

ST. PAUL connections



JOY WEEKEND 2018

PLEDGING FOR 2019

The spirit of the living God gathers us together. At St. Paul, we embrace how God shapes each of our individual lives as we work together toward a more loving, just, and merciful world.

This Joy Weekend will be filled with goodness as we look forward to 2019.

Each fall, every St. Paul member is asked to make a financial commitment to the life and work of this church for the coming calendar year.

The involvement and generous giving of every household is vital to growing this community of faith. The pledges of St. Paul people create the ministry and mission of this church.

A MOVING PROCESSION

Guests and members are all invited to come forward today with a financial offering, a 2019 pledge commitment card, or a general expression of gratitude written or drawn on the gold sheet inside of the bulletin. If you pledged online, check the "I pledged online" box on the red pledge card and join in the walk.

Gathered At The Table in the Book Corner

Stop in the Book Corner to browse a display of daily devotions, books, and table graces highlighting the stewardship theme *Gathered at the Table*. Many of the books are written with families and children in mind, too.

Centered around a mission for faith and justice, the Book Corner offers a wide selection including books, gifts, cards, and fair trade coffees. Books are priced below retail value and without tax.



THIS IS JOY WEEKEND

Today St. Paul members and guests do not pass an offering plate. Instead, in one large procession, we bring forward our day's offerings and 2019 pledge commitments to large baskets in the front.

This special act of worship highlights our joy in giving generously and communally, a practice dating back to ancient times: "All the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses and came [to the altar]; everyone whose heart was stirred and whose spirit was moved brought forth the Lord's offering to be used" (Exodus 35:20).

Enjoy the moment and the walk (or roll on wheels) forward, not as a peculiar obligation but as a joyful occasion to give a gift that counts. Even if you do not bring a financial offering on this day, come forward with everyone else to place something in the basket that symbolizes the trusting of your life and blessings to the Lord's care.

today at st. paul

November 10 & 11 - Joy Sunday

Preaching:
All services Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:
9:00 Jubilate choir; Chorale
Communion served at all services

next weekend

November 17 & 18 - Pentecost 26

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

Worship notes:
7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Alleluia & Youth choirs; Chorale

Communion served at all services
Readings: Daniel 12: 1-3; Hebrews 10:
11-25; Mark 13: 1-8

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 11/8)

Estella Carlson
Bob Golinghorst
*Julia Marbach
*Beth Popowski
*Jim Slavens

Births:

Andrea Danielle Marbach, daughter of Julia & Lee Marbach, Nov. 2
Bradley Tor Popowski, son of Beth & Jered Popowski, Nov. 1

Wedding:

Andrea Thomas & David Black, Nov. 3

Death:

Oscar Sundstedt, Nov. 3

With sympathy:

Lori & Todd Byerly, her brother Gary Gonner
Susie & Mark Haring, her mother Dorothy Haas
Mardeen Petersen, grandson Thomas Petersen
Nancy Sundstedt, husband Oscar

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*
Angie Vaaler *Social worker/counselor*
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*



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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.)

- ▶ *Men who would become gods – Luther and ancient Arian heresy:* Contrast Arianism (4th century heresy which denied the divinity of Christ) with Lutheran theology. John Thompson, assistant professor of social work, St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *The church and criminal justice – Hearing the cries:* Drawing from the biblical witness to God's rich forms of love and justice for all people, this presentation explores the ELCA's yearning for reform to attitudes, policies, and procedures within the criminal justice system. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, pastor in residency. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child:* David and Goliath with Pastor Josh Kestner. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *The rest is silence – voices of moral injury (1 of 2):* Jeff Zust, First Army Chaplain. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Braking Human Traffik:* Human trafficking happens in our community. Hear about how Family Resources' program, Braking Traffik, is here to help. Kelly Saul, Family Resources. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *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 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 **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

children & youth

"DON'T FREAK OUT: A Christmas Pageant" is coming Sunday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. There is still time to be a part of the pageant! Signups are underway online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Music rehearsals are on Wednesdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 6:45-7:30 p.m., in Room 009 (lower level). Dress rehearsal is on Saturday, Dec. 8, 9-11 a.m. Margaret Thompson, mthompson@stpaulqc.org

