

ST. PAUL connections

MONDAY, APRIL 29

8:45am Preschool

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:45am Preschool
3pm Aging Innovatively
6pm NAMI Family-to-Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:45am Preschool
9:30am Staff meeting
12noon VBS planning
5pm Book Corner open
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6pm All choirs rehearse
6:15pm Men's Bible study
6:30pm Confirmation/final session

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8:45am Preschool
9am Moms' Morning
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
10:45am A Matter of Balance
12:30pm Ruth circle
6pm CC Conversations
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:45am Preschool

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9am WELCA board meeting
5pm Book Corner open
5:30pm Worship
6pm Hand-In-Hand event
6:30pm Healing liturgy

SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship
10:20am Learning for all ages
11:15am Worship
2:30pm 2136 young adults
3pm Visitation: Cal Peterson
6pm Mission trip meeting
6:30pm High school small groups/potluck
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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PASSING THE PEACE

In early every worship service at St. Paul, there are a few moments set aside to greet one another and share a word of welcome or peace. At times, it might feel like it's simply a time to stand up and stretch your legs. Or maybe to catch the name of that person you don't know sitting in front of you. But it's actually a practice that goes back to biblical times where those within a worshiping community would take time to remind each other of God's peace and presence.

Those familiar words we hear each week: "The peace of the Lord be with you always." They are more than a signal to shake the hand of the person behind you. It's a deep assurance that God's abiding peace is stronger than your greatest worries or fears. And the encouragement to share such a reminder with others.

today at st. paul

April 27 & 28 - Easter 2

Preaching:

5:30/9:00 Josh Kestner
7:45/11:15 Katy Warren

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Hallelujah Chorus;
new members

Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8;
John 20: 19-31

next weekend

May 4 & 5 - Easter 3

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet
9:00 Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 9: 1-6 [7-20]; Revelation 5:
11-14; John 21: 1-19

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 4/25

*Roger Demarest
Hildegard Fahrenkrug
*Donna Petersen
*Lyle Peterson
*John Seeck
*Rick Withycombe

With sympathy:

Bob & Renee Wade, his mother
Ruth Wade

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 Schneckloth 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Kids will go on awesome adventures at Vacation Bible School, June 17-21.



VBS 2019 will venture into the Wildwood Forest where kids thrive.

They will be rooted in the truth that

Jesus carries them through life's wilderness.

VBS will be Monday, June 17-Friday, June 21.

The week will include music, crafts, games, service, and Bible stories. Registration for kids, teens, and volunteers is online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Registration deadline is June 2.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Kids age four (by Sept. 15) through entering fifth-grade, from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Registration is \$15 per child through Sunday, May 19. From May 20-June 2, cost is \$25 per child. Deadline is June 2. No late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted. Classes will be capped, so please sign up early.

678 SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Middle-schoolers, entering grades 6-8, will spend the morning (8:30-11:30 a.m.) having a blast and learning about God. Registration is \$15 per child through Sunday, May 19. From May 20-June 2, cost is \$25 per child. Deadline is 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, studying the Bible. Cost is \$30.

VOLUNTEERS

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.



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THIS SUNDAY

LEARNING FOR KIDS & YOUTH (10:20-11:05 AM)

- Ages 3 & Pre-K: Main Level
- Grades K-2: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- Grades 3-5: Lower Level
- Grades 6-12: Lower Level
- Grade 9: Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL), GRADES 9-12 (7:15-8 PM)

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

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

- *A special spot of earth:* Enjoy the wonderful tale of connection between the land, the wildlife, and the people of the QCCA Wetlands, and hear of its most unlikely beginnings. Richard Riddell, vice president of QCCA Expo Center and manager of the QCCA wetlands. In the Chapel.
- *I have called you by name:* Our teacher welcomes you to her classroom by name, celebrating you and the joy of being alive. If giggling, wiggling around, and working just a little bit with your hands is calling you, head up to the Luther Loft. Cindy Bleich, a retired school teacher and volunteer.
- *With the eyes of a child:* Begin with reading a story from a Children's Bible before digging more deeply into the scripture itself. Doubting Thomas with Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- *Prejudice in white culture and theology (part 1 of 2):* Lisa Powell, associate professor of theology and women and gender studies at St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- *Lifestyle, longevity, and happiness:* Beth Laureijs, registered nurse and St. Paul's pastoral residency administrator. In the Luther Loft.
- *With the eyes of a child:* Salt and light with Pastor Josh Kestner. 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 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 **Thursday, May 23, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, June 15, 9-11:30 a.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

