

ST. PAUL connections

Extravagant GENEROSITY

A generous life can take many different shapes. Whether it's a willingness to share what you have with others, an enthusiasm to offer your time through volunteering or service, or an openness to use your particular gifts to enrich the lives of others. There's one thing that all generous people know well: there is a certain unmatched joy that comes from giving.

Ann Frank – wise beyond her years – once wrote: "No one has ever become poor by giving." What a life of gratitude and joy we find when we let go of our attachment to things and instead share our lives with others. At St. Paul, we call this "extravagant generosity," one of our core values, shaping the heart of what we're all about.

MONDAY, OCT. 15

8:45am Preschool
5pm Going Deeper book group
6pm Sons of Norway

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

7:30am Finance meeting
8:45am Preschool

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

8:45am Preschool
9:30am Staff meeting
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6pm Choir rehearsals
6:15pm Men's Bible study
6:30pm Confirmation
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

8:45am Preschool
9am Moms' Morning
9:30am Heart. Soul. Mind. Bible study
10am Church Women United
5pm KnitWits
6pm Mental health awareness team
6pm St. Paul Sluggers
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Congregational council
6:30pm 2136 Young Adults
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
7pm Explore WELCA
7pm St. Paul Sluggers

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

8:45am Preschool
2pm Ridgecrest circle

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

8:30am Financial Peace University reunion
10am Community Garden cleanup
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship/Bible blessing
10:20am Learning for all ages
10:20am 3rd grade milestone
10:20am Walking the Grief Journey
11:15am Worship
4pm PrimeTime 50+ event
5pm Trunk or Treat
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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 10/11)

Bonnie Buss
Leon Feuerbach
*Christa Hebbel
*Craig Hellyer
George Vieth

Death:

Eldon Curtis, Oct. 9

With sympathy:

Arline Curtis, husband Eldon

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, Oct. 14, during 11:15 a.m. worship: Izzy Appel, Garrett Conway, Chance Dreyer, Jack Grothusen, Nathan Hummel, Alex Hunter, Brady Hunter, Barrett Lindmark, Ben Murphy, Xander Plett, Jake Posten, Ryan Thoreson, Max VanDerSchaaf, and Ty Vucic.

today at st. paul

October 13 & 14 - Pentecost 21

Preaching:

5:30/7:45/9 Peter W. Marty
11:15 Andy Langdon

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Alleluia choir; Chorale
11:15 Rite of Confirmation

Communion served at all services

Readings: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31

next weekend

October 20 & 21 - Pentecost 22

Preaching:

5:30/9:00 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder
7:45/11:15 Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Jubilate choir; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 53: 4-12; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45

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 Welser *Neighborhood schools*
Beth Laureijs *Residency administrator*
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*



IT'S AN ALL-ST. PAUL DINNER PARTY

Friday, Nov. 9, 6-9 p.m.

Enjoy dinner and lively conversation at St. Paul homes throughout the area. Each guest will be asked to bring a dish to share. Hosts will be in contact with location and dish details in the days before the meal.

The guest list will be a surprise until you arrive.

Interested in hosting or being a guest? Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups or at the Info Center by Friday, Oct. 19. Contact: Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct. 21, 5-7 p.m.

It's the annual orange-and-black frivolity at St. Paul for the whole family. Gather for a simple meal, a short worship service, treating, and a parking lot dance party! Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.



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.)

- ▶ *Loving kindness (1 of 2)*: Based on the book *Boundless Compassion* by Joyce Rupp, learn about embodying a compassionate presence for the sake of the suffering in the world, building bridges to others and discovering joy. Elaine Olson, pastor and spiritual director. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *We've come a long way. We've got a ways to go*: In the 50 years of the Handicapped Development Center, things have changed a great deal for people with disabilities. Linda Gill, vice president, Handicapped Development Center. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: Daniel and the lions with Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Loving kindness (2 of 2)*: Elaine Olson, pastor and spiritual director. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Creating hope*: Hope at the BRICK House shares their inner-city ministry. Joyce Klopp, director. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: Pastor Josh Kestner. 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 pot-tery 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, Nov. 12, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, Dec. 8, 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

THIRD GRADE MILESTONE: On Sunday, Oct. 21 at 10:20 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, we will celebrate this "Explore the Bible" milestone by gifting each third grader with a brand new *Adventure Bible*. We are also using this special day to remember our own Bibles! So, if you have a Bible that is significant to you, bring it for a blessing during the children's message in worship at 9 and 11:15 a.m.

