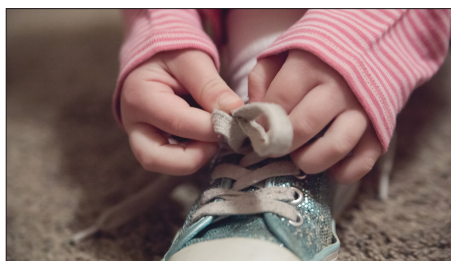


ST. PAUL connections



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

"I can do it myself!" That might often be the sentiment of a four-year-old child, learning how to put on their shoes or write their own name. There's a certain joy in discovering independence and individuality. But, as adults, we can sometimes lean a bit too far towards self-sufficiency and too far away from interdependence.

When it comes to matters of faith, our lives are simply better when connected to others - when we're surrounded by brothers and sisters willing to encourage, support, and prod us toward meaningful lives. Theologian Frederick Buechner once wrote, "You can survive on your own. You can grow strong on your own. You can prevail on your own. But you cannot become human on your own." It could be said, too, that you cannot become a Christian entirely on your own. Faith is best lived out in community.

today at st. paul

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

next weekend

October 27 & 28 - Pentecost 23

Preaching:
5:30/7:45/9:00 Katy Warren
11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:
7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Youth choir; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52

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 10/18)

*Leon Feuerbach
Ann McGlynn
*Melissa Pepper
*George Vieth
*Marty Wells

Birth:

James Brooks Pepper, son of
Melissa & Dan Pepper, Oct. 14

With sympathy:

Joe & Rachel Wollett, his father
Michael Wollett
Ben & Izzy Wollett, grandfather
Michael Wollett

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

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*

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. Twice a year, St. Paul people roll up their sleeves and help others who are undergoing cancer treatment, heart surgery, an organ transplant, joint replacement, or who have endured a physical trauma, such as a car crash.

After giving, enjoy conversations and a cookie.

What is needed to give?

- An identification card or Donor ID.
- To be in good health.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Be at least 17 years old (or 16 years old with a signed parental consent form).

Time slots are available from 2-6 p.m. Sign up at the table in the Elevator Commons or at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org, 563-326-3547 ext. 248.

TRUNK OR TREAT



TODAY, 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.



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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.)

- ▶ *Loving kindness (2 of 2)*: Affirm the importance and process of living with compassion for oneself to build the bridge of being a compassionate presence for others and find joy. Elaine Olson, pastor and spiritual director. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Creating hope*: Hope at the BRICK House shares their inner-city ministry located in the Hilltop area of Davenport. This faith-based ministry gives hope to children and families through after school, summer programming, and neighborhood outreach. Joyce Klopp, director. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: With Pastor Josh Kestner. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Finding your prophetic voice (2 of 2)*: Jan Schnell Rippentrop, pastor, JustChurch in Iowa City, professor of homiletics at Association of Chicago Theological Schools. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Family Bible Study "Prayer Faire."* All ages welcome. Kendra Thompson, pastor of children and family life. In Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: Pastor Katy Warren. 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 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 **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

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, Oct. 28, 10:20-11:05 a.m. Learning to pray goes beyond bedtime and meal time verses. Come explore different interactive and hands-on ways to pray at our Family Bible Study "Prayer Faire." Create a prayer journal, remember your baptism, pray with rocks, maps, sand, candles, and offer confessions with quick burning flash paper. All ages welcome. Kendra Thompson, kendra@stpaulqc.org

youth

678 NIGHT: Wednesday, Oct. 24, 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

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

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

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. Retreat is 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 at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Karen Miller, grammy630@msn.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. 1, 6-7:15 p.m., in the Library Commons. Peter Marty facilitates. Participants read in advance: "Do politics belong in church" (pp 20-26, Oct. 10 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).



AN ALL ST. PAUL DINNER PARTY

On Friday, Nov. 9, 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. **Last call** for sign-up is today, Sunday, Oct. 21, at stpaulqc.org/signups or the Info Center. Contact: Marcia Robertson, marcia@stpaulqc.org.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

SO ALL MAY EAT: Wednesday, Oct. 31, St. Paul people will cook a meal at St. Paul and then serve it at the Zion Lutheran Church meal site on Marquette Street in Davenport. The initiative is called *So All May Eat*. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

HOLY BAPTISM: Two children step into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism during worship this weekend: Blayre Chaney, daughter of Chelsie and Tom Chaney, at 5:30 p.m.; and Jakob Deines, son of Amy and Brian Deines, at 11:15 a.m. We welcome them into the Lord's family.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. Through the singing of traditional Christmas carols and speaking parts, children tell the story of Jesus' birth. Signups are underway online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Tryouts for speaking parts for those second grade and older is Sunday, Nov. 4, 10:10 - 11:10 a.m. Parents must register children in advance online. Children will perform a provided piece. Margaret Thompson, mthompson@stpaulqc.org



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.



COME WATCH THE SLUGGERS!

The St. Paul Sluggers have a few more double headers at the Lindsay Park ball fields in the Village of East Davenport this season. The next dates include:

- ▶ Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6 & 7 p.m.
- ▶ Thursday, Oct. 25, at 8 & 9 p.m.

Come out and cheer them on! Pastor Josh Kestner, josh@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



ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

If you are heading south for an extended period of time this winter, our business office would like to know. A quick note or phone call to Carrie Bowman, business office assistant, will ensure that you receive important mail for your time away. Connect with Carrie at carrie@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547, ext. 243.