

ST. PAUL connections



GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE

Friday, June 21, marked the summer solstice - the longest day of the year. Those of us in the Midwest got to experience over 16 hours of glorious daylight. We've learned to delight in these beautifully long summer days in part because we know they won't last forever. Soon enough, the seasons will change, the days inch shorter, the trees begin to change color, and the temperatures will cool.

Yet, in the midst of such certain change, some things remain. The constant love and grace of God is as dependable as ever. The words of Isaiah offer this reminder: "The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." No matter how long or short the days may be, God's love for us remains unchanged.

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 6/20)

John Berry
Bev Smith
Gwen Sorensen
Cal Taylor
Norm Voelliger

With sympathy:

Joe Lopez, brother Bruce Lopez
Marisa & Miguel Lopez, their uncle Bruce Lopez
Gina & Anthony Bielski, her aunt Exie Bauswell

MENTAL HEALTH MOVIE NIGHTS

July 10: Rain Man

July 17: Charlie Bartlett

July 24: Social Animals

July 31: Here One Day

Movies start at 6:30 p.m. | Free and open to the public.



For four Mondays this summer, July 8-29, 12 noon in the Library Commons, Peter Pettit, St. Paul teaching pastor, will lead a lunch-time interfaith learning series. Bring a sack lunch. Then visit the buildings of each faith tradition later in the week. Please RSVP for visits at stpaulqc.org/signups.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

9:30am Madison Market setup
6pm Friends and Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

7:30am Madison Market setup
12:30pm Madison Market
6pm NAMI Family-to-Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

9:30am Staff meeting
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics
6pm Confirmation family meeting
6:30pm 678 Night
7pm Confirmation family meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

2pm A Matter of Balance
6pm Centering Prayer
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
7pm Sunday adult learning team

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

10am Walk at Vander Veer

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

8am Habitat workday
10am Private event
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

7:45am Worship
8:30am Book Corner open
9am Worship
11:15am Worship

RECENT ISSUES OF CONNECTIONS

are available at the Info Center and online at www.stpaulqc.org/newsstand.

today at st. paul

June 22 & 23 - Pentecost 2

Preaching:

5:30/7:45 Josh Kestner
9:00/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

9:00 St. Paul Brass Ensemble
11:15 New members received

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 65: 1-9; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39

next weekend

June 29 & 30 - Pentecost 23

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21;
Galatians 5: 16-25;
Luke 9: 51-62

staff connections

PASTORS

Peter W. Marty *Senior pastor*
Sara Olson-Smith *Associate pastor*
Katy Warren *Associate pastor*
Peter Pettit *Teaching 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*

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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JULY 8: BUDDHISM

The eight-fold path charts the Buddhist's journey from the suffering of life to a blissful serenity. Visit to Lamrim Buddhist Center, 301 E. Second St., Davenport, Sunday, July 14, 12:15 p.m.; meet with teacher Joe Gauthier and community members.



JULY 15: HINDUISM

In whole and in its parts, 108 symbolizes for Hindus the completeness and integration of the world. Visit to Hindu Temple of the Quad Cities, 9801 14th St. W, Rock Island, Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m.; meet with Rohit Kunte and community members.



JULY 22: ISLAM

Five pillars of belief and practice sustain the Muslim life and community. Visit to Islamic Center of the Quad Cities, 6005 34th Ave., Moline, Saturday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.; teaching by Imam Bachir Djehiche and potluck with community.



JULY 29: JUDAISM

The great confessional text of Devarim 6:4 rings at the center of Jewish worship, life, and death. Visit to Temple Emanuel (Reform Jewish), 1115 Mississippi Ave., Davenport, Friday, August 2, 6 p.m.; meet with Rabbi Linda Bertenthal, service and potluck with community.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019: It was a super fun week at Wild-wood Forest for VBS 2019. We sang, played, learned, met new friends, served our community. See how much fun we had! All of the photos from the week can be found on the St. Paul Facebook page - facebook.com/stpaulquadcities.



