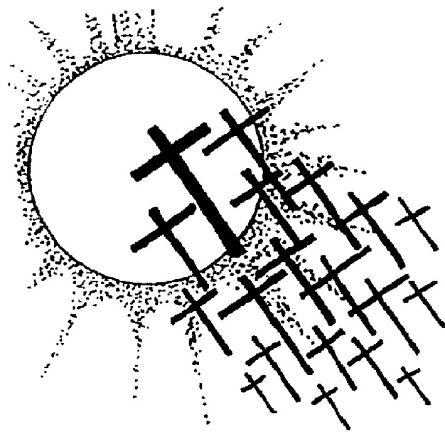


ST. PAUL connections



FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

What is a "saint?" Is a saint someone who is perfect? Is a saint someone who is faithful in every situation? That would not be how a Lutheran Christian defines a saint. A saint is a forgiven sinner – a most ordinary Christian. This means that "hard work" or "living a perfect life" does not make one a saint. In fact, there is nothing that we can do to become a saint. It is by the powerful grace of God that our sins are forgiven. It is God who declares us saints, even in our sinfulness.

This weekend, we celebrate the Festival of All Saints. We remember and celebrate the saints most dear to us, and the gift of God's grace to all of us.

today at st. paul

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

next weekend

November 10 & 11 - Joy Sunday

Preaching:
All services Peter W. Marty

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

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 11/1)

- *Anna Goodwin
- *Glen Moeller
- Morgan Potter
- *Betty Spies
- *Susan Suhr

Birth:

- Grayson Potter, son of Morgan & Phillip Potter, Oct. 31
- Carson Holmer, son of Jen & Matt Holmer, Aug. 24

With sympathy:

- Ruth Moorhead, sister Barbara Botello



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.

staff connections

PASTORS

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
| Beth Laureijs | Residency administrator |
| Teresa Whitbeck | Childcare team leader |
| Christine Vincent | Youth ministries intern |

MUSIC

- | | |
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| 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 |

For all the saints

Today, a bell will toll. The names of beloved from St. Paul who died this past year will be read out loud. Candles will be lit.

We will remember, with deep gratitude, these precious lives: Parents, spouses, siblings, grandparents, friends.

For all the saints, who from their labors rest...

All Saints Day is this first Sunday of November. It celebrates living saints, too. "All saints are believers in Jesus Christ, both those living on earth and those living in heaven," the Lutheran Confessions say.

Who Thee by faith before the world confess...

So as we remember this day those who have entered life eternal, we give thanks for the saints among us — knowing we are simultaneously saint and sinner, embraced in God's grace: Parents, spouses, siblings, grandparents, friends.

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest...



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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.



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.)

- ▶ *Politics of Christianity*: Since political opinions often run as strong in people as their faith commitments run deep, what is the proper relationship between politics and faith? How should Christians think in a fresh and helpful way about the role of their faith convictions in a politically-charged world? Peter W. Marty, senior pastor. In Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ *Paying bond*: The Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project raises money to pay bond (bail) 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Men who would become gods - Luther and ancient Arian heresy*: John Thompson, assistant professor of social work, St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *The church and criminal justice - Hearing the cries*: Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder, pastor in residency. 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 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

"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. Signup online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Tryouts for speaking parts for those in second grade and older is **TODAY**, Sunday, Nov. 4, 10:10-11:10 a.m., on the Lower Level in Room 009. Margaret Thompson, mthompson@stpaulqc.org

QUILTING: Monday, 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

SECOND SATURDAY MEN: Saturday, Nov. 10, at 8 a.m., in the Lower Commons. All St. Paul men are welcome to gather for service, fellowship, and discussion. The idea is to strengthen guys in their faith. Todd Byerly, todd@stpaulqc.org

MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS: Second Saturdays, 9 a.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering Nov. 10. Open for any woman who has experienced mother-loss at any time. We celebrate our mothers, deepen relationships, and develop a network for continuous healing. Nicole Rathje, rathjefamily@gmail.com

THEOLOGY PUB: Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., next meeting Nov. 13, in the lower level of Front Street Brewery, 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

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

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); Sarah: Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

MOMS' MORNING: Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m., in the Church House Living Room. Moms' Morning is an every-Thursday-morning gathering that celebrates parenthood with laughter, prayer, and mutual support. A Bible study is held once a month, along with service projects and learning. Childcare is provided. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

OF SPECIAL NOTE

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

IN-HOME COMMUNION: Four times per year, people from our congregation take communion to homebound members. Following the 7:45 a.m. service this Sunday, Nov. 4, they will go to the homes of those who are not able to worship with us. We ask God's blessing as they take the Lord's Supper to members of St. Paul.

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.



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/TGYCS.



Thanksgiving Eve worship Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.