

# ST. PAUL connections



## ANASTASIS

If you attend an Orthodox church, especially in Russia or the Near East, you won't find chairs or pews in the sanctuary. You'll be expected to stand. Sometimes for two hours (or more). Why? The reason is actually rooted in the word "resurrection." The New Testament word for resurrection is anastasis, which means: stand up! Resurrection-minded Christians are those who take a stand for and against important things.

As Lutheran Christians, we do our fair share of standing during worship. We stand for song and when we receive communion. We stand because we feel the life God breathes into us. It's a resurrection posture. Standing—or sitting up, if physically unable to stand—is hardly an empty or meaningless act. It's our tangible way of proclaiming the resurrecting work of God.

### today at st. paul

#### May 11 & 12 - Easter 4

Preaching:

5:30/7:45 Katy Warren  
9:00/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet  
9:00 Alleluia/Jubilate/Cantate choirs; Youth choir

Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 9: 36-43; Revelation 7: 9-17; John 10: 22-30

### next weekend

#### May 18 & 19 - Easter 5

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

9:00 Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 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 5/9

Jerry Fisher  
Marcia Golinghorst  
Jean Medd

#### Birth:

Maela Kissel, daughter of  
Brittany & Cody Kissel, April 30

#### With sympathy:

Jody & Tom Bley, her brother  
Chris Bichler, May 3

### MY NOTES FROM TODAY



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 12-2 PM

Come on out to Mayfest at St. Paul for an afternoon of food, music, games, and congregational joy. Bring your lawn chair and sunscreen and celebrate a church rooted in the city, flourishing with life!

### FOOD

Get ready for the grandest potluck in town. The main dish will be provided. Bring something to share – desserts for last name A-D, side dish or salad for last name E-Z. A freewill donation of \$8 per person/\$25 per family is encouraged to help with food costs.

### FUN

The church lawn will be full of fun and fellowship for all ages including games, face painting, dancing, and more. Stop by the photo booth and say cheese for a picture-perfect way to remember the day.

### VOLUNTEER

Help is needed to lead kids' games, set up the chairs and tables, staff the food tent, and tear down for the day. Volunteering at Mayfest is a great way to make new friends. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

### MUSIC

Minus Six will take the main stage with inspired original music, hits from the past and present, and contagious energy.

**Please note:** Starting on Mayfest day, May 19, learning for all takes a break over the summer, resuming Sept. 8, 10:20-11:05 a.m.

### 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 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*



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## THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

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

- ▶ Ages 3-Grade 11: Lower Commons
- ▶ Grade 12: 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](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org)

ADULTS

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

- ▶ *Prejudice in white culture and theology (part 2 of 2):* Consider the ways in which American culture assumes the white experience as normative, including Christian theology and practice, and keeps in place those practices and attitudes that marginalize those who don't conform. Lisa Powell, associate professor of theology and women and gender studies at St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Cards of Care/Collection Blessing:* See next panel for more details. In Lower Commons.
- ▶ *With the eyes of a child:* Get ready to study the Bible with renewed curiosity and playfulness. Each week begins with reading a story from a children's Bible before digging more deeply into the scripture itself. Conversations about what was included or left out, or the insights from word choices, images and more will expand our understanding as we enter the Bible with the eyes of a child. The 23rd Psalm, with Pastor Katy Warren. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**SUMMER BREAK:** Learning for all ages takes a break over the summer, resuming Sept. 8, 10:20-11:05.

**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 potter's 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.

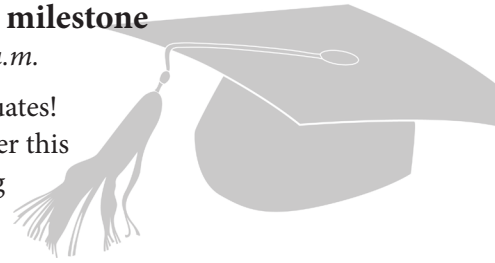
**MEMBERSHIP:** A one-session Membership Inquiry Class is offered once each month for those interested in exploring what membership at St. Paul involves. The next opportunity will be on **Thursday, May 23, 6:30-9 p.m. OR Saturday, June 15, 9-11:30 a.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups), at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

## DISCOVER & CONNECT

### Baccalaureate: 12<sup>th</sup> grade milestone

Today, Sunday, May 12, 10:20 a.m.

