

ST. PAUL connections



ALWAYS REFORMING

October 31st isn't just about ghosts and goblins and Halloween treats. The day also holds significance for the Christian church. On that day 501 years ago, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses (statements) to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was this act that helped begin the movement in world history known as the Reformation.

What is the Reformation? It's about asking questions, wondering together about God, studying scripture, and challenging the so-called "politics" of religion. The next time you walk past the large, main doors of the sanctuary, take a closer look. You might notice a number of divots within the doors — 95 of them, in fact. They represent the number of Luther's statements originally posted over five centuries ago. A reminder that even today, we're still re-forming our faith.

today at st. paul

October 27 & 28 - Pentecost 23

Preaching:

5:30/7:45/9 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

next weekend

November 3 & 4 - All Saints

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

9:00 Cantate choir; Chorale
Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-9; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44

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 10/25)


- *Linda Barquist
- *Lou Behensky
- *Wayne Granneman
- *Scott Teasdale
- *Carol Voelliger

Death:

Phil Trissel, Oct. 24

With sympathy:

- Scott & Amy Pearson, his father Terry Pearson
- Lauren & Paige Pearson, grandfather Terry Pearson
- Janet Trissel, husband Phil Trissel
- Michael & Teresa Whitbeck, his father Paul Whitbeck



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.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Saturday, Nov. 3, 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 November 3, 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.

NEW FAITH MILESTONE FOR 10th GRADERS
Share, Save, Spend: On Sunday, Nov. 18, 10:20-11:05 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, 10th graders and their families will begin the conversation about money and examine our hopes and values. This is a moment to pause and talk about money intentionally. Signup at stpaulqc.org/sign-ups. Contact: Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org



MONDAY, OCT. 29
8:45am Preschool
10:30am Trissel memorial service

TUESDAY, OCT. 30
8:45am Preschool/gourd hunt

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31
8:45am Preschool/gourd hunt
9:30am Staff meeting
2:30pm So All May Eat meal prep
5pm So All May Eat meal serving
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6pm Youth Choir & Chorale rehearsals only (no children's)
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

THURSDAY, NOV. 1
8:45am Preschool
9am Moms' Morning
9:30am Heart. Soul. Mind. Bible study
11:30am Quad City Housing Solutions
6pm CC Conversations
6pm St. Paul Sluggers double-header
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm 2136 Young Adults
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOV. 2
8:45am Preschool
5pm 8th grade confirmation retreat
5pm Wedding rehearsal

SATURDAY, NOV. 3
10am Neighborhood cleanup
2pm Thomas/Black wedding
5pm Book Corner open
5:30pm Worship
6:30pm Healing liturgy

SUNDAY, NOV. 4
7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship
10:10am Christmas pageant auditions
10:20am Learning for all ages
10:20am Walking the Grief Journey
11:15am Worship
6:30pm High school small groups potluck
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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

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*

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Jennifer Garvey *Receptionist*
Carrie Bowman *Business office assistant*
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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*
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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*



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THIS SUNDAY

LEARNING FOR KIDS & YOUTH (10:20-11:05 a.m.)

- ▶ Family Bible Study: In place of regular Sunday school, in Fellowship Hall. See next panel for more details.

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.)

- ▶ *Finding your prophetic voice (2 of 2)*: God calls us to use the prophetic voices with which we are created. Yet most Christians have few chances to recognize or hone their own prophetic voice. Explore identifying and claiming our own prophetic voices, which embody our prophetic calling in daily life. Jan Schnell Rippentrop, pastor, JustChurch in Iowa City, professor of homiletics at Association of Chicago Theological Schools. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Prayer Faire*: Family Bible study, in Fellowship Hall. See next panel for more details.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: With Pastor Katy Warren. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Politics of Christianity*: Peter W. Marty, senior pastor. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Paying bond*: Raising money to pay bond for immigrants detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Nicole Novak, Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: 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 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: Today, 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. This is in place of regular Sunday school for children and youth; kids age third grade and younger are encouraged to bring an older sibling or adult. Childcare is also available during this learning opportunity. Kendra Thompson, kendra@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 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).

2136 YOUNG ADULTS: Thursday, Nov. 1, 6:30-8 p.m. 2136 (for 20/30-some-things) will spend the evening learning and volunteering at Argrow's House with its founder Dr. Kit Evans-Ford. Argrow's House offers free services for women healing from violence and abuse in the Quad Cities. We will meet at Argrow's at 6:30. For directions or questions, please contact Pastor Kelsey kelsey@stpaulqc.org or Pastor Josh joshua@stpaulqc.org.

QUILTING: Tuesday, Nov. 5, 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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP: Monday, Nov. 5, 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 up, just come. Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

DON'T TALK ABOUT THE BABY: On Thursday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m., St. Paul will host a public screening of "Don't Talk About the Baby," a film that explores the cultural stigmas surrounding pregnancy loss and infertility. Light refreshments will be provided. The 90-minute film will be shown in the Chapel. Afterwards, a brief prayer service will be held in the Memorial Garden for all of those who have suffered or are currently suffering through infertility, pregnancy loss, and/or infant loss. Each attendee will then receive a lit candle for a walk through VanderVeer Park. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): Nov. 5, 12:30 p.m. (Kristy Fuller's home); Anna (evening): Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Dorcas: Nov. 6, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Explore WELCA: Nov. 15, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Nov. 5, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: Nov. 9, 2 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Ruth: Nov. 1, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

So All May Eat

Several times a year, St. Paul people cook and serve at the Salvation Army meal site at Zion Lutheran Church. Needed are cooks and servers for:

- ▶ **Wednesday, October 31**

Volunteer to help at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK! Be sure to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed next Saturday, Nov. 3.

A MARVELOUS GROUP OF NEW MEMBERS joins today, Sunday, Oct. 28, at the 11:15 a.m. service. Find them in the Gathering Area after worship. Be part of their welcome through your own hospitality. Thanks for doing the favor of wearing a name tag and taking an interest in others you may not know.

A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, in the Church House Living Room. Each month on the first Saturday, we provide an opportunity for individuals in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing to come and seek God's goodness and care.

"DON'T FREAK OUT: A Christmas Pageant" is coming Sunday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. Through the singing of 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 in second grade and older is Sunday, Nov. 4, 10:10-11:10 a.m. Parents must register children in advance online. Children will speak a part provided. Margaret Thompson, mthompson@stpaulqc.org



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At St. Paul, we embrace how God shapes each of our individual lives as we together work toward a more loving, just, and merciful world. On Joy Weekend, Nov. 10-11, come and be filled with goodness as we look forward to 2019.

TRUNK OR TREAT – A LITTLE OCTOBER MAGIC: Costumes. Candy. Dancing. Joy. St. Paul kids (and adults) celebrated the upcoming Halloween time with some pizza, storytelling, and parking lot fun. To see more photos, visit the St. Paul Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stpaulquadcities.

