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Yellow buttercups

He wore one of those flimsy gowns as he sat in the green recliner of his hospital room. My friend isn't used to sitting still. He normally walks a couple miles a day.

His mind is what I call kitchen knife sharp, which is a close cousin of razor sharp. On this day, he wasn't talking much, though. The nurse had resecured the oxygen tube over his 78-year old ears, and that plastic tube was pumping life straight into his nostrils.

At one point during my conversation with his wife, George spoke up and I turned to listen. "You know," he said, "two days ago, who would've guessed I'd be here? Life was happening. I never think about all the things that have to work inside my body every hour of every day. Organs functioning synchronistically. Chemical levels in line. Blood producing the right kind of cells in the right kind of numbers. It's not until something big happens that we suddenly realize how dependent we are on all this intricate stuff in our bodies. Right? That's where my mind is right now."

I listened intently to George. I saw him looking carefully at me as if there was a larger lesson to learn. Something told me he was teaching me how to live. Or maybe he was just pointing out how neglectful most of us are on gratitude fronts. Or perhaps he was describing how ignorant we seem to be of life's precariousness until something big goes wrong. He may have even believed he was going to die there in the hospital, though that turned out to be his own false alarm, if so. It could have been any of these possibilities. I'm just not sure which.

I've been thinking off and on for some weeks about that little exchange with George. He said some other things, for sure. But what I remember is what I've shared. Yesterday, I thought about him again as I came upon a little poem I didn't know, one full of pithy words.

Louise Glück (pronounced Glick) is a big league poet with a lot of awards to her name. Her poetry is pithy. No one accuses her of wasting words. In her poem, "Field Flowers," a flower talks to someone who is distracted from noticing present things of beauty and consequence for the sake of busily contemplating eternal things. "You don't look at us, don't listen to us," says the yellow buttercup. "I'm talking to you, you staring through bars of high grass shaking your rattle ... why disdain the expansive field, your gaze rising over the clear heads of the wild buttercups into what?" In other words, why are you wasting your time staring off into space when there are gorgeous flowers right in front of your nose?

I didn't know what a yellow buttercup was. Floral typology isn't my strong suit, anymore than bringing home flowers to my wife is (she will tell you). But I was pretty sure the flower is yellow, and resembling of a cup, which sounds an awful lot like a tulip; though it's not that, which I learned online moments ago.

This morning I made a hospice call. It was sad to say goodbye. That's a lot of what happens when life draws close to the end. I left the building disinterested in talking to anybody but my Lord. As I climbed into my car, there was an empty Jay's Potato Chip bag on the ground. I picked it up and put it in my car. It's not a buttercup, but it's yellow. It has no grandeur or beauty, though it spoke to me all the way home. I tried to listen from this piece of trash what I may have missed at the hospice house. I wonder if it was speaking to me of my insufficient gratitude for this remarkable woman – which is possible. That calling out for gratitude may have been the very same thing George was trying to tell me about his own life and his own body ... that day in the green recliner.



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ON THE COVER:
St. Paul interns, Christine Vincent and Destiny Ellingsworth

Women of St. Paul fall gathering slated for Aug. 31

The annual fall gathering for the women of St. Paul will be Saturday, August 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 and displays will be set up to learn about the ministries at St. Paul.

Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or at the Info Center. Childcare available upon request. Contact Jan Melvin, 563-332-3665, or Carol Moeller, 563-391-3790.

Welcome school year with back-to-school blessing

The anticipation of a new school year is in the air: school supplies, back packs, and the eagerness of learning new things.

On Sunday, Aug. 18, St. Paul will hold its annual back-to-school blessing. Students of all ages can bring backpacks and laptop bags to worship at 9 and 11:15 a.m. for a special blessing. Just bring your bags up to the front of the Sanctuary near the altar. The blessing will be during the children's message. Children will receive a small item to remind them God is with them as they return to school.

Sunday morning learning at St. Paul begins again on Sunday, Sept. 8. Classes will be held from 10:20-11:05 a.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP SET FOR AUGUST 24

The St. Paul corner of the world is a beautiful place. On Saturday, Aug. 24, 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.

