

# ST. PAUL connections

## MONDAY, JAN. 7

8:45am Preschool  
9am Lydia circle  
6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

## TUESDAY, JAN. 8

7:30am Madison Market setup  
8:45am Preschool  
9:15am Dorcas circle  
12:30pm Madison Market  
7pm Theology Pub

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

8:45am Preschool  
9:30am Staff meeting  
5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics  
5:30pm Memorial committee  
6pm All choirs rehearsal  
6:30pm Confirmation  
6:45pm High school midweek recharge

## THURSDAY, JAN. 10

8:45am Preschool  
9am Moms' Morning  
9am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study  
4pm Visitation: Tom Magers  
6pm Centering Prayer  
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

## FRIDAY, JAN. 11

8:45am Preschool  
9am Rosecrance training  
11:30am Memorial Service/luncheon: Tom Magers  
3pm Visitation: Vince Burke  
4pm Kitchen cabinet meeting

## SATURDAY, JAN. 12

8am Second Saturday Men  
9am Motherless Daughters  
10am Anna circles (day & evening)  
11am Memorial Service: Vince Burke  
5:30pm Worship  
7pm 2136 Young Adults

## SUNDAY, JAN. 13

7:45am Worship  
8:30am Book Corner open  
9am Worship  
10:20am Learning for all  
10:20am Financial Peace University  
11:15am Worship  
6:30pm High school small groups  
7:15pm Sunday Night Live



## ONE SOLITARY STAR

Pick a house, any house, where you might visit. Let's say it's the White House in Washington, or your aunt's house in the middle of Ohio. Now, the rules for getting there prohibit you from looking at any road signs (they've blown away) or any GPS or map (they're unavailable). All you have to guide you is the sun by day, and stars and constellations by night. Both presume clear skies.

Would you ever arrive? It's hard to picture. Yet this "leading by a star" is precisely how the so-called wisemen in the Biblical story are said to have found the infant Christ. It's a wonderful tale of pursuit, serendipity, and determination to worship him . . . all of which ought to have some relevance to our faith lives.

## today at st. paul

### January 5 & 6 - Epiphany of Our Lord

Preaching:  
5:30/11:15 Sara Olson-Smith  
7:45/9:00 Katy Warren

Worship notes:  
9am Youth Choir & Alumni

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

## next weekend

### January 12 & 13 - Baptism of Jesus

Preaching:  
All services Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:  
9am Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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 1/3)

\*Christa Hebbel  
Victoria Miller

### Death:

Jack Leabo, Dec. 28  
Tom Magers, Dec. 31

### With sympathy:

Nikki & Zach Ebener, her grandmother  
Elaine Chakonas

### With sympathy continued:

Evalie Grothusen, brother-in-law  
Bill Grothusen  
Krista & Mike Decker, her uncle Bill Grothusen  
Erick & Liz Grothusen, his uncle Bill Grothusen  
Judie Leabo, husband Jack Leabo  
Marge Magers, husband Tom Magers  
Kathy & Kevin Shepard, her father Richard Kroeger  
Kit & Ron Whan, his mother Roberta Whan

## MY NOTES FROM TODAY

## 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 *Children's ministries assistant*  
Dana Welsler *Neighborhood school*  
Beth Laureijs *Pastoral 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*

## Faith Milestones: Winter 2019



At St. Paul, faith milestones are special markers along the growing-up journey. Each milestone is grounded in the Bible and nurtures faith in everyday life.

### ► 1-YEAR-OLDS: FAITH BEGINNINGS

*Sunday, Jan. 27, 10:20-11:05 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Gather with parents of children born in 2018. Learn how to form a child's faith from the very beginning.

### ► 1ST-GRADE: THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Sunday, Feb. 24, 10:20-11:05 a.m.*

Children and parents learn together about the Lord's Prayer, a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

### ► 2ND-GRADE: 10 COMMANDMENTS

*Sunday, Feb. 10, 10:20-11:05 a.m.*

Kids learn and discover the 10 Commandments and this gift of God's love, which provides guidance for navigating life.

### ► 6TH-GRADE: DIGITAL IDENTITY

*Today, Sunday, Jan. 6, 10:20 a.m., Lower Commons*

Middle school is a time of transition for all kids – new schools, new friends, changing bodies, and increasing independence. We will talk about maintaining an identity that reflects God in our digital lives.

## ROLLER SKATING PARTY

*Sunday, Jan. 20, 1-4 p.m., Eldridge Skatepark*

Lace up your skates! Anyone is welcome. Cost is free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org).

