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A bigger story

While on a family vacation to central Pennsylvania this summer, we spent a day at an amusement park called Knoebels. It's nestled in the mountains, surrounded by campsites and old trees, with a crystal clear creek running through it.



ON THE COVER:
Irene Hanssen

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While there are more thrilling rides, our young kids loved the classic simple rides made for their big courage and small bodies. At one point in the day, we stopped to browse in a souvenir shop.

As is true of most amusement park stores, there's racks of personalized things. You could buy a keychain, or a bracelet, or a Christmas ornament with your name on it. Or, you could if your name was John or Mary or Sarah. But there wasn't a single item with my children's names on it (and, as has been true for at least 30 years, no "Sara" without an "h" either). They were disappointed, but quickly distracted by a tank full of painted hermit crabs.

The next day of our vacation, we met my father-in-law at a church and cemetery in an old, but still active, military garrison called Fort Indiantown Gap. My father-in-law grew up in the house next door to the old church, where his father worked as a church sexton and cemetery groundskeeper. We wandered through the centuries-old cemetery, looking at gravestones going back to the 1700s. The stones were worn, leaning, and beautiful.

We'd brought some paper and crayons with us to make etchings. So we started to look for people who shared our birthday. But then my daughter said with such excitement, "Look there's a Susannah! Finally I found something with my name on it!" And then we found my son's name and then a whole lot more grave markers with their names chiseled into the ancient stone. We'd try to make out when they lived, and how old they were. We read the Bible verses that some had engraved on their tombstones. Our kids colored over their names with crayons, as their grandfather told stories of their ancestors, living and working in that place.

Looking back, it seems strange to have found so much joy in finding our children's names on old gravestones. Certainly, it reminded me of how fleeting life can be and how precious these days are that we are given. But, mostly, as I stood under an enormous oak tree, listening to my father-in-law tell stories of playing among the very gravestones my children skipped around, I realized how grateful I was to be connected to people and experiences and faith that is so much bigger than just me, right now.

There is so much joy and meaning that can be found in connecting to a bigger story. I want my chil-

dren to know they belong to something bigger than just them. I want them to know the stories they belong to, and not just those in our own family tree, but also to the Susquehannock people whose land was stolen to build that cemetery; and to the stories written in the scriptures

carved into those stones. It is in those stories that we find our meaning, and where we discover our identity.

It's easy to find quick fixes and easy answers to our worries and struggles, a spiritual equivalent to a plastic souvenir. But if we want to be sustained in the hard and joyful work of loving our family and our neighbor, if we are searching for who we are and how we can live with purpose, we need to find ourselves into something bigger and more lasting than just our own individual realities and singular momentary needs.

This is the gift of being people of faith. Worshiping and praying and living together is like walking into a peaceful old cemetery and finding your own name. We tell the stories of our ancestors in their great heroics and in their harmful failures. We pray together ancient prayer and sing hymns with tunes familiar and foreign. And we immerse ourselves in scripture, discovering that just as God was present loving and leading God's people in the generations before us, so, too, is God loving and leading us now. In all these things, we can remember we are not alone but belong to something much bigger and lasting.

So instead of plastic keychains, our kids came home with stories. Those stories will not only last a lot longer, but if they ever wonder who they are or their place in the world, those stories are exactly what they'll need.



SARA OLSON-SMITH
associate pastor

AN INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR

AUSTIN CHANNING BROWN



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

What do you hope the Lutheran reader—and the mainline church more broadly—hears in your story?

The thing that's most important to me is that talking about whiteness is only a fraction of the job of pursuing racial justice. And I think the church is not great—but getting better—at naming whiteness. But that's not the end—that's the beginning.

We still need to analyze our policies. We still need to think about our practices. We still need to pay attention to who is in power and who has influence. And we still need to get better at acknowledging the inherent dignity of people of color. Not the value they bring to your website; not your hopes for being seen as progressive; not what diversity can do for you; but the inherent dignity of people of color—and of, in this book in particular, black folks. That's what I hope the church hears and sees and takes to heart.

*Would you say *I'm Still Here* offers a lot of hard truth about race and is a celebration of black culture? Is it both/and?*

That was really, really important to me. Both. I'll tell you why. One day I was teaching a class and a tall white kid joined in. He was taking it all in and you could see light bulbs going off left and right. And then during one of the discussions, he says, "I'm pretty sure this is going to come out funny. I hope you know what I'm trying to say." And we all prepared ourselves to give this kid lots of grace.

