

# ST. PAUL connections

**MONDAY, AUG. 26**

- 8am Preschool student/parent orientation
- 9:30am Madison Market setup
- 10:15am Preschool board meeting
- 5:30pm TTT meeting with campers
- 6pm Friends & Family

**TUESDAY, AUG. 27**

- 7:30am Madison Market setup
- 8am Preschool student/parent orientation
- 12:30pm Madison Market

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28**

- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
- 6:30pm Confirmation leader training
- 6:30pm Sunday morning leader orientation

**THURSDAY, AUG. 29**

- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

**FRIDAY, AUG. 30**

- 1pm WELCA setup for fall gathering

**SATURDAY, AUG. 31**

- 9am Women of St. Paul Fall Gathering
- 5:30pm Worship

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 1**

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

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**MAKING SPACE FOR SABBATH**

According to Genesis, that first book in the Bible, God spent six days creating the world. And on the seventh day, after forming the sun and moon, making trees and animals, breathing life into humans - God rested. Following God's example, Christians set aside a day simply to rest. The Sabbath.

Sabbath is not simply a day for naps. It's more like a day when we get rebooted and recentered and renewed. Sabbath days are God's gift to us to remind us who we are and whose we are. Our worth is not defined by our work or usefulness. Only by God's grace are we God's beloved children, with particular value and unique purpose. Making space for Sabbath rest reminds us of this promise and rejuvenates us for our work in world.

**today at st. paul**

**Aug. 24 & 25 - Pentecost 11**

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

- 9:00 The Band

Communion served at all services

- Readings: Isaiah 58: 11-14a; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17

**next weekend**

**Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 - Pentecost 12**

Preaching:

- All Services Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

Communion served at all services

- Readings: Proverbs 25: 6-7; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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](mailto:becky@stpaulqc.org).

**Hospitalized:** (\*released as of 8/22)

- \*Morgan Hallene
- Gwen Korn
- \*Molly Yoder

**Death:**

- Vi Ramsey, Aug. 21

**Births:**

- Theodore Hallene, son of Morgan & Jimmy Hallene, Aug. 18
- Zoe Yoder, daughter of Molly & Brandon Yoder, Aug. 17

**STARTUP SUNDAY | SEPT. 8**

**Sunday worship:** 7:45, 9, & 11:15 a.m.  
**Saturday worship:** 5:30 p.m.

**Learning for all:** 10:20-11:05 a.m.



**staff connections**

**PASTORS**

- Peter W. Marty *Senior pastor*
- Sara Olson-Smith *Associate pastor*
- Katy Warren *Associate pastor*
- Peter Pettit *Teaching pastor*
- Hayden Kvamme *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*
- Haley Rhoads *Youth ministries intern*

**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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## WEDNESDAYS @ ST. PAUL

On September 4, a full variety of offerings resume on Wednesday evenings at St. Paul. How will you be a part?

- **Adult Children of Alcoholics, 5:30 p.m.**  
This anonymous Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition program is for people who grew up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional home.
- **Choirs, 6 p.m.**  
From age 4-adult, voices soar gracefully in praise. Three children's choirs, a youth choir, and Chorale all return for rehearsals, 6-6:45 p.m. for children and youth, 6-7:30 p.m. for adults. Everyone is welcome.
- **Men's Bible Study, 6:15 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesdays**  
Gather for a time of fellowship, study, and light supper. Meet in the 129 House on the St. Paul campus, corner of Lombard and Main Streets.
- **Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., 1st three Wednesdays of the month**  
St. Paul's confirmation ministry is a creative, spirit-enlivened venture into the life of faith for kids in grades 7 & 8. On the fourth Wednesday, 678 is a night of fun for all middle-schoolers.





**FEEDING BODIES, MINDS, AND SOULS:** The tomatoes were just right, the cucumbers plentiful, and the sweet corn delicious at Sunday's colorful, vitamin-packed, and flavor-filled Garden Share. St. Paul people brought hundreds of canned goods and personal care items for the Friendly House and Madison Market food pantries. And kids received a blessing for the beginning of the school year.



**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 **Saturday, Sept. 21, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6:30-9 p.m.** Childcare is available on request. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org](http://stpaulqc.org)/signups, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

## DISCOVER & CONNECT

### youth/college

**CONFIRMATION,** for youth in grades 7 and 8, first three Wednesdays of the month, beginning Sept. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. St. Paul's confirmation ministry is a creative, Spirit-enlivened experience, built on relationships with God and others. The fall confirmation retreat for seventh-graders will be Sept. 13-14 at Camp Shalom. Pastor Katy Warren, [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org)

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Fall Kick-off Party, Sunday, Sept. 8, 12-2 p.m., mingle with other college students for a pizza and wiffle ball party. Meet in the Library Commons. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org)

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL) KICK-OFF:** Sundays, beginning Sept. 8, 7:15-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. SNL is a strong framework for high school youth, a fun place to get recharged before school on Monday morning. For this first SNL, come early (6:30 p.m.) for a potluck and plug in with a small group for the year. Meet the leaders, share a meal, play some games. Bring a drink/side dish to share. Then stick around for SNL! Andy Langdon, [andy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:andy@stpaulqc.org)