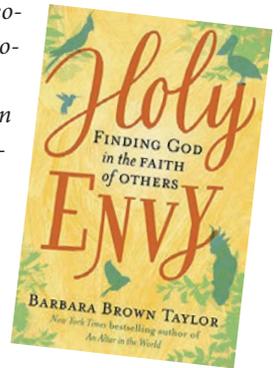
The Environmental Team is a band of earth-minded St. Paul folks. They round up dishwashers for church suppers. They pick up litter each week on campus, and a few times a year in the neighborhood. They encourage new behaviors: conserving resources by riding a bike to church, considering choices big and small.

No need to sign up, just come! Supplies and snacks are provided. Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com.

St. Paul Book Corner features new additions

The St. Paul Book Corner has new selections for adults and children. Every book is carefully selected by St. Paul pastors, staff, and avid St. Paul readers. The new books can also be checked out from the St. Paul Library. They include:

- *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence* by Shane Claiborne
- *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor
- *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- *Wilderness, Gateway to the Soul: Spiritual Enlightenment through Wilderness* by Scott Stillman
- *Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina
- *Middle School Misadventures* by Jason Platt
- *When I Pray for You* by Matthew Paul Turner
- *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates
- *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe* by Richard Rohr.



Little ones to celebrate milestones

Three-year-olds and kindergartners at St. Paul will mark important faith milestones this month. They are special times along the growing-up journey. Signup online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Three-year-olds | Start Sunday School Milestone: This event, on Sunday, Aug. 25, 10:20 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, welcomes 3-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.

Kindergarten | Discovering Worship Milestone: Kids ask questions and explore St. Paul worship during this interactive session on Sunday, Aug. 25, 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A monogrammed worship bag for each child adds to the fun.

Summer music: Come and play

Summer music during the 9 a.m. worship is one of St. Paul's most wonderful traditions. To sign up to play with an ensemble in August, visit stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

August 4: Woodwind ensemble

August 11: String ensemble

August 25: I'm with the band

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES 2019:

Shon Hopwood

Shon will present at St. Paul on Sunday, Sept. 29, 10:20 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Shon Hopwood grew up in David City, Nebraska. After trouble catching on to college, he found himself in a local bar with a buddy. They talked about robbing a bank. That turned into committing five armed bank robberies before being apprehended.

Sentenced to 10 years in the federal prison at Pekin, Illinois, Shon wasn't sure if he could survive a cell block.

He pumped up in the prison gym to defend himself and earned respect on the basketball court. He reconnected with the girl of his dreams from high school through letters and prison visits; and, crucially, he talked his way into a job in the prison law library.

Hopwood slowly taught himself criminal law and began to help fellow inmates. He wrote one petition to the Supreme Court on a typewriter. It was chosen to be heard from over 7,000 other petitions submitted by the greater legal community that year.

The Justices voted 9-0 in favor of Hopwood's petition when the case was finally heard. What might have been considered luck by some, was dispelled when a second petition from him was selected to be heard by the Supreme Court.

"I think the law is fascinating," he told a CBS reporter. "It was like a big puzzle for me."

Shon's legal work was the start of a new life.

"Whenever anyone says 'professor,' I look around me to see if they're really talking to me," Shon writes in his book.

Shon was released from custody in April 2009. After his release, he earned his bachelor's degree, then was accepted to the University of Washington School of Law. He served as a law clerk for Judge Janice Rogers Brown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He passed the bar. He's now an associate professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

Grace, and an understanding of the privilege he has in the world, is at the center of his

story.

"My family, friends and colleagues have poured out an abundance of grace in my life. And their support, their ability to look past my past, and their recognition that I was deserving of a second chance – well, that is the real story of *Law Man*. It is also the reason why I successfully navigated re-entry into society in ways that other prisoners have not.

"For policy makers, the last sentence should both encourage and frustrate you. It should encourage because I am not an anomaly. There are many people residing in our state and federal prisons that have the capacity to change, find redemption, and emerge as law-abiding and contributing members of society. But it should also frustrate you to know that successful re-entry from prison is often due to circumstances outside a prisoner's control. And if most prisoners received just a fraction of the grace I've received, I believe most could be successful."

In addition to teaching, he works on policy change in hopes of shorter prison sentences, more vocational training, and more drug treatment and mental health care.