And then he said, "I think I might be glad that I'm a white guy because what you are explaining sounds really hard and I don't know if I could do it."

I thought, "Oh, bless your sweet heart." But also: "What is he hearing?" This kid is not hearing about why I love being a black woman. This kid is only hearing why it's hard to be a black woman in America. It was a wake-up call for me.

I told myself, "Austin, you cannot sit in one more room as the teacher or facilitator and only tell half of your story." Yes, America is a difficult place to be sometimes. But also, I love being a black woman.

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Fall

INTO LIFE AT ST. PAUL

Worship and share a meal at Golden Agers

St. Paul senior adults, 75 years and older, come together each October for the Golden Agers worship and luncheon. This year, Golden Agers will be Wednesday, Oct. 10, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with worship in the Chapel, including a hymn sung by St. Paul staff. Then, it's off to Fellowship Hall for a catered meal and more staff entertainment.

Please RSVP to Jennifer Garvey, 563-326-3547, jennifer@stpaulqc.org.

Financial Peace University Reunion

This one-time, morning class is an opportunity for those who have taken FPU before. On Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, participants will revisit and review their journey with the baby steps towards better financial health. We will use the materials you had in your previous class.

Sign-up by Oct. 15 at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Martha Wells, marthawells99@gmail.com.



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.

Deadline for registration is Friday, Oct. 19. Sign up to be a guest or host at the Info Center or stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org.

Cleanup for St. Paul Community Garden set for Oct. 20

After a season of abundance in the St. Paul Community Garden, it is time for the soil to rest for the winter. A cleanup is set for Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Crews will clear the raised beds in the backyard of 2025 Main Street as well as the southern plot down the alleyway.

This year, the garden provided produce for Café on Vine, the Madison Market, St. Paul neighbors and friends, and the annual Garden Share – the farmers' market-like giveaway on a Sunday morning in August. Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder-4rivermont@yahoo.com.



National Alliance on Mental Illness to hold seminar

On Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. Paul, family and friends of people with a mental health condition are invited to attend a seminar 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, and NAMI and community resources. Please register at namigmv.org or by calling 563-386-7477, ext. 266.

Give the gift of life on Blood Donor Day

Volunteer to help others battling serious injury and illness at the fall Blood Donor Day on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2-6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Blood donation is a simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Enjoy conversation and treats afterwards. Donations are utilized by the health care facilities in the region that receive blood from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

French Moderns: Monet to Matisse, 1850-1950

This fall, the Figge Art Museum will present this exhibition from the world-renowned collection of the Brooklyn Museum in New York. It brings together 60 paintings and sculptures by some of the world's most treasured artists including Monet, Cézanne, Renoir, Matisse, Degas, Rodin and many more.



On Thursday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m., museum docents who are members of St. Paul will offer a guided tour. Event is free, but please sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.

St. Paul Book Corner features new additions

The St. Paul Book Corner has new selections for adults and children. Every book is carefully selected by St. Paul pastors, staff, and avid St. Paul readers. The new selections can also be found in the St. Paul Library. Among many new selections include:

- *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old* by Parker Palmer
- *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian* by Brian McLaren
- *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans
- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi
- *Jesus Feminist: An Invitation to Revisit the Bible's View of Women* by Sarah Bessey
- *Shalom Sistas: Living Wholeheartedly in a Brokenhearted World* by Osheta Moore



MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP SHALOM

On Friday, Oct. 26-Saturday, Oct. 27, get away for the night at Camp Shalom to meet some friendly faces, share in meaningful discussions about life and faith, and enjoy a walk in the woods.

Come when you can from early evening Friday to midday Saturday. Meals will be provided. Cost is \$50. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org.

ENSURING COVERAGE FOR SENIORS

Irene Hanssen spent her career as a nurse. Now, she uses her medical background as a volunteer for the Senior Health Insurance Information Program.

Since she was a little girl, Irene Hanssen wanted to be a nurse.

She attended, and graduated from, the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing from 1958-1961. Her first job was working nights in the newborn nursery, when there was no such thing as a neonatal intensive care unit. She baptized two babies who were declining, when the priest or pastor couldn't make it to the hospital in time.