Sign up online: [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups)



## 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
- ▶ Grade 6: Lower Level, Commons area
- ▶ Grades 7-12: Lower Level, Youth Rooms

### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL), GRADES 9-12 (5:30-8 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](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org), 326-3547 x228

### LEARNING FOR ADULTS (10:20-11:05 a.m.)

- ▶ *The New Yorker cartoons*: Enjoy a hearty laugh as Pastor Peter Marty reviews the year through *The New Yorker* cartoons. *The New Yorker* has featured cartoons since it began publication in 1925. In Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: Get ready to study the Bible with renewed curiosity and playfulness. Beginning with a story from a children's Bible, we'll dig more deeply into the scripture itself. Pastor Josh Kestner. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Why worship?* Come and hear what goes into worship planning each week. Chris Nelson, director of music ministries. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Prevent, reach, develop*: Barry Donald, One Eighty finance director, and Kota Antrim, women's home supervisor. In Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. 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 **Saturday, Jan. 26, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Tuesday, Feb. 19, 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

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** will be offered Sundays, beginning today, Jan. 6-March 3, 10:20-11:05 a.m., in the Church House Dining Room. The course will be led by St. Paul members Ron and Meg Knapper. In this series, the idea is to take "baby steps" toward better financial health. Sign up for the class and order materials at [www.fpu.com/1071814](http://www.fpu.com/1071814). Cost is \$109. Contact: Ron Knapper, [ron.meg.knapper@gmail.com](mailto:ron.meg.knapper@gmail.com).

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS:** Monday, Jan. 7, 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](mailto:joedeb1984@gmail.com)

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day and evening): Jan. 12, 10 a.m. (Cafe Indigo); Dorcas: Jan. 8, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Explore WELCA: Jan. 17, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Jan. 7, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: Jan. 18, 1 p.m. (Oakwood Activity Center); Sarah: Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, [tkmax2502@gmail.com](mailto:tkmax2502@gmail.com)

**THEOLOGY PUB:** Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., next meeting Jan. 8, 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! Pastor Josh Kestner, [joshua@stpaulqc.org](mailto:joshua@stpaulqc.org)

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN:** Saturday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m., in the Lower Level 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](mailto:todd@stpaulqc.org)

**MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS:** Second Saturdays, 9 a.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering Jan. 12. 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](mailto:rathjefamily@gmail.com)

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM:** Thursday, Jan. 17, 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](mailto:mbrundies@hotmail.com).



### WINTER AT ST. PAUL

Discover life at St. Paul this winter, for learning and togetherness that is nourishing, grace-filled, and centered in faith. Find upcoming dates and opportunities in the January *Journey* magazine.

## VOICE YOUR FAITH!

Wednesday rehearsals begin Jan. 9. No auditions — just come and sing!

Alleluia Choir	Age 4-K	Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.	Sara Harless
Jubilate Choir	Grades 1-3	Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.	Katie Casey
Cantate Choir	Grades 4-6	Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.	Margaret Thompson
Youth Choir	Grades 7-12	Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.	Dan Pepper
Chorale	College & adult	Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.	Nathan Windt



## OF SPECIAL NOTE

'**ALUMNI YOUTH**' are those college students and young adults who join our Youth Choir for an anthem this Sunday during the 9 a.m. service. Welcome! Dan Pepper, [pepper@stpaulqc.org](mailto:pepper@stpaulqc.org)

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN** and lined up alphabetically in the Elevator Commons this weekend. St. Paul members, please stop and pick up your personalized box. These envelopes are for you as a convenient reminder of the faithful discipline of giving.

**ONE NEW WAY TO SERVE IN 2019:** The St. Paul usher crew is searching for a few additional team members, particularly at the 7:45 and 9 a.m. services on Sundays. Ushers play an important role in worship. They greet and seat worshipers, welcome, and help with offering. Smiles and conversation are part of the joy. Interested in being a part of the usher crew? Express interest at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Tom Eriksen, [teriksenuc@gmail.com](mailto:teriksenuc@gmail.com).



### So All May Eat

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

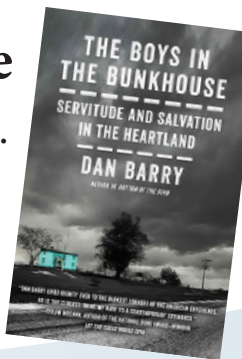
▶ **Wednesday, January 30**

Volunteer to help at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren, [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org).

## The Boys in the Bunkhouse

All St. Paul Reads | Feb. 28 | 6-8 p.m.

Gather together for dinner and discussion around *The Boys in the Bunkhouse*, by author Dan Barry. To help with dinner planning, please sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) or outside of the Book Corner.



### CHICAGO SERVICE TRIP FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

St. Paul youth and adults are invited to take part in a four-day experience, March 10-13, in Chicago that will include volunteering, exploring, and discussing systemic issues at the root of poverty and injustice. Spend time working at soup kitchens, Head Start programs, and food pantries. Explore the city by eating at ethnic restaurants, and be part of meaningful conversations.

Cost is \$150, including meals, housing, and transportation. Spots are limited; open to anyone age 14 and older. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren, [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org).