

# ST. PAUL connections



## PLANNING FOR YOUR FUNERAL

One of the privileges Christian people enjoy when living lives of faith is that they get to look life and death in the eye with total honesty. They get to celebrate little things, rejoice in big things, hope through uncertain things, and grieve their way through sad things.

Importantly, Christians ground their lives in Christ, in life and in death. This doesn't mean fearlessness in all circumstances; but it does mean living every day to its fullest without worrying anxiously about when life will end.

Part of living fully includes planning helpfully. Have you made plans for your funeral that extend beyond pre-payment to a funeral home? Have you thought of particulars you hope somebody will honor? Many St. Paul members leave their personal wishes or desires in a confidential office file for later use. Contact Becky Harper at becky@stpaulqc.org, or by phone, if you'd like to fill out a form or leave planning notes in the church's care.

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)

- \*Bob Crampton
- \*Eldon Curtis
- \*Joan Martinoff-Burke
- \*Bill Storzjohann

### Wedding:

Anke Maass & Denny Reichenbacher,  
Sept. 22

### Deaths:

Debbie Melton, Sept. 22

### With sympathy:

- Becky & Tim Clark, her sister
- Debbie Melton
- Joan Harter, sister Debbie Melton
- Janet & Rick McIntyre, her sister
- Debbie Melton
- Kathy & Steve Lensch, her father
- Bill Peters

## MONDAY, OCT. 1

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Lydia circle
- 1:30pm Anna day circle
- 5pm Going Deeper book group
- 6pm Survivors of Suicide Loss support group

## TUESDAY, OCT. 2

- 6:45am Early morning book group
- 8:45am Preschool
- 9:15am Dorcas circle
- 9:30am Contemplative Outreach meeting
- 1:30pm Sarah circle
- 6pm St. Paul Sluggers
- 6:30pm Anna evening circle
- 7pm Personnel meeting
- 7pm St. Paul Sluggers

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

- 8:45am Preschool/picture re-take day
- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5pm Book Corner open
- 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. 4

- 8:45am Preschool/school pictures
- 9am Moms' Morning
- 9:30am Heart. Soul. Mind. Bible study
- 10am Quad City housing solutions
- 12noon Lunch book conversation: *I'm Still Here*
- 12:30pm Ruth circle
- 6pm CC Conversations
- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 6:30pm 2136 young adults
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

## FRIDAY, OCT. 5

- 8:45am Preschool
- 1pm Private event

## SATURDAY, OCT. 6

- 7:45am Free Indeed prison ministry
- 1pm Private event
- 5pm Book Corner open
- 5:30pm Worship
- 6:30pm Healing liturgy

## SUNDAY, OCT. 7

- 7:45am Worship
- 8:30am Book Corner open
- 9am Worship
- 10:20am Learning for all ages/Faith & Life speaker
- 10:20am Confirmation faith stories
- 11:15am Worship/Rite of Confirmation
- 4pm Faith & Life series: Austin Channing Brown
- 5pm Faith & Life series reception
- 6:30pm High school small groups
- 7:15pm Sunday Night Live

## today at st. paul

### September 29 & 30 - Pentecost 19

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

- 7:45 St. Paul Quartet
  - 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

## next weekend

### October 6 & 7 - Pentecost 20

Preaching:

- 5:30/7:45/9 Sara Olson-Smith
- 11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

- 7:45 St. Paul Quartet
  - 9:00 Cantate choir; Chorale
  - 11:15 Rite of Confirmation
- Communion served at all services

Readings: Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 1:  
1-4; 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16

## 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. 30, during 9:00 a.m. worship: Jack Grothusen, Zachary Johnson, Nasaih Kolwey, Nasir Kolwey, Gabriel Moen, and Dane Treiber.

## 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*



FAITH & LIFE SERIES 2018

# AUSTIN CHANNING BROWN

## SUNDAY, OCT. 7, SANCTUARY

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



The 2018 Faith & Life Series speaker is Austin Channing Brown. She will present on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 10:20 a.m. and 4 p.m. Both are free and open to the public. She is the author of the acclaimed *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. The book is available in the St. Paul Book Corner.

Austin attended North Park University where she earned a degree in business management. She also has a master's degree in social justice from Marygrove College in Detroit. Austin has worked in a variety of contexts for the advancement of racial justice and reconciliation.



Each fall, St. Paul hosts the community-wide Faith & Life Series. The church brings persons of national stature to the Quad Cities — sparking new ideas about what it means to live faithfully. This event reflects St. Paul's mission to serve as a learning center for our people and the entire region.



## 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.)

- ▶ *Finding your prophetic voice (1 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. This first session explores the question "What is prophetic speech?" Jan Schnell Rippentrop, pastor, JustChurch in Iowa City, professor of homiletics at Association of Chicago Theological Schools. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Becoming a sanctuary congregation*: After a year of study the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities decided to declare itself a Sanctuary Host Congregation in alliance with the Iowa Sanctuary Movement. Learn how they came to the decision and what it means. John Dunsheath, UUCQC. 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. Zachaeus with Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Faith & Life speaker*: Austin Channing Brown is a leading new voice on racial justice, and author of *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. See the front cover for more information.

KIDS & YOUTH

ADULTS

**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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups), at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

## DISCOVER & CONNECT

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP:** Monday, Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m., in the 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. Contact: Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith sara@stpaulqc.org

**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

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): Oct. 1, 12:30 p.m. (Dixie Kutzbach's home); Anna (evening): Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Dorcas: Oct. 2, 9:15 a.m. (Adith Simms' home); Explore WELCA: Oct. 18,

7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Oct. 1, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: Oct. 19, 2 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Ruth: Oct. 4, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: Oct. 2, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

**NAMI FAMILY & FRIENDS:** On Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., family and friends of people with a mental health condition are invited to attend a seminar at St. Paul led by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This free seminar is led by trained people with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. They will cover:

- Understanding diagnoses, treatment and recovery
- Effective communication strategies
- The importance of self-care
- Crisis preparation strategies
- NAMI and community resources

Please register at [namigmv.org](http://namigmv.org) or by calling 563-386-7477, ext. 266.

**BE OUR GUEST:** 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. Sign up to be a guest or host at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) or at the Info Center by Friday, Oct. 19. Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org

### 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.



### Parents' GAME Night

Friday, Oct. 12, 5:30-8 p.m.  
Sign up online:  
[stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups)



## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

**HOLY BAPTISM:** During 5:30 p.m. worship this weekend, Finley Elizabeth Drane, daughter of Jordan and Eric Drane, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome her into the Lord's family.

**A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY** will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, 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.

**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.



### Nova Singers Concert

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

### Walking the Grief Journey

Sundays, Oct. 21-Nov. 18, 10:45-11:30 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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

