

ST. PAUL connections

Holy Week & Easter



Today marks the beginning of what Christians call Holy Week. These sacred eight days take us from the heights of ushering Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna!" to the depths of Christ's suffering and death on a cross. We know that Easter joy awaits us, and yet there's great importance in moving deliberately and thoughtfully through the days that lead up to that celebration.

These days are meant to move a little slower and with more significance. They give us time to reflect on God's willingness to step into the messiness of this world and offer a promise of new life and new hope. So, in your own way, consider making this next week a bit different than the other 51 of the year. Include prayer, worship, silence, and reflection to make it a truly *holy* week.

today at st. paul

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

next weekend

April 21 - East Sunday
 Preaching:
 6:00 Katy Warren
 8/9:45/11:45 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:
 8:00 Brass, Chorale
 9:45 Brass, Chorale, Youth choir

Communion served at all services
 Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; Luke 24: 1-12

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 4/11)

Jennifer Bekel
 Jim Fleming
 *Dave Schafer
 Rick Withycombe

Birth:

Jacob Bekel, son of Jennifer & Ben Bekel, April 10

Death:

Lori Carlson, April 4
 Cal Peterson, April 9

With sympathy:

Lori & Todd Byerly, her uncle Lloyd Frank
 Bill Carlson, daughter Lori Carlson
 Lynn Gibson, father Bill Gibson
 Shannon & Sidney Larson, grandfather
 Bill Gibson
 Alan & Catherine Moneysmith, his mother Kay Moneysmith
 Lee Peterson, father Cal Peterson
 Kendra & John Thompson, her uncle
 Scott Warren

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 *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*



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18 | Worship at 12 noon & 7 p.m.

Jesus' last meal comes with a mandate to love. Kelsey Fitting-Snyder preaching. Fourth-graders celebrate First Communion at the 7 p.m. service.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19 | Worship at 12 noon, 4:30, & 8 p.m.

12 noon: A 45-minute contemplative service. Josh Kestner preaching.
3:30 Pretzels and prayer: Share pretzels and talk about the symbolism of Christ and the resurrection. In Fellowship Hall.

4:30 Family service for all: Featuring a children's message; children's choirs sing.

8:00 Tenebrae service of darkness: Chorale sings. Peter W. Marty preaching.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21 | Worship at 6, 8, 9:45, & 11:45 a.m.

6:00 Sunrise: Begin in the Memorial Garden. Katy Warren preaching.

8:00 & 9:45 Festive services: Choirs. Brass. Organ fanfare. Peter W. Marty preaching.

11:45 Contemporary: The Open Spirit ensemble leads. Peter W. Marty preaching.

*No Saturday worship Easter weekend.
 Holy Communion is included in all services.
 Childcare is available from 7:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

MONDAY, APRIL 15

8:45am Preschool
 12noon Preschool staff meeting
 6pm Sons of Norway
 6:30pm Membership inquiry class

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:30am Finance meeting
 8:45am Preschool/Easter egg hunt
 3pm Aging Innovatively
 7pm Open Spirit rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:30am Executive committee
 8:45am Preschool/Easter egg hunt
 9:30am Staff meeting
 2pm Stroke support group
 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
 6pm All choirs rehearse
 6:15pm Men's Bible study

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

No Preschool/Easter break
 9am Moms' Morning
 11:30am Book Corner open
 12noon Maundy Thursday worship
 5pm KnitWits
 6pm Centering Prayer
 6pm Mental health awareness team
 6pm First communion reception
 6:30pm Book Corner open
 7pm 2136 Young Adults
 7pm Maundy Thursday worship/
 first communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

No Preschool/Easter break
 12noon Good Friday worship
 3:30pm Good Friday pretzels
 4:10pm Children's choirs rehearse
 4:30pm Good Friday worship for all
 8pm Tenebrae service of darkness

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10am Brass rehearsal
 No worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

6am Sunrise worship
 8am Easter worship
 9:45am Easter worship
 11:45am Easter worship

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS are available at the Info Center and online at www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand.



4th Grade Milestone: First Communion

Today, Sunday, April 14, 10:20-11:05 a.m., Fellowship Hall

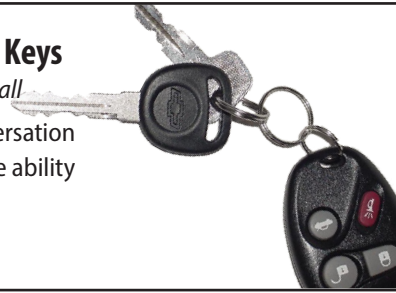
Fourth graders meet with Pastor Marty this morning for the final session in preparation for their first communion this Thursday evening during the 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service. We rejoice with them, following their weeks of preparation and anticipation. Pastor Kendra Thompson, kendra@stpaulqc.org

9th Grade Milestone: Blessing of the Keys

Sunday, April 28, 10:20-11:05 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Parents and students come together for conversation about new responsibilities in life, including the ability to drive. A blessing is said over car keys.

Please sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.



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.

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 **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

LEARNING FOR ALL AGES: Except for the fourth-grade first communion preparation class today, Sunday morning learning classes for all ages will be on break this Sunday (April 14) and next (April 21, Easter).

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others Monday, April 15, 6:30-9 p.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. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

KNITWITS: Thursday, April 18, 5 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. Knitters and crocheters are invited to share time over yarn as we work 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 YOUNG ADULTS: It's Holy Week! Maundy Thursday service, April 18 at 7 p.m. One of the messages we get out of this service is that we are surrounded by love in this community of faith. Let's celebrate that by worshipping together and getting ice cream after at Here's the Scoop in the Village of East Davenport. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

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

A MATTER OF BALANCE: Do you have concerns about falling? A matter of balance is a research-based program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. An eight-session program will be held on Thursdays, May 2-June 13, with an additional class on Tuesday, June 11, 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. It is free for people age 60+, \$110 for those age 59 and younger. To register, call Beth at 563-326-3547, ext. 215.

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP: The St. Paul corner of the world is a beautiful place. On Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-12 noon, gather to pick up trash and debris in the blocks surrounding the campus. It's called the *Make It Yours* Neighborhood Cleanup. Supplies and snacks are provided. Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com

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

Tips for Easter Sunday

Easter parking: Besides St. Paul parking lots & side streets, Madison School, Vander Veer Park, and St. Ambrose lots are available.

Easter crowds: Help with the anticipated crowd at the 9:45 service. Consider worshipping at the 6, 8, or 11:45 services.

Sunday learning for children and adults will not be held on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY WEEKEND opens the most sacred week in the church year. These are the eight days that tell the events of our salvation. As Jesus accepted the people's praises to their proclamation of "Hosanna" and "Jesus is Lord," he also knowingly went to face opposition from powerful religious and political leaders.

ENVIRONMENTAL PALMS: St. Paul purchases palms harvested in an environmentally sustainable way. This Lutheran World Relief (LWR) project helps harvesters earn a fair income for their labor, while limiting the amount of palms taken from the forest.

HANDEL ORATORIO SOCIETY CONCERT: Today, 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-Citys community members, Augustana students, the Augustana Choir, the Augustana Symphony Orchestra, and invited soloists. Tickets are available online at augustana.edu/arts/ticket-office.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY: If you have never experienced Good Friday worship, make room for it in your faith life this year. Your Easter will be all the more powerful if you can get a deep sense of Christ's suffering and crucifixion beforehand. The Chorale sings at 8 p.m.

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

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.

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.