DISCOVER & CONNECT

BACCALAUREATE BREAKFAST: For graduating seniors and their parents, Sunday, May 12, 10:20-11:05 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Families will reflect on moments throughout their lives, share stories, and affirm the plans that they've made for the future. Our hope is to make this an easy way for you to connect and share words and feelings that might otherwise go unsaid. Families are welcome to attend either 9 or 11:15 a.m. worship together. Graduating students will be recognized with a prayer and special blessing. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 563-326-3547 ext. 228

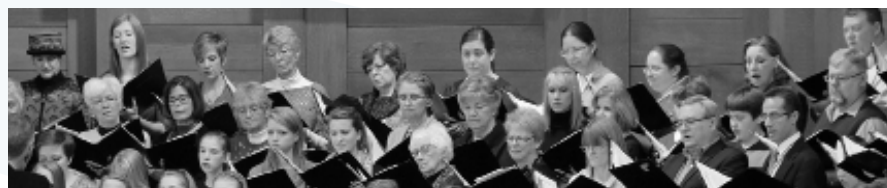
CC CONVERSATIONS is a first-Thursday-of-the-month opportunity to discuss faith, politics, and culture, using articles and news from the *Christian Century* magazine. Gather May 2, 6-7:15 p.m., Library Commons. Peter Marty facilitates. Participants read in advance: "The good and dependent life" (pp 30-33) in the 3.27.19 issue of the magazine; and "Faith, imagination, and the glory of the ordinary life" (pp 26-29), in the 4.10.19 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: Next Sunday, May 5, meet at Mississippi River Distilling Company in LeClaire, for a distillery tour and a nice afternoon on the patio (weather permitting). Meet at the distillery at 2:30 p.m.; tour begins at 3 p.m. Pastor Josh Kestner, joshua@stpaulqc.org

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, May 6, 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. No need to sign up, just come. Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

MISSION APPALACHIA: Oct. 12-19. Spend a week in Jonesville, Virginia, 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



HALLELUJAH CHORUS — TODAY, APRIL 28

Open to all! Singers of every confidence level are invited to join in Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* during the 9 a.m. service today, Sunday, April 28. This great expression of Easter faith is an annual tradition at St. Paul. For this day, join the Chorale under the direction of Nathan Windt. One rehearsal at 8:15 a.m. this morning in Room 011 downstairs.

Contact: Nathan Windt, nathan@stpaulqc.org



9th Grade Milestone: Blessing of the Keys

TODAY, 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.

Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 228

OF SPECIAL NOTE

A MARVELOUS GROUP OF NEW MEMBERS joins today, April 28, at the 9 a.m. service. Find them in the Gathering Area after worship. Be part of their welcome through your own hospitality. Thanks for doing the favor of wearing a name tag and taking an interest in others you may not know.

A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, in the Church House Living Room. Each month, on the first Saturday, we provide an opportunity for individuals in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing to come and seek God's goodness and care.

HOLY BAPTISM: During 11:15 a.m. worship this weekend, Isabel Escontrias, daughter of Abbey Dickens and Jordan Escontrias, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome her into the Lord's family.

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.

Growing love IN THE ST. PAUL COMMUNITY GARDEN

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.-12 noon: Complete the planting of the St. Paul Community Garden. Help give root to tomatoes, peppers, and other warm-weather plants. The rain/cold date is Saturday, May 18. No need to sign up, just come. Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com or 563-340-9980.






Mayfest

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 12-2 PM

Food. Music. Games. Fun!



Blood Donor Day

Wednesday, May 29, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

St. Paul people roll up their sleeves twice a year to donate blood for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. This single act of giving can help save up to three lives. To sign up to give, visit: stpaulqc.org/signups.