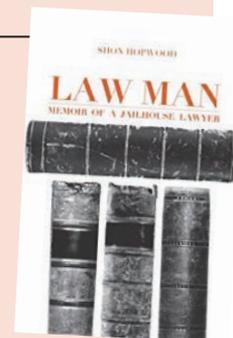
"Prison is not the place for personal growth," he said on *60 Minutes*. "We warehouse people and then kick them out into the real world with very little support and hope that a miracle happens."



Shon Hopwood will present at St. Paul on Sunday, September 29, at 10:20 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Both sessions are free and open to the public.

An interview with Shon on the CBS news program, *60 Minutes*, can be found at vimeo.com/244342187.

Shon Hopwood's book, *Law Man: A Memoir of a Jailhouse Lawyer* is available in the St. Paul Book Corner. Published in 2017, the cost is \$15.



ST. PAUL YOUTH:

Connect & Serve IN MILWAUKEE

One hundred seventeen St. Paul high school students and adult leaders encountered service and faith in countless ways on a week-long trip to Milwaukee. From gardening to spending time in a nursing home to learning about racism, they found meaning, togetherness, and lessons about the joy, heartache, and faith of humanity.



Sacred space in an unlikely place

Christine Vincent first visited the Anamosa State Penitentiary to worship a year ago. She recently completed her youth ministry internship at St. Paul, and will attend Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary this fall.

How did this project come about?

Academia would call it a fluke, some clergy might call it a “God thing” but either way, the beginnings of this project came about unexpectedly.

During the fall of 2018, a young man, who had previously been a member of my youth group, was incarcerated for murder. My community was struggling with how to support him. I felt inclined to begin corresponding with

him via letters, throughout the duration of his trial and the beginning of his new life in prison. During the spring of 2018, St. Paul began a relationship with the Free Indeed Congregation of Anamosa State Penitentiary. I went with a minivan full of other church goers to visit the penitentiary, and through that experience, this project began. I became increasingly fascinated with prison ministry, began regularly attending worship in the penitentiary, and started this research.

How does Free Indeed work?

Free Indeed meets for worship twice a month on Saturday mornings, alternating with a bi-weekly Bible study. Each Saturday, this devout group of inmates invites outside congregations to be in community with them. Every Saturday, up to 10 adults from the outside world enter the prison, to worship and discuss scripture within the prison walls.

Visiting congregants arrive around 9:15 a.m. and convene in a visitors’ waiting area. We converse with one another like any typical Lutheran congregants in a narthex, asking about updates in each other’s lives. Most are middle-

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— CHRISTINE VINCENT

aged white women, with a few husbands in tow; we talk about work and casseroles, the Hawkeye football game that starts at noon. Pastor Jerry meets the group in the waiting area, carrying a stack of church bulletins and a massive set of keys. He warmly greets the group, before patiently waiting as we walk through metal detectors and security pat-downs.

Phones and smart watches must be left outside prison walls, so that Anamosa has permanent control over what information enters and leaves the prison, should there be any moment of crisis. We show ID and wait as a guard talks to us through Plexiglas. TV screens behind him show cameras at all ends of the property, rotating through views of their massive facility. He pushes a lever to open a huge sliding iron gate. We step inside a cell, with iron gates in front and behind of us. He closes the first gate behind us, waiting for it to securely close before opening the second gate, allowing us to enter the confines of the prison.

Who are the congregants who come from the inside?

Michael is always one of the first to arrive, a white inmate who appears to be late 50s. Men age much more quickly in prison so it’s often hard to guess age, but he is definitely one of the mature elders of the group. He has a



Christine Vincent



long white ponytail that comes to the middle of his shoulder blades and thick black glasses. He mingles quickly before taking his seat next to the projector and starting to set up. He is responsible for running the PowerPoint with lyrics during the worship.

Darryl smiles big when talking to me, and we routinely talk about how big his grin is. “God makes me happy,” he says, “Church is what makes me smile.” Darryl has a life sentence, and three teenage daughters on the outside world. He’s a black man who seems to be in his 30s, always wearing his jean jacket to church. Darryl and I talk about my “Key Moments in Church History” course, discussing my paper that I’m writing about gender in the book of Esther. Darryl would love to go to seminary and is fascinated by my religion major.

Will, a young smooth-talker, always shakes the hands of all the visiting congregants. It’s as though he’s trying to impress them with his charm.