TENTH GRADE MILESTONE | Share, Save, Spend: Sunday, Nov. 18, 10:20-11:05 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a moment for families with tenth graders to pause and talk about money intentionally. In this milestone morning, families will begin the conversation about money and examine their hopes and values. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

adults

THEOLOGY PUB: Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., next meeting Nov. 13, in the lower level of Front Street Brewery's Pub & Eatery, 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 months we'll take a look at Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

KNITWITS: Thursday, Nov. 15, 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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

TEAM: Thursday, Nov. 15, 6-7:30 p.m., in the Library Conference Room. Expand awareness. Banish stigmas. Love others. Share stories and support. Local experts and everyday people team up to provide education and events at St. Paul. Interested in being a part? Contact: Marla Brundies, mbrundies@hotmail.com.

2136, for folks in their 20s & 30s, will gather for a night out at Five Cities Brewing (2255 Falcon Ave., Bettendorf) on Thursday, Nov. 15. Gather at the brewery at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages are available for purchase. 2136 is a ministry for young adults to be social, to study, and to serve. Pastors Kelsey Fitting-Snyder (kelsey@stpaulqc.org) or Josh Kestner (joshua@stpaulqc.org)

ADVENT LUNCHEON: All women of St. Paul are invited to gather for an Advent celebration Saturday, Dec. 1. Social time begins at 10 a.m., followed by a Bible study led by Pastor Katy Warren in the Chapel, and then a salad luncheon in the Library Commons. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or at the Info Center, indicating if you can bring a salad, quick bread, or dessert. All women are welcome; bring a friend! Childcare will be available. Jan Melvin, 563-332-3665, or Carol Moeller, 563-391-3790

HEART. SOUL. MIND. BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. The book of Exodus not only tells the story of the freeing of a people, but demonstrates God's continued faithfulness. Come and explore what this book has to offer our lives of faith today. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, kelsey@stpaulqc.org

OF SPECIAL NOTE

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others Monday, Nov. 12, 6:30-9 p.m., exploring life and faith in this place. Find out what the commitment, values, and directions are for this congregation. Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

NOMINATION FORMS to recommend yourself or others for several 2019 elected leadership spots are available at the Info Center. The Nominating Committee looks forward to receiving all suggestions by Nov. 25. Please leave the form at the receptionist's desk or mail it to the church office c/o the Nominating Committee.

THANKSGIVING GREETERS: Offer a smile, a handshake, a warm hello as people gather for Thanksgiving Eve worship. A handful of greeters are needed, 6:40-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, to share hospitality. Interested in helping? Contact Jennifer Garvey at jennifer@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547. A reception for all follows the service that evening.

GROCERY CART PROCESSION: Wednesday, Nov. 21, during 7 p.m. worship. The grocery-cart procession, a delightful St. Paul tradition, has children pushing food carts loaded with our food offerings for the Friendly House Food pantry. Children are invited to arrive with their child-sized grocery carts by 6:45 p.m. at the Info Center. Kendra Thomas, kendra@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x227



FOOD INGATHERING

Stock a paper bag with nonperishable food items and bring it to worship on Thanksgiving Eve or the weekend of Nov. 24-25. Grocery bags will be distributed the weekend of Nov. 17-18.

What's needed? Soups, mac & cheese, canned meat (chicken & tuna), cereal, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry soap, feminine hygiene products. Please note: Expired items will be accepted and donated to River Bend Foodbank.

To help sort the collection at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 25, sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.



A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS: ADVENT DEVOTIONS

The December season of waiting and watching is near. Beginning on Dec. 2, read short stories and meditations written by St. Paul people. Sign up to receive these daily devotions by email at: www.ow.ly/TGYC5.



Thanksgiving Eve worship

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.