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.

PASTORS & STAFF SOCIAL WORKER are available to members and guests for appointments.

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 a month for those interested in exploring what membership at St. Paul involves. The next opportunity will be **Monday, July 22, 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 14, 6-9:30 p.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

DISCOVER & CONNECT

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678 NIGHT: Wednesday, June 26, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Library Commons. High-energy games + fun + togetherness + great Bible studies + campfire-style worship = 678. This group for those in grades 6, 7, and 8 meets periodically throughout the year. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org

SIGN UP FOR CONFIRMATION: Students entering 7th grade this fall are encouraged to sign up now for St. Paul's confirmation program. Meeting the first three Wednesdays of each month from September through April, confirmation is key to shaping the faith of middle school students. For more info and registration materials, contact Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 232.

adults

PRIMETIME @ THE RIVER BANDITS: Primetime (for folks 50+) will cheer on the River Bandits at Modern Woodmen Park on Sunday, July 7. Meet at Gazebo #1 (first one

west of the park) about 3:15 p.m. to share appetizers. Game starts at 5:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, payable to Jerry or Lori Bippus at the gazebo. Sign up at the Info Center by July 1 or call Jerry and Lori Bippus, 563-349-2378.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness meets at St. Paul on the fourth Monday of every month, 6-7 p.m., next gathering June 24. Friends and Family is for anyone looking for mutual support by sharing with and listening to others. Led by mental health professionals and Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. No need to sign up, just come. Pastor Sara, sara@stpaulqc.org

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP: Monday, July 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Library Conference Room. Offering 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. No need to sign up, just come. Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

OF SPECIAL NOTE

A MARVELOUS GROUP OF NEW MEMBERS joins today, June 23, at the 11:15 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.

HOLY BAPTISM: During 9 a.m. worship this weekend, Gavin Stellinga, son of Lindsay and Joe Stellinga, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

FREE INDEED PRISON MINISTRY: Go and worship inside the walls of the Anamosa State Penitentiary with the Free Indeed congregation on Saturday, July 6. Depart from St. Paul at 7:45 a.m., return around 3 p.m. Space is limited. Transportation and lunch will be provided. A background check is required, with full name, social security number, and date of birth. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups no later than today, Sunday, June 23. A St. Paul staff member will be in touch to collect your information for the background check. Contact: Barb Brunkan, bartbrunkan@gmail.com.

ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL provides a rich variety of age-appropriate developmental activities in a Christian atmosphere. Fall 2019 has openings for ages 2, 3, 4, and 5. The 4-year-old program is free for Iowa residents. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Karen Strusz, 326-3547 ext. 219, karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org.

WALKS AT VANDER VEER: Take a walk around or through Vander Veer Park on Friday mornings, 10-11 a.m. After walking, gather in the Library Commons for refreshments and conversation. No need to sign up, just come! Meet in the Library Commons. Beth Laureijs, beth@stpaulqc.org

SPECIAL SUMMER music

Maybe the violin is your forte, your voice loves to sing out, or perhaps you'd like to take your place on the piano bench. St. Paul's director of music ministries is seeking musicians to share their talent this summer during the 9 a.m. worship service, individually and in groups. He'd love to hear from you. Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 ext. 214.



HELP IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

These plots of plants are grown to feed those who are food insecure. Volunteers are always needed to help with weeding, watering, and tending these veggies, herbs, fruits, and flowers. Contact Matt Schroeder to help, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Swing a hammer and make new friends. Volunteers will work throughout the summer to build a house for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. Interested in helping? Meals are also needed.

- ▶ Saturdays, June 29, July 13, and August 17, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ▶ Wednesdays, July 24 and August 7, 5-8 p.m.

To sign up, visit stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren at katy@stpaulqc.org or 326-3547.



So All May Eat

Several times a year, St. Paul people cook and serve a meal at Zion Lutheran Church. Needed are cooks for:

- ▶ **Wednesday, July 31**

Volunteer to help at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.