Treyvon speed-walks into the room (even though he knows he’s late, he doesn’t dare to run). The room erupts with “There he is!” and “You’re late, man! We’ve been waiting!” and “Take your time, it’s not like Jesus is important or anything.” Treyvon saunters to the microphone. “Y’all pipe down, I know you missed me,” he jokes as he’s cracking up with laughter. “I have been waiting on this all week,” he says, “all week.”

What conclusions did you draw?

I had, to an extent, been internally romanticizing the programming of Free Indeed. But after spending extensive time in this community, I eventually gained the trust of several inmates, to the point that they answered my interview questions quite candidly.

Will told me that he enjoys what Jerry is trying to do. He enjoys the concept of having a congregation with people from both the “inside world” and the “outside world.” However, he doesn’t like that too much of the service feels Lutheran because Will is very clearly not Lutheran. The order of things, the liturgy, is all from a faith tradition that Will doesn’t claim. He wishes there was more versatility in the styles of worship, that Jerry would “cycle through groups that are already existing (in Anamosa) and incorporate them. (Jerry) peppers a lot of Lutheran into this, and it frustrates the guys who study the Bible.”

There are many prisoners who hold theological views that are strikingly different than those of the ELCA. Many of these men condemn homosexuality, talk about the wrath of hell, and I find myself biting my tongue in these theological conversations. What role does ministry play here? Should a pastor (or visiting congregation member) argue about theology in a space where we are simply the guest? I’m still unsure.

Free Indeed’s ministry is not perfect, but no church congregation ever is. Its programming cannot be carbon copied and replicated in the communities of other penitentiaries. However, that need not dissuade conversation about how to improve current work or start new programming. While I firmly believe that ministry must be approached with the mindset of worship *with* as opposed to *minister to*, I also acknowledge that this cannot be romanticized in a penitentiary setting.

Interested in worshipping at Free Indeed?

A visit is planned for later this year. Space is limited to eight people. All worshippers must pass a background check by supplying their full name, date of birth, and social security number. To express interest, visit www.stpaulqc.org/signups.

Exploring Ecuador

Destiny Ellingsworth is the communications intern at St. Paul. In June, Destiny traveled to Ecuador for an internship through her school, Western Illinois University. She lived and worked in a suburb of Quito called Cumbayá. Below, she shares some recollections of her experience.

Time

My everyday life at home in the U.S. consists of scheduling nearly every minute of my day. One of the biggest shocks to me was how time is prioritized in Ecuadorian culture. Slight fear enters me when I hear the words “go with the flow,” so arriving in a country where that is the norm was terrifying, but even more enlightening. Upon arriving at the airport in Quito around 9 p.m., I thought I would head to bed by 10 p.m. and get a good night’s sleep after a long day of travel. Instead, I ended up at the 40th anniversary party of my host grandparents and danced with my new family until 2 a.m.

One weekend we visited the mountain Cotopaxi. After arriving to our hostel, we thought our guide was going to show us around outside on a short walk. Instead we hiked for six hours and ended up at a 15,000-foot elevation. Those are just a couple examples of where I had no choice but to learn to go with the flow.

In general, time is such a relaxed concept and not the top priority as I feel it is in the U.S. My first thoughts were “how does anything get done?” But by the end of my trip, I realized I had been extremely productive all month with significantly less stress. Every morning, regardless of the time, I sat down to breakfast and conversation with my family before we left for work.



Destiny Ellingsworth



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Family

Less than 24 hours into my trip I was “ñaña”(sister) and “hija”(daughter). I’ve never been welcomed and loved by strangers so quickly and unconditionally like I was with my host family. For a scared, first-time international traveler, my host family was the biggest blessing I could have received. From watching my dad make paella to doing my mom’s makeup for a party to playing soccer with my little brothers, I truly fell in love with my family and cannot wait to see them on their next trip to the U.S.

My favorite part about their culture is the importance of family. My host mom’s parents lived in a house connected to ours. On the other side of them was an attached apartment for my host mom’s grandpa. In the same neighborhood were two other households with my aunt, uncle, and their families. Close doesn’t quite describe it. It was illuminating to see that everyone in my family was successful and had a career and a life of their own but still valued family. Oftentimes there is a pressure on young people to “leave and go make something of themselves” but the difference in culture showed me success is not contingent on leaving your home or putting distance between you and your family.

