

# ST. PAUL connections

## MONDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Lydia circle
- 1:30pm Going Deeper
- 5:30pm Endowment meeting
- 6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Dorcas circle
- 11:30am Private event
- 1:30pm Sarah circle
- 7pm Personnel meeting

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 11:30am Book Corner open
- 12noon Ash Wednesday worship
- 5pm Book Corner open
- 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
- 6pm All choirs rehearse
- 6:15pm Men's Bible study
- 6:30pm Lent mentor training
- 7pm Ash Wednesday worship
- 8pm Youth summer mission trip info meeting

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Moms' Morning
- 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
- 12:30pm Ruth circle
- 6pm CC Conversations
- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 6:30pm 2136 young adults
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8

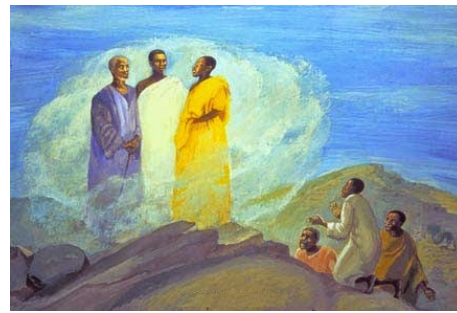
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## SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- 8am Second Saturday Men
- 9am Motherless Daughters
- 5:30pm Worship

## SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:45am Worship
- 8:30am Book Corner open
- 9am Worship
- 10:20am Learning for all ages
- 11:15am Worship
- 12:45pm Youth mission trip departure
- 3pm Augustana Choir home concert
- 6:30pm High school small groups
- 7:15pm Sunday Night Live



### HOW GOOD TO BE HERE

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John to a mountaintop where they see Jesus appear with Moses and Elijah. "Teacher," Peter says, "it is good for us to be here." It was good for the three disciples to witness the exhilarating, terrifying mountaintop events. They were given a preview of Jesus, the resurrected Christ. As it was happening, they couldn't possibly understand the fullness of what they were witnessing. It would not be until his resurrection that the disciples would understand what it means for Jesus to truly be the Son of God, Savior.

On Transfiguration Sunday, we too get a glimpse of what is to come. This experience helps carry us through the season of Lent. But it is not until we gather again on Easter Sunday that the fullness of our Lord is revealed.

### today at st. paul

#### March 2 & 3 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

Preaching:  
 5:30/7:45 Josh Kestner  
 9:00/11:15 Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:  
 9:00 Alleluia Choir; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Exodus 34: 29-35;  
 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2;  
 Luke 9: 28-36 [37-43a]

### next weekend

#### March 9 & 10 - Lent 1

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

Worship notes:  
 7:45 St. Paul Quartet

Communion served at all services

Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11;  
 Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

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 2/28)

- \*Dean Halverson
- Mark Holden
- Harper Schrank
- Pat White

#### Death:

Don Courter, Feb. 28

#### With sympathy:

- Patty Courter, husband Don Courter
- Dave & Jeannine Crockett, his mother Delores Crockett
- Liz & Brad Treiber, her father
- Dennis Townsend
- Fiona & Estelle Trieber, grandfather
- Dennis Townsend



### 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*
- Terry Ousley *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 Welser *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*

## ASH WEDNESDAY



*This Wednesday,  
 March 6, 12 noon & 7 p.m.*

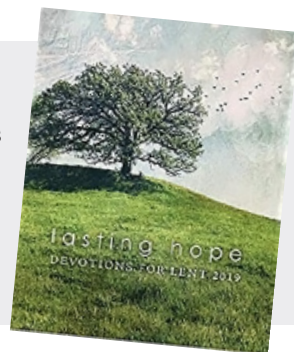
Christians gather on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of the Lenten journey to Easter. Pastor Peter Marty preaches for these services of Holy Communion.

On this solemn day you'll receive, if you'd like, an ashen cross on the forehead reminding us of our frailty and sin. It's an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.

- **12 noon:** This 45-minute service is a meditative respite in the work day.
- **7 p.m.:** The evening service includes music by the Chorale, along with a message for the children.

### DEVOTIONAL BOOK | *Lasting Hope*

*Lasting Hope: Devotions for Lent 2019* provides readers with a gentle guide through the Lenten season, from Ash Wednesday through the week after Easter. The book, along with other devotionals, is available in the Book Corner for your daily devotions.





## THIS SUNDAY

**LEARNING FOR KIDS & YOUTH** (10:20-11:05 a.m.)

- ▶ Ages 3-Pre-K: Main level
- ▶ Grades K-1: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- ▶ Grade 3-5: Lower Level
- ▶ 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 re-charged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

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

- ▶ *Writing is the only way I know how to pray (part 1 of 2)*: In this first of two sessions, Dr. Wee shares poems that she read or wrote as prayers, and talks about the ways this challenges and sustains her. Rebecca Wee, American poet and Augustana College professor. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Slowing down and practicing our faith at home*: Join us in hands-on experiences and thoughtful discussion on rhythms of prayer, rest, and study that weave your home life into your faith life. Kendra Thompson, pastor of children & family life, and Nancy Ingelson, ELCA deacon. In Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child*: Begin with reading a story from a children's Bible before digging more deeply into the scripture itself. With Pastor Katy Warren. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *A closer look at criminal justice and prison reform*: Mark Schwiebert, lawyer, writer, and former mayor of the City of Rock Island. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Writing is the only way I know how to pray (part 2 of 2)*: Rebecca Wee, American poet and Augustana College professor. In the 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, March 23, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Monday, April 15, 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 &amp; CONNECT

## youth

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP**: July 14-19, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Youth in grades 9-12 spend the week serving in the community and building friendships and their faith. Cost is \$250. Housing and most meals are included in the cost. Signup online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups); deadline is March 6; \$100 registration fee due at signup. First meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, 8-8:45 p.m. Questions? Contact Andy Langdon, director of youth ministries, andy@stpaulqc.org.

