

# ST. PAUL connections



We're now well into this season called Lent. It starts with Ash Wednesday and leads us through 40 days of personal reflection and spiritual renewal. These days have a different feel to them. Or, at least they should.

During this season, some may choose to give up chocolate or try to add a spiritual discipline, like fresh reading or prayer, into their daily lives. Yet, Lent is about more than attempting to improve our self-restraint. Lent is a time to re-think our priorities and re-evaluate our commitment to connect our lives with God.

These days are a kind of spring cleaning for the soul. A time to focus on our failings and God's compassion, how we've missed the mark, and how God offers forgiveness. Whatever you do in these 40 days, take some time to refocus your heart and mind. Your faith will be richer for it.

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 3/14)  
 Jim Cox  
 \*Ray Johnson  
 \*Pam Long  
 Lorie Ockelmann  
 \*Pat White  
 \*Rick Withycombe

**Death:**  
 Louise Sheley, March 11  
**With sympathy:**  
 Vicki Weber, mother Louise Sheley

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**

8:45am Preschool  
 9am Quilting

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

7:30am Finance committee  
 8:45am Preschool

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

8:45am Preschool  
 9:30am Staff meeting  
 9:30am Private event  
 11:30am Book Corner open  
 12noon Lenten worship  
 12noon VBS meeting  
 2pm Stroke support group  
 5pm Book Corner open  
 5:30pm Lenten meal  
 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics  
 5:30pm Lenten learning for adults  
 6pm All choirs rehearse  
 6:15pm Men's Bible study  
 6:30pm Confirmation  
 7pm Lenten worship

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

8am Youth suicide prevention task force  
 8:45am Preschool  
 9am Moms' Morning  
 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study  
 5pm KnitWits  
 6pm Centering Prayer  
 6pm Mental health awareness team  
 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal  
 6:30pm 2136 young adults  
 7pm Congregation council  
 7pm Explore WELCA

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

8:45am Preschool

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

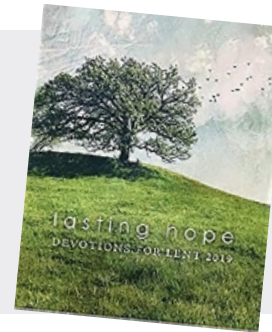
9am Membership inquiry class  
 11am Private event  
 2pm Guys & Games  
 5:30pm Worship

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

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  
 6:30pm High school small groups  
 7:15pm Sunday Night Live

**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.



**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 *Giving ministry 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 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*

**today at st. paul**

**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

**next weekend**

**March 23 & 24 - Lent 3**

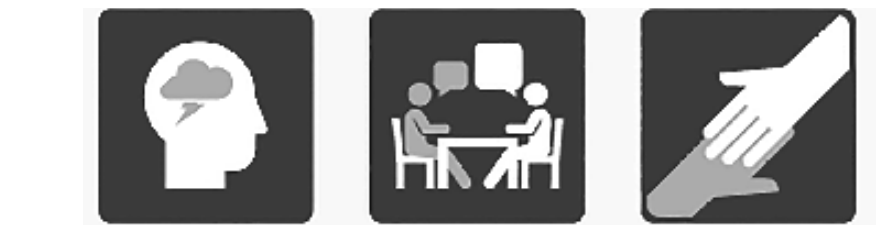
Preaching:  
 5:30/7:45 Sara Olson-Smith  
 9:00/11:15 Josh Kestner

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet  
 9:00 Jubilate Choir; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:  
 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9



## Mental Health First Aid

**Saturday, April 6, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Free and open to the public**

St. Paul Lutheran Church will host Mental Health First Aid training on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The class is free and open to the public.

Mental Health First Aid gives people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The evidence behind the program demonstrates that it builds mental health literacy, helping the public identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness.

Mental Health First Aiders learn a single five-step strategy that includes assessing risk, respectfully listening to and supporting the individual in crisis, and identifying appropriate professional help and other supports. Participants are also introduced to risk factors and warning signs for mental health or substance use problems, engage in experiential activities that build understanding of the impact of illness on individuals and families, and learn about evidence-supported treatment and self-help strategies.

The course will be taught by Dawn Knutson, family advocate/family systems coordinator at Scott County Kids. It is supported by the St. Paul's Mental Health Awareness Team. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, 563-326-3547 or sara@stpaulqc.org.