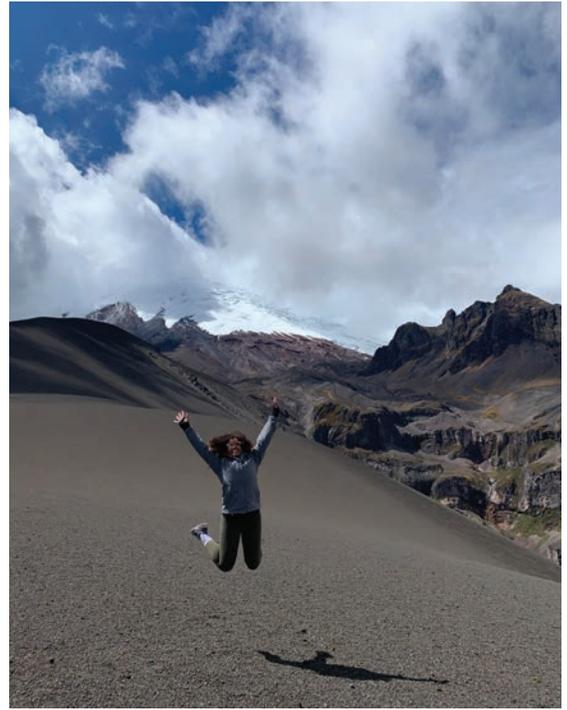
Work

Most of my time was spent creating content for the social media accounts of Universidad San Francisco de Quito, the highest-ranked university in Ecuador. I researched information from the school’s website or articles to obtain information for my content. I chose photos that the university photographer had taken or if needed, stock photos to be a visual representation of the topic. Next I used Photoshop to combine text and photos to create an image for a social media post.

I was blessed to be in an office with the entire digital marketing team. Each of the eight people had different specialties and I learned from each of them. I was so impressed with their eagerness to learn about how digital marketing is done in the U.S. and what draws the attention of a U.S. student. The number of international students at USFQ is increasing quickly and, along with that, the number of English-speaking students. The university has about 32,000 followers on Instagram and believes that there is now a large enough percentage of English speakers to have some English content included on their pages. For those reasons, most of the content I created was in English. During my internship I was able to dig deeper into the importance of social media in the world of marketing, allowing me to help shape my career path.

Gratefulness

My fear and anxiety towards the unknown almost held me back from this opportunity. I did not know any students going on the trip, details of my internship duties, or any information about my host family and home. I am beyond thankful that I took a leap of faith and was able to see this beautiful country and create so many lifetime relationships. My time in Ecuador, although much too short, enhanced my perspective on life and I am eager to see where my next adventure will be!



St. Paul’s communication intern

Destiny is a senior at Western Illinois University, attending her classes at the Quad Cities campus. She majors in marketing and plans to obtain her master’s of business administration.

As a lifelong member of St. Paul, Destiny is ecstatic to be more involved with the church and help showcase all of the wonderful things taking place.

Destiny’s family includes her mother, Marcia, and sibling, Perry. She was born and raised in Davenport and loves being a part of the Quad Cities community.

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Barry & Deb Booker



Jennifer & Thad DenHartog, Kamryn & Cooper



Kathleen Hall



Joy Hansen



Austin and Katy Henderson



Erika Lindebraekke, Will Behrens



Marilyn Luttinen



Peter Paisley, Jackson



Lynn & Peter Pettit



Tim & Carol Pressly



Jim & Morgan Swanson, Darby



Autumn Wagner

BARRY & DEB BOOKER are retired from the Rock Island Arsenal, Deb as a human resources specialist and Barry as a mechanic. They enjoy spending time with their family, hiking, and camping.

JENNIFER & THAD DENHARTOG were drawn with their children, Kamryn and Cooper, to St. Paul after noticing its welcoming and giving nature. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom, and Thad is an owner/broker with Mel Foster Commercial.

KATHLEEN HALL is interested in hiking, reading, gardening, and dance. She cares about Closet 2 Closet, an organization that provides clothing to foster children. On the audit staff of Deloitte, she likes St. Paul because it is lively and affirms no judgment of others.

