

ST. PAUL connections



MONDAY, MARCH 11

No Preschool/Spring break
9:30am Madison Market setup

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

No Preschool/Spring break
7:30am Madison Market setup
12:30pm Madison Market
7pm Theology Pub

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

No Preschool/Spring break
9:30am Staff meeting
11:30am Book Corner open
12noon Lenten worship
5pm Book Corner open
5:30pm Lenten meal
5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
5:30pm Memorial committee
5:30pm Lenten learning for adults
6pm Chorale & Youth Choir rehearse
6:30pm Confirmation
7pm Lenten worship

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

No Preschool/Spring break
9am Spring break play date
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
7pm Faithful Readers

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

No Preschool/Spring break

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9am Private event
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship
10:20am Learning for all ages
10:20am 4th grade milestone/communion preparation
10:20am Walking the Grief Journey
11:15am Worship
1pm Private event
2pm PrimeTime 50+ event
6:30pm High school small groups
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

LENT

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, and to trust with our whole hearts that our identity is always in Christ Jesus.

Lent is also a time for renewing our faith by adopting some "disciplines" that heighten our awareness of our dependency on God. So whether we add something, like a gratitude journal, or give something up, like the consumption of unnecessary plastic, these acts prepare us to encounter God in new ways. And if and when we fail, and temptation gets the best of us, we trust that the nearness of God, found in bread and wine, and one another, will sustain us.

today at st. paul

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: 6-11;
Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

next weekend

March 16 & 17 - Lent 2

Preaching:
5:30/9:00 Katy Warren
7:45/11:15 Peter W. Marty
Worship notes:
7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Chorale
Communion served at all services
Readings: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18;
Philippians 3:17-4:1;
Luke 13: 31-35

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 3/7)

Ray Johnson
Gladys Lundquist
Pat White

With sympathy:

Jen & Doug Beasley, her uncle
Philip Wheeler
Pam & Russ Walker, her sister
Diana Smith
Alec & Sally Walker, aunt Diana Smith

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
JUNE 17-21, 2019**

Sign up online: 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.

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*

a tree planted

Gather for Wednesday worship & fellowship during Lent:
March 13 — April 10

WORSHIP | 12 NOON-12:30 P.M.

Chapel gatherings will include music, silence, a pastoral reflection, and Holy Communion. These more contemplative services will center on the same themes as Wednesday evenings.

SUPPERS | 5:30-6:55 P.M.

Enjoy a meal in community. Catered by Hy-Vee, there will be a different menu each week to feed stomachs and a sense of togetherness. A freewill donation of \$8/person or \$25/family is welcome to cover the cost. Wednesday's menu: Pasta Bar — penne/fettuccini, marinara/alfredo sauces, meatballs, chicken, garden and Caesar salads, breadsticks.

THE FINAL WEEK OF JESUS' LIFE | 5:30 - 6:15 P.M.

Enjoy conversation with Pastor Peter Marty around key events that shaped Jesus' final week and discuss different risks Jesus assumed as he got closer to death.

Advance reading assignments are 20 or less pages/week. The resource, *Entering the Passion*, by Amy-Jill Levine, may be purchased in the Book Corner; reading assignments are posted in *Connections* and online. In Luther Loft. No need to sign up, just come.

WORSHIP | 7-7:35 P.M.

A service in the Sanctuary features the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy, led by the Youth Choir.

A Tree Planted is the unifying theme. Using the rooted nature of trees, pastors will guide our minds and hearts to think about deeper meaning this Lenten season. Children encouraged to worship; childcare also available.



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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.)

- ▶ *A closer look at criminal justice and prison reform:* The passing of the recent federal prison reform bill into law, and other recent steps taken to improve the re-entry process for persons released from prison, offer reason for hope around an issue of humanitarian importance. 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):* In this session, try some poetry writing of your own with responses to a series of prompts, with a chance to share if you like. Rebecca Wee, American poet and Augustana College professor. 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 Sara Olson-Smith. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Exploring the world of "Big Data" (part 1 of 2):* Dr. H. G. Choi, assistant professor of business administration at Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Leadership - Getting there together:* Allison Sanyi, director of coaching for the Bettendorf Soccer Association. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child:* Pastor Josh Kestner. In Room 208.

KIDS & YOUTH

ADULTS

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 pottery 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, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

DISCOVER & CONNECT

LEARNING & SERVING IN CHICAGO:

Today, Sunday, March 10, 42 St. Paul youth and adults depart for a four-day experience in Chicago that will include volunteering, exploring, and discussing systemic issues at the root of poverty and injustice. Led by Pastor Katy Warren and Andy Langdon, director of youth ministries. Please keep them all in your prayers.

adults

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. This week's topic will be the apocalypse. It's the end of the world as we know it...or is it? Anyone is welcome! Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

FAITHFUL READERS: Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. We will discuss *The Ninth Hour* by Alice McDermott. Enriching conversation will be topped off with a tempting dessert. Katie Hanson, katiehanson@augustana.edu or Dave Crowe, davidcrowe@augustana.edu

PRIMETIME 50+: Join other adults age 50+ for the Missouri Valley Women's Basketball Championship game on Sunday, March 17. Meet at the Taxslayer Center, Moline, for the playoff game which begins at 2 p.m. We have reserved a block of seats at \$8 per person. Payment is due at game time. Tom & Joan Lahl, 320-8760; Jim & Linda Hoepner, 940-6737

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. There are two remaining March circle meeting dates: **Ridgecrest:** Wednesday, March 20, 1:30 p.m. at Northridge; and **Explore WELCA:** Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m. at St. Paul. Cindy Bleich, 355-4880; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, tkmax2502@gmail.com

FREE INDEED PRISON MINISTRY: Go and worship inside the walls of the Anamosa State Penitentiary with the Free Indeed congregation on Saturday, April 6. Depart at 7:45 a.m., return around 3 p.m. Limit eight participants. All worshipers must pass a background check. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. A church staff member will call to get your full name, date of birth, social security number, and address to complete a background check. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 24. Barb Brunkan, barb-brunkan@gmail.com.



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. Contact: Lynn Batcher Robinson, ldbatcher@hotmail.com.

Parents' GAME Night

Friday, March 29, 5:30-8 p.m.
Sign up: stpaulqc.org/signups



OF SPECIAL NOTE



Augustana College Choir Home Concert

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

LENT

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 receive communion for the first time. Parents, please sign your child up online: stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Kendra Thompson, kendra@stpaulqc.org

LENT WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS: March 13-April 10, 5:30-6:15 p.m., in the Luther Loft, led 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 assignment for March 13 is pages 21-41 (plus the introduction).

EASTER BLOOMS: Honor or remember loved ones with an Easter flower. Spring flowers will adorn the altar on Easter morning, a reminder of the beauty of the resurrection of the living Christ. Plants are \$15 each. Pick up specially marked envelopes at the Info Center. Payment is due at the time of order.

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.

ST. PAUL MIDWEEK LENTEN GIVING:

ELCA World Hunger

From health clinics to water wells, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

All Lenten offerings in purple envelopes, cash, or designated in the memo line of your check as World Hunger, will be given to fight hunger. We hope to exceed \$20,000.



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.

