

# ST. PAUL connections

## Growing love IN THE ST. PAUL COMMUNITY GARDEN

The beginning of spring means the beginning of planting in the St. Paul community garden. Get your hands into the earth and help plant food for others. Children are very welcome.

**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 Sunday, May 12.

The vegetables and herbs grown in the garden are donated to Café on Vine, Madison Market, neighbors, and St. Paul people.

No need to sign up, just come. Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com or 563-340-9980.



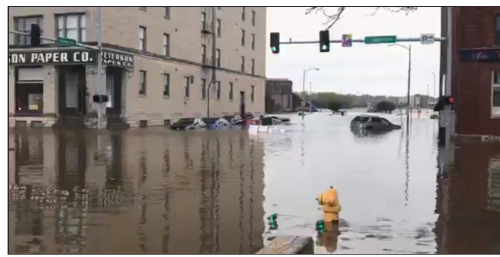
### Other needs:

Teams of St. Paul people help keep trash out of the landfill and our environment – and they are searching for a few good helpers.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP:** Saturday, May 11, 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. Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com

**RECYCLERS:** The recycling team gathers items placed in the recycling bins at St. Paul and prepares them for pick up. People can sign up for as many or as few shifts as they'd like. Contact: Jan Lloyd, cmljml@q.com.

**LITTER PICKER-UPPERS** walk the St. Paul property, picking up the trash that accumulates for a variety of reasons, including the campus' placement along two major streets in Davenport. A fancy yellow vest is included in the fun. Interested in learning more? Contact: Dan Dickens, dickens.dan@gmail.com.



### TOO MUCH WATER

"God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark... and the water subsided" (Genesis 8:1).

When will all the excess Mississippi River water in the QCA subside? A lot of people have been asking that question for days and weeks. They're praying for God to intervene with a radical dry out plan. With businesses underwater, a number of downtown residences inaccessible, cars submerged, and an overloaded wastewater treatment plant pumping raw sewage into the river, we wonder when the nightmare will end.

None of us know, of course. But as a church, we give thanks for all those who have labored to assist others. For the many people who have donated time and money to keep the pump's running, and beleaguered store keepers going, we say: THANK YOU!

### today at st. paul

#### 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

### next weekend

#### 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

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 5/2

Jerry Fisher  
Diane Fry  
Pauline Koenig  
\*Meghan Smith  
\*Allison Zager

#### Birth:

Camille Cobb, daughter of  
Jen & Chris Cobb, March 29  
Alayna Smith, daughter of  
Meghan & Alex Smith, April 29

#### With sympathy:

Kathie Heaps, mother Emily Rumpfelt  
Jamie Moen, grandmother Emily Rumpfelt

### 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 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*

#### MONDAY, MAY 6

8:45am Preschool  
9am Lydia circle  
10:30am Cal Peterson funeral & luncheon  
11am Preschool teacher appreciation lunch  
12:30pm Anna circle  
6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

#### TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:45am Preschool  
9:15am Dorcas circle  
1:30pm Sarah circle  
6pm NAMI Family-to-Family

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

8:45am Preschool  
9:30am Staff meeting  
5:50pm Memorial committee  
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics  
6pm Chorale rehearsal  
6pm All other choirs' final rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:45am Preschool  
9am Moms' Morning  
9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study (final session)  
10:45am A Matter of Balance  
6pm Centering Prayer  
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

#### FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:45am Preschool

#### SATURDAY, MAY 11

8am Second Saturday Men  
9am Motherless Daughters  
10am Neighborhood cleanup  
10am St. Paul garden planting  
5:30pm Worship

#### SUNDAY, MAY 12

7:45am Worship  
8:30am Book Corner open  
9am Worship  
10:20am Learning for all ages/last day  
10:20am Baccalaureate breakfast  
11:15am Worship  
7:15pm Sunday Night Live

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS are available at the Info Center and online at [www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand](http://www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand).



## THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

### 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

### 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

ADULTS

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

- ▶ *Prejudice in white culture and theology (part 1 of 2)*: Look at the way U.S. culture assumes white experience as central and normative and how this is evident in Christian theology and practice. Lisa Powell, associate professor of theology and women and gender studies at St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Lifestyle, longevity, and happiness*: Learn what research from around the world tells us about living healthier, longer, and happier lives. Beth Laureijs, registered nurse and St. Paul's pastoral residency administrator. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *With the eyes of a child*: Begin with reading a story from a children's Bible before digging more deeply into the scripture itself. Salt and light, with Pastor Josh Kestner. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Prejudice in white culture and theology (part 2 of 2)*: Lisa Powell, associate professor of theology and women and gender studies at St. Ambrose University. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Cards of Care/Collection Blessing*: See "Of Special Note" panel for more details. In Lower Commons.
- ▶ *With the eyes of a child*: With Pastor Katy Warren. 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 **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

### families & youth

#### CARDS OF CARE/COLLECTION BLESSING:

Learning in classrooms concludes this weekend for Sunday school kids. Next Sunday, May 12, the congregation will be gathering food, toiletries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products for the Friendly House and Madison Market. We will make cards of care for people who take care of us. Gather in the Lower Commons during the learning hour. Pastor Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

#### BACCALAUREATE BREAKFAST:

For graduating seniors and their parents, Sunday, May 12, 10:20-11:05 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Graduating students will be recognized with a prayer and special blessing during 9 & 11:15 a.m. worship. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Andy Langdon, [andy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org)

### adults

**2136 YOUNG ADULTS:** Today, 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](mailto: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](mailto:joedeb1984@gmail.com)

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): May 6, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Anna (evening): May 7, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Dorcas: May 7, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Explore WELCA: May 16, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: May 6, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Ridgecrest: May 10, 1 p.m. (Northridge party room); Sarah: May 7, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 355-4850; Karin Hanson, 528-2064, [tkmax2502@gmail.com](mailto:tkmax2502@gmail.com)

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN:** Saturday, May 11, at 8 a.m. in the Library Commons. All men of St. Paul are welcome. The idea of Second Saturday Men is to strengthen guys of all ages in Christian faith, relationships, and service. Todd Byerly, [todd@stpaulqc.org](mailto:todd@stpaulqc.org)

**MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS:** Open for any woman who has experienced mother-loss at any time and needs a safe place for support. Gather to celebrate our mothers, deepen relationships, and develop a network for continuous healing. This final gathering of the season will be May 11, 9 a.m. Contact Nicole Rathje for location and more details: [rathjefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rathjefamily@gmail.com).

**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)

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

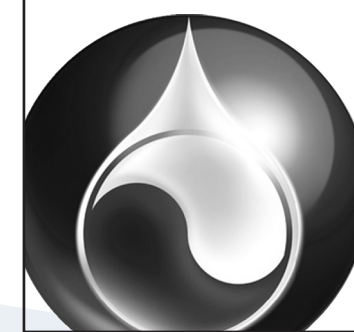
**IN-HOME COMMUNION:** Four times per year, people from our congregation take communion to homebound members. Following the 7:45 a.m. service this Sunday, May 5, they will go to the homes of those who are not able to worship with us. We ask God's blessing as they take the Lord's Supper to members of St. Paul.

**FOOD AND CARE:** St. Paul people gather food for the Friendly House Food Pantry and diapers/wipes/feminine hygiene products for Madison Market three times a year. This weekend grocery bags will be distributed. Fill a bag and bring it to worship next weekend, May 11 & 12. To make a monetary donation, indicate "Food Pantry" on your check memo line or envelope. A list of needed items is included with each grocery bag.

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



### 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).

### 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.

**Mayfest**  
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 12-2 PM  
**Food. Music. Games. Fun!**

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 helps with food costs. To volunteer to help, sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).