JOY HANSEN is a retired clinical nurse specialist. She enjoys reading, crafts, and pets. She is passionate about helping others, and has already jumped into serving ministries in the community and at the Madison Market food pantry.

AUSTIN & KATY HENDERSON appreciate the Christian theology they find at St. Paul. Katy is an English as a Second Language teacher with George O. Barr Elementary School, and Austin is a field engineer with IMEG Engineering.

ERIKA LINDEBRAEKKE was drawn to St. Paul by its youth program - her son, Will Behrens, is an active participant. Erika, a consultant with Mary Kay, likes to travel, hike, and volunteer.

MARILYN LUTTINEN is a pet sitter and retired PE teacher and is a transplant from Cedar Falls. She enjoys sewing and comes to St. Paul through her daughter's family, Lara and Josh Jepsen.

PETER PAISLEY works as a sales manager for KLJB Fox 18. He was attracted to St. Paul with his son, Jackson, by the sermons and the people. Reading, travel, and sports are some of the ways he likes to spend his free time.

LYNN & PETER PETTIT are new to the Quad Cities, moving here from Pennsylvania for Peter's call to be St. Paul's teaching pastor. For leisure, they appreciate a good game of bridge, golf, backgammon, and reading.

TIM & CAROL PRESSLY Tim is retired from the Rock Island River Terminal as a manager, and Carol is an English Language teacher in Silvis schools. The pastors, worship, music, and people drew them to St. Paul. Tim is the brother of St. Paul member Steve Pressly.

JIM & MORGAN SWANSON, with Darby, were introduced to St. Paul through family, including brother Nick and parents Tom and Lisa. Morgan works as an anchor at KWQC-TV6. Jim is a firefighter with Dav- enport Fire.

AUTUMN WAGNER is a graphic designer at Impact Athletic Performance and a beverage supervisor at Riverside Casino. She is passionate about art and support for members of the military and veterans.



Membership Inquiry Classes:

Learn more about the faith expressions that ground us, the mission commitments that inspire us, and the program life that can grow your faith. Come to an upcoming class on Wednesday, August 14, 6:30-9 p.m. Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Habitat for Humanity: Building

With unpredictable weather comes unpredictable building, but the St. Paul Habitat crews go where they are needed most this summer. More build days are to come - to sign up to help hammer, saw, drywall, or bring lunch/dinner, visit stpaulqc.org/signups. St. Paul will give \$24,000 this year to Habitat for Humanity QC.



Habitat for Humanity: Celebrating

The Denou family - Komi, Akouto, Ruth, and Moses - are now at home. The dedication of their new house through Habitat for Humanity was held earlier this summer. St. Paul people worked alongside them to make this dream a reality.



UPCOMING *worship*

AUGUST 3 & 4

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

- 5:30** Peter A. Pettit
- 7:45** Peter A. Pettit
- 9:00** Peter W. Marty
- 11:15** Peter W. Marty

MUSIC

- 9:00** Woodwind ensemble

AUGUST 10 & 11

Season after Pentecost

PREACHING

- 5:30** Sara Olson-Smith
- 7:45** Peter A. Pettit
- 9:00** Peter A. Pettit
- 11:15** Sara Olson-Smith

MUSIC

- 9:00** String ensemble

AUGUST 17 & 18

Season after Pentecost
Backpack blessing at 9 & 11:15 a.m.

PREACHING

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

AUGUST 24 & 25

Season after Pentecost
Hunger Awareness Weekend

PREACHING

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

MUSIC

- 9:00** I'm with the band

AUGUST 31 & SEPT. 1

Season after Pentecost
Labor Day Weekend

PREACHING

- 5:30** Sara Olson-Smith
- 7:45** Sara Olson-Smith
- 9:00** Sara Olson-Smith
- 11:15** Sara Olson-Smith



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AUGUST 24 & 25

HUNGER

awareness weekend

On Hunger Awareness Weekend, food expresses love for our neighbors:

- ▶ **Food Pantry gathering:** Stock a paper bag with nonperishable food items, diapers/wipes, and feminine hygiene products. The food and items gathered will go to the Friendly House Food Pantry and Madison Market.
- ▶ **Garden Share:** Too many tomatoes? Not enough squash? St. Paul people can bring bounty from their gardens and take what they can use or share with others. The harvest left over will be donated to Café on Vine.

