

# ST. PAUL connections



## FREEDOM

The annual Fourth of July holiday always holds plenty of opportunities for celebration. Perhaps you enjoyed barbecues or fireworks this week as a fun way to observe this commemoration of our national and individual freedoms.

Yet, the gift of our own independence can only be acclaimed inasmuch as we work for the liberty and freedom of all. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in such a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

As we celebrate the gift of living in this great country of ours, we remember our sisters and brothers around the world—all living under the same blue sky as us—who live with fewer freedoms. Today, and every day, we long for a world that holds life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all, not just for some.

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:

Don Harding  
Bev Smith  
Cal Taylor  
Steve Torgerud  
Norm Voelliger  
James Weiss

### With sympathy:

Marilyn Petersen, sister Madeline Eichhorn  
Sharon Rendack, mother Betty Rose  
Jayne Rose & Dan Dickens, her mother Betty Rose

## MY NOTES FROM TODAY

## MENTAL HEALTH

# MOVIE NIGHTS

For four weeks beginning Wednesday, July 10, St. Paul Lutheran Church's Mental Health Awareness Team will host a midsummer mental health movie series. Come and watch a movie and join in discussion afterwards. Movies begin at 6:30 p.m., popcorn included.

The series is free and open to the public. This year's movies include:

### JULY 10, Rain Man

An abrasive, selfish, young Charlie Babbit discovers that his estranged father has died and bequeathed all of his multimillion-dollar estate to his other son, Raymond, an autistic savant, of whose existence Charlie was unaware.

### JULY 17, Charlie Bartlett

The son of dysfunctional parents, teenager Charlie Bartlett enrolls in a school where he is unable to fit in with most of his fellow students. After being diagnosed with ADHD, Charlie forms an alliance with a school bully to sell prescription drugs Charlie obtains by feigning physical and emotional symptoms with different psychiatrists.

### JULY 24, Social Animals

With an observational eye, *Social Animals* peeks into the digital and real worlds of today's image-focused teenager, where followers, likes, and comments mark success and self worth.

### JULY 31, Here One Day

An emotionally candid film about a woman coping with mental illness, her relationships with her family, and the ripple effects of her suicide on those she loved. The producer (Kathy Leichter) will Skype in a Q&A session with the audience after the film.

### MONDAY, JULY 8

9am Book Corner inventory  
9:30am Madison Market setup  
12noon Summer lunch series  
6pm St. Paul community garden harvest

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:30am Madison Market setup  
9am Book Corner inventory  
12noon Staff picnic/badmitton  
12:30pm Madison Market  
6pm NAMI Family-to-Family  
6:30pm Affordable housing team meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

9am Book Corner inventory  
9:30am Staff meeting  
5:30pm Adult Children of Alcoholics  
5:30pm Memorial committee  
6pm Mental health movie night

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

9am Book Corner inventory  
6pm Centering Prayer  
6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

8am Habitat work day  
1pm Private event  
5:30pm Worship

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

7:45am Worship  
8:30am Book Corner open  
9am Worship  
11:15am Worship  
12:15pm Buddhist center field trip  
1pm Youth mission trip departure

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

## today at st. paul

### July 6 & 7 - Pentecost 4

Preaching:  
All services Katy Warren

Worship notes:  
Communion served at all services

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14;  
Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16;  
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

## next weekend

### July 13 & 14 - Pentecost 5

Preaching:  
All services Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:  
Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 66: 10-13;  
Colossians 1: 1-14;  
Luke 10: 25-37

## 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 worship director*  
Don Gustofson *Contemporary worship assistant*  
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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**THE DENO FAMILY** - Komi, Akouto, Ruth, and Moses - are now at home. The dedication of their new house through Habitat for Humanity was held recently. It's the home that St. Paul people volunteered work hours for and gave financial support to. The house is at the corner of Sixth and Iowa streets in Davenport. To work this summer on another Habitat house, or provide meals to volunteers, sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). St. Paul members Pam Crowe, Katy Warren, and Belinda Holbrook are also pictured below.



**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.

**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. OR Wednesday, August 14, 6-9:30 p.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

### youth

#### **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](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org), 326-3547 ext. 232.

### adults

#### **ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS:**

Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Upper Level Room 203. Practice the Twelve Steps, focusing on accepting God's love and finding freedom from the past and a way to improve lives

today. Contact: Dick Jensen, [rrjensen65@gmail.com](mailto:rrjensen65@gmail.com)

**CENTERING PRAYER:** Meet Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. Upper Level Room 203. Centering prayer was originally used by Christian monks. Today, this holistic prayer helps release unhealthy emotions, while deepening and personalizing your relationship with God. Contact: Dick Jensen, [rrjensen65@gmail.com](mailto:rrjensen65@gmail.com).

**STROKE SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 2-3 p.m., at St. Paul. The 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. Contact: Karen Caldwell, [kcl254@aol.com](mailto:kcl254@aol.com).

**SUMMER LUNCH SERIES:**  
 Mondays, 12 noon-1 p.m.  
 July 8: Buddhism  
 July 15: Hinduism  
 July 22: Islam  
 July 29: Judaism  
 Bring a sack lunch & settle in for interfaith conversations

## SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC

Summer music during the 9 a.m. worship is one of St. Paul's most wonderful traditions. During the summer months, when Chorale takes a break, people of all ages and abilities are invited to come and sing or plan an instrument. To sign up, visit [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

- ▶ August 4: Woodwind ensemble - Flutes, clarinets, oboes, saxophones, and other woodwinds can be part of music at worship this day.
- ▶ August 11: String ensemble - All who play a string instrument, gather together to create harmonious melodies.
- ▶ August 25: I'm with the band - Play any instrument? Be a part of the band during worship on this day. It's fun!

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**BOOK CORNER INVENTORY:** The St. Paul Book Corner will be closed for its annual inventory today, July 7, after the Open Spirit service, through Thursday, July 11. All items for sale inside this nonprofit endeavor are priced below retail and without tax; special stickers note items with prices reduced further in advance of this annual count of in-stock items by the Book Corner's volunteers. Stop in this weekend to explore books, fair trade items, greeting cards, and more.

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Bradley Tor Popowski, son of Beth and Jered Popowski, enters the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism this weekend during 11:15 a.m. worship. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

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

**BUSY SUMMER SCHEDULE?** The 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday evenings offers beautiful worship all year long. During the summer, when schedules are different for many households, it is a great option when Sundays are full. With scripture, preaching, and song, this weekly time offers the Lutheran liturgy and closeness with God.

**Pastors Josh Kestner and Kelsey Fitting-Snyder farewell:**

Pastors Josh Kestner and Kelsey Fitting-Snyder will be present at all services July 20 and 21, as they say farewell to St. Paul. If you'd like to donate to a gift for Josh and Kelsey, please write a check to St. Paul clearly marked for "Residents' Gift."

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

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