Then, two years into her career, in 1963, she made a permanent switch to the operating room. She worked at Mercy Hospital in Davenport, then Good Samaritan in Downers Grove, Illinois, when her husband transferred there. When they returned to the Quad Cities, she went to work at Genesis West.

"You either love working in an operating room or want nothing to do with it," she said. "It was challenging mentally and physically. Everything is unique. My favorite was orthopedics."

Irene's history is important, because it led to her volunteer work in retirement.

Shortly after she retired in 2004 after

more than four decades as a nurse, Irene received a postcard in the mail from AARP, seeking out volunteers for the Senior Health Insurance Information Program.

"My husband said go for it," Irene said. She went for five days of training. She wondered a bit what she had gotten herself into.

The Senior Health Insurance Information Program, or SHIIP, was created in 1990 by the Iowa Insurance Division. SHIIP advocates, informs, educates and assists consumers on Medicare and related health insurance issues so they can make informed decisions and access resources to address their needs. The services are free, objective, and confidential.

Local organizations partner with SHIIP to host trained volunteers who provide information, counseling, and education services in communities across the state. SHIIP is funded by a federal grant and by the Iowa Insurance Division. Every state has an insurance assistance program like SHIIP.

Trained volunteers assist thousands of Iowans each year to understand their Medicare benefits and options through individual

Open enrollment

Nearly 2.8 million people in Iowa and Illinois are on Medicare. Open enrollment gives participants time to make changes to their coverage. The window is from Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

counseling sessions, community education, special projects and making connections in their communities.

Each year, to ensure proficiency, volunteers must complete training, assist a minimum number of clients throughout the year, and complete online reviews.

Volunteers, SHIIP leaders say, must be people who enjoy tackling new challenges. They are people who like to learn complex subject matter, have computer skills and are internet savvy, can work with diverse populations, gain personal satisfaction from helping clients navigate the challenges of understanding Medicare, and can be a trusted and objective source of information.



“It’s an extension of my nursing, caring for people.” — IRENE HANSEN

That volunteer description? It describes Irene to a tee.

Fourteen years after her first training, Irene remains a steadfast volunteer, guiding fellow senior citizens through choosing the best Medicare options for each individual. In addition to the training she goes through each year, Irene also keeps up with news about what is happening with Medicare. One of the more significant changes for 2019 is with the prescription drug plans. It’s why reviewing individual plans every year is important – things are always changing.

Irene evaluates her plan every year as well.

Connecting with Irene and other SHIIP volunteers in the area is as easy as calling one of the numbers on the bottom of this page and making an appointment, she said. The meetings last about an hour.

Irene’s office is at the Center for Active Seniors. During open enrollment, she assists about 12 people a week for the eight weeks from Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

Her first question for those who come for help? “How can I help you?”

“It’s an extension of my nursing, caring for people,” she said. “We welcome the poorest of the poor and the richest of the rich.”

SHIIP locations in Iowa (www.therightcalliowa.gov)

Genesis Medical Center: (563) 421-1096

Milestones Area Agency on Aging – Davenport:
(855) 410-6222

Center For Active Seniors, Inc. (CASI):
(563) 386-7477 ext. 221

SHIP locations in Illinois (www2.illinois.gov/aging/ship)

Project NOW: (309) 793-6391

Rock Island County Senior Center:
(309) 788-6335

Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging:
(309) 793-6800

WHAT DOES MEDICARE

COVER?

Medicare Part A helps pay for:

- inpatient hospital care
- inpatient care in a skilled nursing facility following a hospital stay
- home health care
- hospice care

Medicare Part B helps pay for:

- doctor’s services
- outpatient hospital care
- durable medical equipment
- diagnostic tests
- many other health services and supplies that are not covered by Medicare Part A

What is Medicare Part C?

Medicare Advantage Plans, sometimes called “Part C” or “MA Plans,” are offered by private companies approved by Medicare. Medicare Advantage Plans cover all Medicare services. Most Medicare Advantage Plans also offer extra coverage, like vision, hearing, and dental coverage.

What is Medicare Part D?

Part D is prescription drug coverage. Participants can choose from 2 ways to get prescription drug coverage - a Medicare Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage.

Who can receive Medicare benefits?

