

ST. PAUL connections

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9:30am Madison Market setup
- 10:30am Preschool board meeting
- 5pm Oratorio Society rehearsal

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:30am Madison Market setup
- 8:45am Preschool
- 12:30pm Madison Market
- 1pm Summer learning meeting
- 3pm Aging Innovatively
- 7pm Theology Pub

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 11:30am Book Corner open
- 12noon Lenten worship
- 12:30pm VBS planning
- 5pm Book Corner open
- 5:30pm Lenten meal
- 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
- 5:30pm Lenten learning for adults
- 5:30pm Memorial committee
- 6pm All choirs rehearse
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 7pm Lenten worship

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:30am Youth suicide prevention task force
- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Moms' Morning
- 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
- 7pm Faithful Readers
- 7pm Explore WELCA

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:45am Preschool

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- 8am Second Saturday Men
- 9am Motherless Daughters
- 10am Oratorio Society rehearsal
- 1pm Palm Sunday setup
- 5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 7:45am Worship
- 8:30am Book Corner open
- 9am Worship
- 10:20am 4th grade milestone/communion preparation
- 10:20am Walking the Grief Journey
- 11:15am Worship
- 1pm Oratorio Society set-up/rehearsal
- 3pm Oratorio Society concert
- 6:30pm High school small groups
- 7:15pm Sunday Night Live



GENEROUS LIVING

Extravagant generosity: It's one of the core values of this church. It's the hope that every person lives with a certain inclination toward gratitude, since grateful people are generous people. Because God has given us an abundance of blessings, we live in such a way that reflects the idea: "You make a living by what you earn, but you make a life by what you give away."

As a perfect example of generosity, the gospel of John tells a story of Mary, who anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. Her gift to Jesus likely had the price tag of about a year's worth of wages. And her offering didn't go unnoticed. It was so incredible that some were shocked, even a bit uncomfortable with such a gesture. But Jesus' response? He praised her commitment to generous living. And, in so doing, showed us an example of extravagant generosity we might choose to follow.

today at st. paul

April 6 & 7 - Lent 5

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

Worship notes:
7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

next weekend

April 13 & 14 - Passion/Palm Weekend

Preaching:
5:30/7:45 Sara Olson-Smith
9:00/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:
7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Alleluia/Jubilate/Cantate choirs; Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56

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 3/28)

- *Christine Clark
- *Lynne Groskurth
- *Beth Kussatz
- *Victoria Miller
- *Sharlene Paul
- John Seeck
- *Maxine Strunck

Death:

Linda MacDonald, March 31

With sympathy:

Chad MacDonald, wife Linda MacDonald
Wanda Vrana, father Louis Davis



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*

FED & FORGIVEN

St. Paul fourth-graders are preparing for their First Communion, on Maundy Thursday, April 18.

Communion, they learn, is one important part of faith – giving us Christ's promise of real presence as well as the forgiveness he offers. Through this meal, we are strengthened in faith and receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. From this meal, we are sent to bear the grace of God to the world.

Communion is one of two sacraments in the Lutheran faith – the other is baptism. Communion and baptism are something Jesus commanded us to do, it uses a physical element, and it gives us God's grace, love, and forgiveness.

Most importantly, each child learns that communion is the body of Christ, given for you, and the blood of Christ shed for you. Jesus is very specific: He does more than love people – he loves you. He does more than give his body and blood for people – he gives them to you.



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 13 & 14, all services

Festive processions with large palm branches commemorate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. But there is more to the story: Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried in Jerusalem.



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THIS SUNDAY

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

***Please note:** All kids, except 4th grade, will gather in the Lower Commons immediately following the 9 a.m. service.

- ▶ 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 recharged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

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

- ▶ *The social impact of big data: What does it mean for us? (part 2 of 2):* With the far-reaching effects of computing and telecommunications technologies, we are forced to re-examine many of our assumptions regarding privacy, relationships, and duty to self and community. Deke Gould, a continuing lecturer in philosophy at Augustana College. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *An invitation to Jim's Place:* Welcome to Jim's Place, where occupational therapy students learn this important discipline and community members can find innovative assistive solutions that promote a return to fuller participation in daily life and offer support to caregivers. Angela McCombs, academic fieldwork coordinator, Occupational Therapy Department, St. Ambrose University. 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 Peter Marty. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

LEARNING BREAK FOR ALL AGES: Sunday morning learning classes for all ages will be on break April 14 and 21 for Palm Sunday and Easter. Fourth-graders will meet for their final first communion prep with Pastor Marty next Sunday, April 14.

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 **Monday, April 15, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Wednesday, May 22, 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

BLESS A BATHROOM: The kids of St. Paul Sunday School are gathering toiletries for the women and children living at St. Joseph the Worker House in Rock Island, a transitional housing program for homeless families.