## adults

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS**: 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. Next meeting Monday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. No need to sign up, just come. Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

**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. Gather March 7, 6-7:15 p.m., Library Commons. Peter Marty facilitates. Participants read in advance: Lead editorial "In search of the thirsty" (p. 7) in the 2.27.19 issue; and Jennifer Beste's "How I teach ethics in a hookup culture," (pp 30-33) in the 2.13.19 issue. Stop at the church to read an onsite copy secured in the library or read via subscription (special St. Paul rate cards available at the Info Center).

**2136 YOUNG ADULTS - BOWLING!** It's a perfect way to keep warm during this neverending winter. Thursday, March 7, meet at High 5 Lanes & Games

at 6:45 p.m. (at the Bettplex in Bettendorf). \$8 will cover bowling and shoe rental. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For questions contact Pastor Josh: [joshua@stpaulqc.org](mailto:joshua@stpaulqc.org).

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: **Anna** (day): March 4, 12:30 p.m. (Wynne Schafer's home); **Anna** (evening): March 5, 6:30 p.m. (Mary Aitken's home); **Dorcas**: March 5, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); **Explore WELCA**: March 21, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); **Lydia**: March 4, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); **Ridgecrest**: March 8, 1 p.m. (Northridge Party); **Ruth**: March 7, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); **Sarah**: March 5, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, [tkmax2502@gmail.com](mailto:tkmax2502@gmail.com)

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN**: Saturday, March 9, at 8 a.m. in the Library Commons. All men of St. Paul are welcome. The idea of Second Saturday Men is to strengthen guys of all ages in Christian faith, relationships, and service. Todd Byerly, [tood@stpaulqc.org](mailto:tood@stpaulqc.org)

**MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS**: Second Saturdays, 9 a.m. in the Church House Living Room, next gathering March 9. 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)

**THEOLOGY PUB**: Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., next meeting March 12, in the lower level of Front Street Brewery 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)

**Walking the Grief Journey**

Sundays, March 17-April 14, 10:20-11:05 a.m.

On five Sundays, this supportive and compassionate series is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Explore anger, depression, fears, acceptance, and new strength for a hopeful future.

Walking the Grief Journey will be led by Lynn Batcher Robinson, retired hospital chaplain, and Jim Hoepner, befriender.

Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Lynn Batcher Robinson, [ldbatcher@hotmail.com](mailto:ldbatcher@hotmail.com).

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**LENT WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS**: March 13-April 10, 5:30-6:15 p.m., in the Luther Loft, lead by Pastor Peter Marty. Enjoy conversation around key events that shaped Jesus' final week, viewed through the eyes of a brilliant Jewish professor of New Testament. The resource, *Entering the Passion*, by A. J. Levine, may be purchased in the Book Corner. Advance reading assignments are 20 or less pages/week and will be posted online and in *Connections*.

**RED APRON CREW**: The St. Paul community of faith gathers for worship services and meal fellowship on five Lenten Wednesdays, March 13 — April 10. The Red Apron Crew offers the warmth of hospitality and service during those meals. To help fill drinks, clear tables, and offer conversation to those who come for Lenten suppers, sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

**FOURTH-GRADERS** will receive instruction, sculpt a chalice, and prepare for their first communion during the learning hour on Sundays, March 17-April 14, in Fellowship Hall. During 7 p.m. worship on Maundy Thursday, April 18, students will take communion for the first time. Parents, please sign your child up online: [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

**HOLY BAPTISM**: During 9 a.m. worship this weekend, Andrea Marbach, daughter of Julia and Lee Marbach, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome her into the Lord's family.

**BOOKS AND GIFTS OF FAITH**: The Book Corner has a large selection of books as well as an ever-changing selection of cards and fair trade gifts, including First Communion and Easter cards, jewelry, and bookmarks. Open Sunday mornings and Wednesdays in Lent. Check in the Book Corner for hours.

**Augustana College Choir Home Concert**

Sunday, March 10, 3 p.m., Sanctuary

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

**JUNE 17-21, 2019**

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



**VBS**: Kids age four (by Sept. 15) through entering fifth grade, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Registration is \$15/child through Sunday, May 19, \$25/child from May 20-June 2. No walk-ins will be accepted.

**678 Experience**: Youth, entering grades 6-8, will spend the morning (8:30-11:30 a.m.) having a blast and learning about God. Registration is \$15/student through Sunday, May 19, \$25/student from May 20-June 2.

**Summer Stretch**: High school students, entering grades 9-12, volunteer in the morning with VBS and 678, then spend the afternoon playing water games, making T-shirts, and studying the Bible. Cost is \$30.

**Volunteer**: A strong corps of service-minded and joy-filled adults make it all happen. Interested in helping? There's a job to fit your gifts.