### faith exploration

**HEART.SOUL.MIND. BIBLE STUDY:** Thursdays, beginning Sept. 12, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Israel's prophets came in many varieties and are remembered for diverse blessings that they brought to the community. In our life together as the church, in our witness to God in the public square, in our personal morality and our collective action, prophets and their messages offer us guidance, challenge, hope, and inspiration. Pastor Peter Pettit, [ppettit@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ppettit@stpaulqc.org)

**FAITHFUL READERS:** The first fall meeting of this literature discussion group, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m., will be a potluck (bring anything except dessert). Conversation will focus on *The Painted Veil* by W. Somerset Maugham. Contact: Katie Hanson, [katiehanson@augustana.edu](mailto:katiehanson@augustana.edu) or Dave Crowe, [davidcrowe@augustana.edu](mailto:davidcrowe@augustana.edu)

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN:** Second Saturdays of the month, 8 a.m., first gathering of the year will be Sept. 14 in Fellowship Hall. Men of St. Paul gather for service, fellowship, and discussion. The idea is to strengthen guys in their faith. Todd Byerly, [todd@stpaulqc.org](mailto:todd@stpaulqc.org)

**EARLY MORNING BOOK GROUP:** Tuesdays, Sept. 17-Oct. 1, 6:45-7:30 a.m., Library Commons. In *Holy Envy*, Barbara Brown Taylor recounts her discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. The book is available in the Book Corner. Pastor Katy Warren, [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org)

### women

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** First Tuesdays of the month, 6:30 p.m., starting Sept. 3. Scripture will serve as a taking off place as we discuss how to make space in our lives for rest, prayer, play, and more. Enjoy the company of other women, and be filled with the joy that comes from connection. Childcare will be available. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org)

**NEW THIS FALL - ONLINE CIRCLE:** This monthly Women of the ELCA gathering will be held in two places: a physical location and through a video link for those who can't attend in person. Anyone who has a computer, phone, or tablet can join the video conference from the location of their choice. Like the other WELCA circles, we explore the Bible study from the *Gather Magazine*. To express interest, contact Martha Wells, [marthawells99@gmail.com](mailto:marthawells99@gmail.com).

**MOMS' MORNING:** Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 12, Church House Living Room. Friendships form when mothers of young children get together. Mom's Morning is a gathering that celebrates parenthood with laughter, prayer, and mutual support. A Bible study is held once a month, along with service projects and learning. Childcare is provided. Pastor Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**A MARVELOUS GROUP OF NEW MEMBERS** joins today, Aug. 25, 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.

**WOMEN OF ST. PAUL FALL GATHERING:** The annual fall gathering for women of St. Paul will be Saturday, Aug. 31, 9-11:30 a.m. Dana Welser, coordinator of the partnership between St. Paul and Madison Elementary School, will be the featured speaker. Refreshments will be served. Childcare available upon request. Signup at the Info Center or at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Jan Melvin, 563-332-3665, or Carol Moeller, 563-391-3790.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Monday, Aug. 26, 6-7 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. A drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness, *Friends & 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](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org)

**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 Sept. 5, 6-7:15 p.m., Library Commons. Peter Marty facilitates. Participants read in advance: "My mother's last sabbath" (pp 10-11) and "Church opens door to syringe exchange" (pp 12-14), both in the 8.14.19 issue, and "Refugee cuts affect persecuted Christians" (pp 12-13) in the 8.28.19 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).

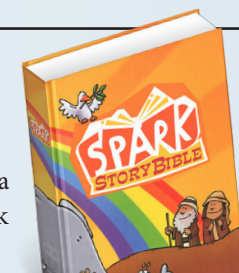
**A MATTER OF BALANCE:** Do you have concerns about falling? *A Matter of Balance* is a research-based program designed to reduce the risk of falling and improve activity levels in older adults. An eight-session program will be held on Thursdays, Sept. 5-Oct. 24, 1-3 p.m. in the Luther Loft. It is free for people age 60+; \$110 for those age 59 and younger. Please inquire if you would like to be considered for a needs-based scholarship. To register, contact Beth Laureijs, [beth@stpaulqc.org](mailto:beth@stpaulqc.org), 563-326-3547 ext. 215.

**NURTURE FAITH IN OUR CHILDREN:** Teach 1st grade or assist in 3rd grade Sunday school this year. Curriculum and team support provided, beginning with orientation on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m., in the Library Commons. Rewards are lifelong, for you and the children. Contact: Pastor Peter Pettit; [ppettit@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ppettit@stpaulqc.org).

### Three-year-old Milestone

*Today, Sunday, Aug. 25, 10:20-11:05 a.m.*

A late-summer event welcomes three-year-olds and their parents into Sunday-morning learning. It's a big step into a classroom setting. Each child receives a colorful storybook Bible. Signup at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).



### Kindergarten Milestone | Discovering worship

*Today, Sunday, Aug. 25, 12:15 - 1 p.m.*



Kids ask questions and explore St. Paul worship. A monogrammed worship bag for each child adds to the fun family event in the fall. Signup at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).