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**Signup is required, at [scottcountykids.org/training-registration](http://scottcountykids.org/training-registration)**



## 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 4: Fellowship Hall
- ▶ 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.)

- ▶ *Exploring the world of "Big Data" (part 1 of 2):* Consider the nature and meaning of big data, ramifications of new waves of data on our daily lives, and what it means to embrace this revolution as part of our society and consumer privacy. H. G. Choi and Deke Gould, Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Leadership - Getting there together:* Open conversation on how vulnerability, the courage to take risks, and leading with compassion might be the most important characteristics of successful leadership. Allison Sanyi, director of coaching for the Bettendorf Soccer Association. 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 Josh Kestner. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Interviews from prison:* Christine Vincent, St. Paul youth intern and Augustana student. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Adoption - Joys and sorrows, dos and don'ts:* Leslie Klipsch, author, business owner and communication specialist, and Jake Klipsch, high school principal. In Luther Loft.
- ▶ *Bible Study - With the eyes of a child:* Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder. 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 & CONNECT

**SPARE COPIES OF PASTOR MARTY'S** recent pastoral letter are available at the Info Center.

**PRIMETIME 50+:** Join other adults age 50+ for the Missouri Valley Women's Basketball Championship game today, Sunday, March 17. Meet at the Taxslayer Center, Moline, for the playoff game 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

**QUILTING:** Monday, March 18, 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

**MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS:** Join a group of others Saturday, March 23, 9-11:30 a.m., exploring life and faith in this place. Find out what the commitments, values, and directions are for this congregation. Sign up at the Info Center or online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

**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](http://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.

Contact: Lynn Batcher Robinson, [ldbatcher@hotmail.com](mailto:ldbatcher@hotmail.com).

**KNITWITS:** Third Thursday of each month, 5 p.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering March 21. Knitters and crocheters share time over yarn working on service and individual projects. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We'll be glad to teach you. Belinda Holbrook, bholbrook@mchsi.com

**2136 GAME NIGHT:** Young adults gather on Thursday, March 21, 7-8:30 p.m. downstairs in the Lower Commons for game night. Win or lose, game nights are a great way to spend time together. Bring a favorite board game if you've got one. Pastor Josh Kestner, [joshua@stpaulqc.org](mailto:joshua@stpaulqc.org)

**GUYS AND GAMES:** Young men in grades 9-12, join Andy Langdon, director of youth ministries, and Pastor Josh Kestner for *Guys and Games* at the Sierk Arcade on Saturday, March 23, 2-6 p.m. Begin and end at St. Paul; transportation and games included. After games we'll head back to church for pizza and conversation about friendships, relationships, and how we respond to culture. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Andy Langdon, [andy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org)

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** On the fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m., this gathering is for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness. Next meeting March 25; no need to sign up, just come. In the Church House Living Room. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org)

**PARENT GAME NIGHT:** St. Paul parents gather for dinner, laughter, and board games on Friday, March 29, 5:30-8 p.m. at St. Paul. Childcare offered for a suggested donation of \$5/child or \$10/family. Drop off at 5:15 p.m. in the nursery. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Sean Harless, [sharless57@gmail.com](mailto:sharless57@gmail.com).

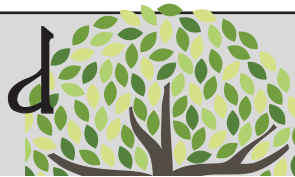
## LENT

**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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

**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.

## a tree planted



Wednesdays in Lent: March 13 - April 10

- ▶ **Worship | 12 noon-12:30 p.m.**  
Chapel gatherings will include music, silence, a pastoral reflection, and Holy Communion.
- ▶ **Suppers | 5:30-6:55 p.m.**  
Enjoy a meal in community. Catered by HyVee, a freewill donation of \$8/ person or \$25/ family is welcome to cover the cost. This week's menu: Grilled chicken sandwiches, garden salad, fresh fruit, and cheesy potatoes.
- ▶ **Lenten study: The Final Week of Jesus' Life | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**  
Led by Pastor Peter Marty, discuss different risks Jesus assumed as he got close to death. The resource is *Entering the Passion* by Amy-Jill Levine. Advance reading assignment for March 20 is chapter 2, pages 45-62. In the 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. *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.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

### 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.