11 in the lower level of Front Street Brewery, Davenport. Theology Pub offers an opportunity to gather around conversation, food, and drinks. Anyone is welcome! Come when you can, and bring a friend. During the fall, we'll take a look at Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

MOMS' MORNING: Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 13, in the Church House Living Room. Moms' Morning is an every-Thursday-morning gathering (note new day) 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

LUNCH BOOK CONVERSATION:

Thursdays, Sept. 13-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

FAITHFUL READERS: Thursdays, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. The first fall meeting of this literature discussion group, Sept. 13, will be a potluck (bring anything except dessert). Conversation will focus on *Death on Lindisfarne* by Faye Sampson. Katie Hanson, katiehanson@augustana.edu or Dave Crowe, davidcrowe@augustana.edu

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): Sept. 10, 12:30 p.m. (Heather Gosma's home); Anna (evening): Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Explore WELCA: Sept. 20, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Sept. 10, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: Sept. 14, 2 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center) Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

EARLY MORNING BOOK GROUP: Tuesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 2, 6:45-7:30 a.m., Library Commons. If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans is available in the Book Corner. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

2136 TAILGATE PARTY: Young adults (20s & 30s) "kick off" the year with some food and fun Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. Burgers and hot dogs provided. Wear your favorite team jersey or colors, bring a dessert or side to share, and a lawn chair. Whether new to St. Paul or looking to connect with other young adults, this event is for you! Friends are welcome; childcare available. Meet in the west St. Paul parking lot. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@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

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. Sign up at the Info Center by Sept. 23, indicating 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

OF SPECIAL NOTE

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others Monday, Sept. 17, 6:30-9 p.m., exploring life and faith in this place. Explore what the commitments, values, and directions of this congregation are. Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING HELPERS: We are looking for crafty, artsy and musically inclined rotation helpers. Would you be willing to lead children in crafts, games, art projects, or musical activities on an occasional basis? Do you have gifts in these areas that you would like to share with children at St. Paul? If so, we would love to hear from you! Contact Kendra Thompson (kendra@stpaulqc.org) or Eyreka Barnes (eyreka@stpaulqc.org) for more info.

WORSHIP AT FREE INDEED PRISON CONGREGATION: The Free Indeed congregation, within the walls of the Anamosa State Penitentiary in Anamosa, Iowa, will welcome St. Paul people for worship on Saturday, Oct. 20. This new congregation of the ELCA invites inmates of the prison as well as people from the outside to worship together. Transportation and lunch will be provided. The group will depart St. Paul at 7:45 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. Visitors must submit paperwork for a background check no later than Friday, Sept. 21. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Barb Brunkan, barbbrunkan@gmail.com.

ST. PAUL BOOK CORNER is open this Sunday morning. Stop in to find Confirmation cards and gift ideas. 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.

COATS LEFT BEHIND: Are you missing a coat? In the coat rack area near the central staircase, take a look and see if yours is one of a couple dozen coats currently without an owner. Matt Spencer, spencer@stpaulqc.org

QUILTERS: Monday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This devoted group of caring quilters, beginners and experts alike, gather 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

WEDNESDAYS@ST. PAUL

- ▶ **Adult Children of Alcoholics, 5:30 p.m.**
An anonymous Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition program. Meet in Room 203.
- ▶ **Choirs, 6 p.m.**
From age 4-adult, rehearsals are 6-6:45 p.m. for children and youth, 6-7:30 p.m. for adults. Everyone is welcome.
- ▶ **Men's Bible Study, 6:15 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesdays**
Gather for a time of fellowship, study, and light supper. Meet in the 129 House on the St. Paul campus, corner of Lombard and Main Streets.
- ▶ **Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., 1st three Wednesdays of the month**
St. Paul's confirmation ministry is a creative, spirit-enlivened venture into the life of faith for kids in grades 7 & 8.
- ▶ **Midweek recharge, 6:45 p.m., 1st three Wednesdays of the month**
This high school small group is designed for students who do not attend Sunday Night Live. Snacks, service projects, and life application conversations highlight this weekly gathering.