- People 65 years of age and older.
- The disabled—those under age 65 who have received Social Security or Railroad Retiree disability benefits for 24 consecutive months.
- Those with a diagnosis of ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease.
- People with end-stage renal disease (permanent kidney failure treated with dialysis or a transplant).
- U.S. citizens and residents of the U.S. or people living in the U.S. for five years who have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence.



Built-in best friend

When Angela Senne and her twin sister Allison Axness were in sixth grade, they switched classes on April Fool's Day. Only one teacher knew – the one who put them up to it. “Our friends didn't even know,” said Angela. “We switched glasses – that's how a lot of people told us apart in elementary school. We pulled it off throughout the whole day.”

In college, they roomed together and ended up majoring in the same course of study, health and physical education. “Our schedules were similar and our professors had a hard time telling us apart. One professor would just say our names really fast and hope to get it right.”

They were married within 2 ½ months of each other. Up until Allison got married, they had lived together for 22 years, sharing a room for all of those years.

And, they were pregnant at the same time, due two days apart. Angela's oldest, Henrick, and Allison's youngest, are 28 days apart. “They are also the best of friends, and call each other ‘twin cousins,’” Angela said.

“The best thing about being a twin is having a built-in best friend,” she added. “We have always gotten along and I know I can count on her through thick and thin. I have always loved being a twin. I see no downside at all. We are competitive, but in the best way possible.”

Minnesota twins (not the baseball team) study

Angela and Allison grew up in Crookston, Minnesota, 75 miles north of Fargo, North Dakota, with parents Jerry and Jackie Lindsay, and sister Stephanie (who now lives in Fargo with her family).

When Angela and Allison were 12 years old, the Minnesota Center for Twin and Family Research contacted them to participate in their twins study. The initial visit consisted of brain wave testing, eye tracking, stress monitoring, and several interviews.

At the end of their first visit, the testing determined that

they are 97 percent identical – the highest researchers had recorded to date was 98 percent identical.

The study was supposed to end after two additional visits over six years. However, the University of Minnesota continued to receive funding for the study. That means Angela, Allison, and their families continue to participate – 24 years after the initial testing.

This past summer, their children (Angela has two, Allison has three) were included in the study, too, with an MRI and interviews.

The Minnesota Center for Twin and Family Research began in 1989, when it enrolled 1,400 pairs of identical and same-sex fraternal twins and their families from throughout the upper Midwest.

Twins were identified through public birth records and invited to participate with their parents. Two groups of Minnesota-born twins were enrolled; twins were either pre-teens or late teens at the time of their intake assessment.

Beginning in 2000, the center enrolled an additional 500 pairs of twins and their parents. These new twins visited the study along with at least one parent for an intake assessment around age 11. Researchers hope to follow these twins as they pass from childhood to adolescence and adulthood, measuring mental, physical, and social changes.

Twin studies represent one of the oldest scientific methods of evaluating the influence of heredity on human development and behavior, center leaders say. As the field advanced, debates about whether nurture or nature is more influential have been replaced with the notion of nature via nurture.

Some findings of the center include:

Fingerprints: The distinctive arches and loop patterns of fingerprints form during the fourth month of pregnancy. They are mostly determined by heredity and a little by the environment in the womb, so they tend to be good indicators of simi-

larity. Researchers at the center count the total number of ridges to compare. Low scores between .01–.60 indicate similar fingerprints; identical twins usually have scores in this range. Scores from .40–1.50 typically correspond with fraternal twins because they indicate fingerprints that are quite different.

Happiness: Researchers David Lykken and Auke Tellegen examined reported levels of happiness in 1,300 sets of identical and fraternal twins. Identical twins reported similar levels of happiness, while fraternal twins exhibited greater variation in their reported sense of well-being. These results were found in families of twins raised together and extended with twins reared apart.

The researchers concluded that nearly half of happiness can be accounted for by ge-

netic factors. The other half is determined by life's everyday ups and downs. In other words, everyone is born with a certain "set point" for happiness in the same way that your household thermostat is set to maintain a certain temperature in your home. Tragedies and pleasures might affect your level of happiness. But eventually you will return to your genetic set point, just as the temperature of your home will return to your thermostat's set point after you have let in cold air by opening a door or window.

Abilities and interests: Both genetics and shared environment (e.g., growing up in the same home) contribute to individual differences among adolescent twins' interests and leisure-time activities, but more than half of those differences are influenced by the twins' non-shared environment (e.g., having different friends or experiences).