2136 YOUNG ADULTS: On Thursday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m., 2136 (for 20/30-some-things) meets at St. Paul and will talk about what it means to be Christians both in our work and in our play, and how this all leads to our understanding of vocation. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org

KNITWITS: Thursday, Oct. 18, 5 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. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'll be glad to teach you. Belinda Holbrook, bholbrook@mchsi.com

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

REUNION: This one-time class is an opportunity for those who have taken FPU before. On Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, participants will revisit and review their journey with the baby steps towards better financial health. Sign-up by Oct. 15 at stpaulqc.org/signups. Martha Wells, marthawells99@gmail.com

PRIMETIME 50+ OCTOBER EVENT:

Visit the Tycoga Winery north of DeWitt, Iowa, on Sunday, Oct. 21, 4 p.m. with Primetime 50+ (folks who are 50 and older). Come for brick fire pizza and wine tasting, and enjoy the winery's fire pits and the beautiful sunset. Sign up at the Info Center or call Joan Lahl, 563-320-8760.

QUILTING: Tuesday, Oct. 23, 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

MEN'S RETREAT, OCT. 26-27: Get away to Camp Shalom to meet new friends and enjoy a walk in the woods. We'll spend time talking about what it means to "be a man" in the world today, and how we learn those expectations. Come whenever you can from early evening Friday to midday Saturday. Meals provided. Overnight cost is \$50. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

VOICES OF THE VILLAGE: Saturday, Oct. 27, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Library Commons. Enjoy speakers and food while gathering with women of the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA to learn about cultures throughout the world. Cost, including lunch, is \$12. Register online by Oct. 19 at stpaulqc.org/signups. Karen Miller, grammy630@msn.com



Walking the Grief Journey

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

A supportive, compassionate series for those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. Explore and discover new strength for a hopeful future. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Grab a picker-upper and help pick up the St. Paul neighborhood. Supplies and snacks will be provided for this environmentally and community-minded crew.

Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com

OF SPECIAL NOTE

COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP: After a season of abundance, it is time for the soil in the St. Paul community garden to rest for the winter. A cleanup is set for Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Crews will clear the raised beds in the backyard of 2025 Main Street as well as the southern plot down the alleyway. Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com

FRENCH MODERNS: MONET TO MATISSE, 1850-1950: The Figge Art Museum will present this exhibition from the world-renowned collection of the Brooklyn Museum in New York. It brings together 60 paintings and sculptures by some of the world's most treasured artists. On Thursday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m., museum docents who are St. Paul members will offer a guided tour for St. Paul people. Event is free, but please sign up to be included: stpaulqc.org/signups.

HOLY BAPTISM: Two children step into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism during 9 a.m. worship this weekend: Eleanor Holschbach, daughter of Lindsey and Evan Holschbach, and Warren Kaufman, son of Jillyn and Adam Kaufman. We welcome them into the Lord's family.

SNOWBIRDS: To those St. Paul people heading south for the winter, our business office would like to know your address and timing. A quick note or phone call to Carrie Bowman, business office assistant, will ensure that you receive important mail for your time away. To connect with Carrie, please email her at carrie@stpaulqc.org or call 563-326-3547 ext. 243.

BOOK CORNER AT ST. PAUL 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, including *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans, *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old* by Parker Palmer, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman, and the 2019 'All St. Paul Reads' book selection, *The Boys in the Bunkhouse: Servitude and Salvation in the Heartland* by Dan Barry. This book store is a non-profit congregational venture. Prices are below retail; no tax is charged.



Nova Singers Concert

Today, Sunday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m., St. Paul Sanctuary



Blood Donor Day

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

St. Paul people roll up their sleeves twice a year to donate blood for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. The blood collected will be sent to supply one of the 88 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin that relies on these donations.

Rumor has it that St. Paul has some of the best post-donation snacks and conversation around. To sign up to give, visit stpaulqc.org/signups.