- ▶ April 7: Soap and shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and other toiletries

Items can be placed on tables in the Education Wing. Today, April 7, at 10:10 a.m., all kids will gather in the Lower Commons to bless the items gathered. Questions: Pastor Kendra Thompson, kendra@stpaulqc.org.

THEOLOGY PUB: Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., next meeting April 9, in the lower level of Front Street Brewery Pub & Eatery, Davenport (*still* open despite flooding downtown). Theology Pub offers an opportunity to gather around conversation, food, and drinks. This week we're going to talk about what it's like to be a Christian in a world with so many different religions. Anyone is welcome! Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

WOMEN OF THE ELCA will hold their annual spring gathering on Saturday, April 27, 9-11:30 a.m. All women of St. Paul are welcome. The morning will include coffee and light refreshments, a thankoffering service, a presentation about *Purses with a Purpose*, and a business meeting. Attendees may bring gently used purses or personal products to give. Sign up at the Info Center or stpaulqc.org/signups. Childcare available upon request. Jan Melvin, 563-332-3665 or Carol Moeller, 563-391-3790.

NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY will be held on 12 Tuesday evenings from April 23 to July 9 at St. Paul. Register by April 19.

**ST. PAUL COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP**

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Prepare the St Paul Community Garden for another year of vegetable growing. Clean the garden beds and plant some cold-tolerant plants. Bring garden tools and seeds if you'd like. The rain/cold date is Saturday, May 4. The vegetables and herbs grown in the garden are donated to Café on Vine, Madison Market, neighbors, and St. Paul people. Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com or 563-340-9980.

The course is designed for family members and caregivers of individuals 18 years or older living with a mental health condition. Course topics include family response to trauma, diagnosis and dealing with critical periods, problem solving, communications skills, and self-care for caregivers. To register, visit namigmv.org or call 563-386-7477 ext. 266.

FAITHFUL READERS: Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. We will discuss *The Silver Chair* by C. S. Lewis. Enriching conversation will be topped off with a tempting dessert. Katie Hanson, katiehanson@augustana.edu or Dave Crowe, davidcrowe@augustana.edu

MISSION APPALACHIA: Oct. 12-19. Spend a week in Jonesville, VA, improving the homes of others. An info meeting will be held Sunday, June 9, 10:20 a.m. in the Luther Loft. Cost is \$325 with an initial non-refundable deposit of \$50. Spots are limited. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL provides a rich variety of age-appropriate developmental activities in a Christian atmosphere. Fall 2019 has a few openings in the three-day-a-week two-year-olds program, as well as in the five-year-olds program. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Karen Strusz, 326-3547 ext. 219, or karen@stpaulqc.org.

RENTAL HOUSING: Our incoming resident pastor and his family are looking for a three-bedroom, two-bath rental property. If you have any information about available housing that might be suitable, please contact Beth Laureijs, 326-3547 ext. 215 or beth@stpaulqc.org.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today, Sunday, April 7, 10:10 a.m., in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this short meeting will be to call Peter Pettit as teaching pastor and Hayden Kvamme as resident pastor, and to ratify new constitutional language and bylaw amendments approved by the congregation at the annual meeting on Feb. 3.

NOVA SINGERS CONCERT: Today, Sunday, April 7, 4 p.m. The Nova Singers will perform *Home* with guest violinist Mariela Shaker. Tickets will be available at the door or online at novasingers.com. Also, this concert will be the premiere of a commissioned piece by composer Carol Barnett, set to the words of area children.

HANDEL ORATORIO SOCIETY CONCERT: Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m. The Handel Oratorio Society is celebrated for exploring the riches of Choral-orchestral literature. It is conducted by Jon Hurty, St. Paul member. The musicians of the Handel Oratorio Society include Quad-Cities community members, Augustana students, the Augustana Choir, the Augustana Symphony Orchestra, and invited soloists. Tickets are available online at augustana.edu/arts/ticket-office.

LENT

LAST CHANCE FOR EASTER BLOOMS: If you would like to donate a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, place your order by Monday, April 8. The cost is \$15 per plant. Pick up specially marked envelopes at the Info Center. Payment is due at the time of order and may be placed in the basket at the receptionist's desk.

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 decorations. Open Sunday mornings and Wednesdays in Lent. Check in the Book Corner for hours.

EASTER HOSPITALITY: Spread the joy of Easter morning by serving as a greeter that day, April 21. Help is needed for each service: 6, 8, 9:45, and 11:45 a.m. Would you like to extend a smile and a hello to those who come to celebrate Jesus' resurrection? Contact Jennifer Garvey: jennifer@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547.

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: BBQ beef sandwiches, green beans, fresh fruit, chips.
- ▶ **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 April 10 is chapter 6, pages 129-143. In the Lower Commons. 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.