Shared environment seems to have a greater influence on activities such as TV viewing, dating, and social activities, than on skill-based activities, like sports, outdoor activities and crafts.

Do you know what she's thinking?

Angela and Allison do get some interesting questions about being a twin.

Do you know what your twin is thinking? "Technically no, but we are similar enough that yes, I can probably guess."

Do you like being a twin? "We have never known any different, so yes."

Can you feel it if your twin gets hurt? "No, I cannot feel her physical pain, thank goodness."

How do the two of you do things alike? "We have the same work ethic and values. We enjoy similar activities such as sports, shopping, working out, traveling, reading similar books, watching TV, and spending time with family. We both work in education." Allison is a physical education teacher in Champlin Park, Minnesota. Angela is an educational consultant for the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency in Bettendorf.

How do you do things differently? Allison is more spontaneous and Angela is more of a planner. "It's a good balance," Angela said.



"We have always gotten along and I know I can count on her through thick and thin."

— ANGELA SENNE

Twin Facts



Mothers of twins tend to live longer than moms without twins.

(University of Utah)



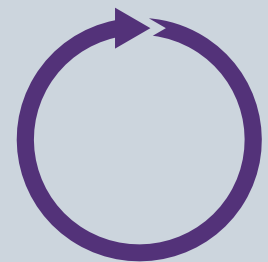
Up to 40 percent of twins create a private language.

(Institute of General Linguistics)



Twins are more than twice as likely to be left-handed.

(Belgium researchers)



Identical twins tend to live longer than fraternal twins, and all twins tend to live longer than the general population.

(University of Washington)

new members / AUGUST 2018



Melissa Crowover, Gabriel



Tom Ketelsen



Melinda Larson, Torrie



Jason Mahn, Asa, Gabe



Maddie McKelvey



Lisa & Katherine Michaels, Emma



Dan & Leigh Moeller



Neals & Linda Pedersen



Steve & Joy Saladino



Denis Ssempera



Dave Streeter & Tomi Wagner, Natalee, Easton



Johnson & Catherine Tapp



Dave & Peggy Wrzesinski

MELISSA CROWOVER is mom to son Gabriel. She works as a pharmacy technician at Divvydose and likes to visit museums, and run with her family. She was attracted to St. Paul by the welcoming atmosphere.

ERIC JOHNSON (*not pictured*) is employed as a chef at John Deere. He spends his free time biking, gardening, golfing, and spending time with his son, Cooper. He finds St. Paul to be a welcoming place.

TOM KETELSEN is semi-retired as owner of a management company. He takes an interest in golf, Cross-fit, and yard work. He is a former member of St. Paul.

MELINDA LARSON works as the coordinator of the optional education program at Black Hawk College. She likes to read and is passionate about music and helping people. She and her daughter Torrie come to St. Paul through the recommendation of friends.

JASON MAHN is associate professor of religion at Augustana College and is married to his wife, Laura, a pastor in Princeton, IL. They have two boys, Asa and Gabe. He enjoys coaching and spending time with his kids in sports, running, and reading. The focus on faith formation for the whole family is what drew him to St. Paul.

MADDIE MCKELVEY is employed at John Deere as an engineer. Reading, working out, and singing are some of her hobbies. She comes to St. Paul through friends, and sings in the St. Paul Chorale.

LISA & KATHERINE MICHAELS have one daughter, Emma. Katherine is on the faculty at Palmer College in the radiology department. Lisa works as a chiropractor at Elevate Chiropractic. This couple takes an interest in gardening, Tae Kwan Do, and hiking. They're passionate about helping people and learning new things.

DANIEL & LEIGH MOELLER like to bike, kayak, lift weights, and paddleboard. Daniel is an equipment operator at Exelon Nuclear. Leigh is employed with Davenport Schools in food service. The music, ministry, and welcoming feel is what attracted them to St. Paul.

NEALS & LINDA PEDERSEN are the parents of St. Paul member, Kirsten Treiber. Neals is a retired teacher from Davenport Schools and spends his time woodworking and gardening. Linda is a retired accountant from Genesis Health and enjoys genealogy, gardening, and crafts.

STEVE & JOY SALADINO are both teachers and coaches at Davenport West High School. In their free time, they like to be outdoors. What brought them to St. Paul? "We always feel welcome." Steve's mother, Shirley, was a long-time member before her recent death.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

DENIS SSEMPALA is a nursing student at Scott Community College. Originally from Uganda, he enjoys sport activities and cares a lot about serving people and coaching. The many ways to get involved is what attracted him to St. Paul.