Congratulations, St. Paul graduates! Seniors and their families gather this day for breakfast and a blessing during worship.



### CARDS OF CARE/COLLECTION

**BLESSING:** Learning in classrooms has concluded for Sunday school kids. But gather today, Sunday, May 12, in the Lower Commons during the learning hour. We will say a blessing over the food, toiletries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products the congregation is collecting for the Friendly House and Madison Market. We will also make cards of care for people who take care of us. Pastor Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

**KNITWITS:** Thursday, May 16, 5 pm, 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](mailto:bholbrook@mchsi.com)

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM:

Thursday, May 16, 6-7 p.m., in the Library Conference Room. Expand awareness. Banish stigmas. Love others. Share stories and support. Local experts and everyday people team up to provide

education and events at St. Paul. Marla Brundies, [mbrundies@hotmail.com](mailto:mbrundies@hotmail.com).

**2136 YOUNG ADULTS** are going to a QC Steamwheelers football game Friday, May 17, 7:05 p.m. Purchase tickets at the game so that we can sit together (\$10-15). We're planning to carpool from the church. RSVP so we know who to expect. Pastor Josh Kestner, [joshua@stpaulqc.org](mailto:joshua@stpaulqc.org)

**THEOLOGY PUB:** New date and location! Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m. at Sippi's Restaurant, 406 W. 2nd St., Davenport. Theology Pub offers an opportunity to gather around conversation, food, and drinks. Anyone is welcome. Pastor Josh, [joshua@stpaulqc.org](mailto:joshua@stpaulqc.org)

**ST. PAUL PICKLEBALL PARTY:** Come for an afternoon of fun and pickleball Saturday, June 1, 2-4 p.m. St. Paul people and friends are invited to Northwest Park, 3400 N. Division St., Davenport. Some paddles and balls will be available for use or bring your own. The afternoon is free, but please sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

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

Sign up online: [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups)  
Questions: Pastor Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)



**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.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**SOCIAL WORKER AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS:** St. Paul's social worker, Angie Vaaler, is available to supplement the counseling services of our pastors. Her service to St. Paul members and the Madison Elementary School community assists those who may be going through a difficult transition, struggling in relationships, experiencing depression or anxiety, working through some trauma, or in need of a listening ear. On staff part-time, Angie is available for appointments: 563-326-3547 ext. 312.

**THANK YOU, LEARNING LEADERS!** As we wrap up a year of learning, we thank all Sunday morning and preschool learning leaders for their service and dedication. Growing in Christ, St. Paul classroom overflowed with faith and love. We look forward with excitement to the continued learning journey this fall.

**STROKE SUPPORT GROUP:** Third Wednesday of the month, 2-3 p.m., next gathering May 15, in the Luther Loft. This group brings together stroke survivors and their families in an atmosphere of caring and sharing to assist recovery. Education about life after a stroke, including helpful hints and coping skills, is included. Karen Caldwell, [kcl254@aol.com](mailto:kcl254@aol.com)

**PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? SING A SONG?** A much-loved tradition of summer at St. Paul is people sharing their musical talents during 9 a.m. worship. Maybe a flute-trombone duet, or perhaps you'd like to take your place on the piano bench. Opportunities for different ensembles will occur throughout the summer. Interested? Chris Nelson, [chris@stpaulqc.org](mailto:chris@stpaulqc.org)

**BOOKS AND GIFTS OF FAITH:** The St. Paul Book Corner has a large selection of books as well as an ever-changing selection of cards and fair trade gifts, including graduation cards and gifts, Mother's Day gifts, and other gifts of faith.

**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 [karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org](mailto:karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org).

## Growing love

IN THE ST. PAUL COMMUNITY GARDEN

**Saturday, May 18, 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 Sunday, May 19. No need to sign up, just come. Contact: Matt Schroeder, [schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com](mailto:schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com) or 563-340-9980.



## 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](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).