TOMI WAGNER & DAVE STREETER join with Tomi's daughters Natalee and Easton. Tomi works as an IT solution architect at Cerner. David is a senior system administrator with Genesis Health. They spend their free time golfing, biking, and hiking. Dave also has two young adult children, Kristin and Zachary.

JOHNSON & CATHERINE TAPP both work at John Deere – Catherine in material flow and Johnson in product marketing. These Clemson alums enjoy spending time with their two golden retrievers, gardening, and doing yard work. They find St. Paul to be a friendly and diverse congregation.

DAVE & PEGGY WRZESINSKI are passionate about environmental issues, inclusion of people with special needs, and Habitat for Humanity. Dave is retired from John Deere as an engineer. Peggy is a retired special education teacher and administrator.

St. Paul to welcome new pastoral residency administrator

A woman who has dedicated her life to serving others as a health professional and community volunteer will be St. Paul's next pastoral residency administrator.

Beth Laureijs of Bettendorf will begin her work in October. She will oversee all administrative aspects of the pastoral residency program at St. Paul, foster a rich learning experience for participants, and provide leadership that continues to inspire the congregation to be a training center for ministry. Additionally, Beth will contribute time, energy, and leadership to the pastoral care team, health and wellness ministries, and other hospitality and congregational endeavors.

A native of Nova Scotia, Beth has previously worked at Habitat for Humanity's Restore Health & Home and Junior Achievement of the Heartland. She is a registered nurse, and worked in the medical field in Canada. She and her husband, Peter, have three grown children.

St. Paul's pastoral residency is a two-year program for first-call pastors, funded by a Lilly Endowment grant. The current pastors, Kelsey Fitting-Snyder and Josh Kestner, are entering their second year. Recruitment for the next cohort begins this fall.



Council Notes

At its September meeting, the Congregational Council heard about three upcoming initiatives that are in various stages of development.

The first is the creation of a part-time social worker/counselor position at St. Paul. This individual would work with St. Paul people, area residents, and families at Madison Elementary School, supporting them as they work through difficult circumstances or change. Watch for more information next month.

The second is the selection of a new financial and membership database system. The change is required as the church's current server-based system will no longer be supported as of March 2020. A committee

of council and staff members have been reviewing potential systems, and will make a recommendation at the council's October meeting. The change will also result in the creation of an online photo directory for members.

The third is the work of the Mission Board on a potential new partnership with One Eighty, a Davenport-based nonprofit. One Eighty is working to rehab abandoned or run-down housing in the central city, while offering low-income families the opportunity for an affordable home. The hope is to better stabilize families and the community through home ownership.

Parament whereabouts

Years ago, a team of people designed and created a set of eight needle-pointed paraments for the lectern and pulpit in the former Sanctuary at St. Paul.

While five of the eight paraments have been retrieved from storage, three remain missing. If you know their whereabouts from safekeeping or cleaning at home, please contact Gwen Korn, 563-388-3541.



UPCOMING worship

OCTOBER 6 & 7

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

5:30 Sara Olson-Smith

7:45 Sara Olson-Smith

9:00 Sara Olson-Smith

11:15 Peter W. Marty

MUSIC

7:45 Quartet

9:00 Chorale, Cantate Choir

OCTOBER 13 & 14

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

5:30 Peter W. Marty

7:45 Peter W. Marty

9:00 Peter W. Marty

11:15 Andy Langdon

MUSIC

7:45 Quartet

9:00 Chorale, Alleluia Choir

OCTOBER 20 & 21

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

5:30 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder

7:45 Sara Olson-Smith

9:00 Kelsey Fitting-Snyder

11:15 Sara Olson-Smith

MUSIC

7:45 Quartet

9:00 Chorale, Jubilate Choir

OCTOBER 27 & 28

Season after Pentecost

New Member Sunday, 11:15 a.m.

PREACHING

5:30 Katy Warren

7:45 Katy Warren

9:00 Katy Warren

11:15 Peter W. Marty

MUSIC

7:45 Quartet

9:00 Youth Choir



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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 meal, a short worship service, treating, and a parking lot dance party!

RSVP at stpaulqc.org/signups

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