

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Lydia circle
- 9:30am Madison Market setup
- 6pm Friends & Family
- 6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

- 7:30am Madison Market setup
- 8:45am Preschool
- 12:30pm Madison Market
- 1:30pm Sarah circle
- 6:30pm Anna circle
- 7pm Mission board meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9:30am Staff meeting
- 2pm ELCA meeting w/Bishop Burk
- 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
- 5:30pm Memorial committee
- 6pm All choirs rehearse
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High school midweek recharge

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Moms' Morning
- 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
- 1pm A Matter of Balance
- 5:30pm Endowment meeting
- 6pm Centering Prayer
- 6pm Theology Pub
- 6:30pm Faithful Readers potluck
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

- 8:45am Preschool
- 5pm 7th grade confirmation retreat

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

- 8am Second Saturday Men
- 9am Motherless Daughters
- 5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

- 7:45am Worship
- 8:30am Book Corner open
- 9am Worship/Rite of Confirmation
- 10:20am Confirmation faith stories
- 10:20am Sunday morning learning for all
- 11:15am Worship
- 6:30pm High school small groups
- 7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Have you ever stood on a beach and gazed at the horizon, an endless ocean? Ever driven stretches of I-80 through Nebraska where there's not a tree, building, or cow in sight for as far as the eye can see?

Endless vistas like these represent the wide open spaces of the Christian life. There never is a point where we complete our learning, exhaust our capacity to worship, or give up on other people and their needs. The creative possibilities for living the Christian life are endless. The opportunities for growing faith within us are infinite.

Now is a perfect time to jump into something that challenges you personally. If your Christian life is running without spark, plug into a bible study or adult learning session. Add your voice to a choir. Commit to a project where you're needed. God will be praised and you'll have reason to smile.

today at st. paul

Sept. 7 & 8 - Pentecost 13

Preaching:

All Services Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet

9am Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 11-16, 19-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33

next weekend

Sept. 14 & 15 - Pentecost 14

Preaching:

5:30/9:00 Peter W. Marty

7:45/11:15 Sara Olson-Smith

Worship notes:

7:45 St. Paul Quartet

9am Chorale

Communion served at all services

Readings: Exodus 32: 7-14; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-10

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 9/5)

*Marilyn Petersen

With sympathy:

Cecil & Mary Duffy, nephew Doug Duffy

Come and sing! Join a choir.

Rehearsals every Wednesday evening:

- ▶ Alleluia Choir - Ages 4-K, 6-6:45 p.m., Room 206
- ▶ Jubilate Choir - Grades 1-3, 6-6:45 p.m., Room 203
- ▶ Cantate Choir - Grades 4-6, 6-6:45 p.m., Room 009
- ▶ Youth Choir - Grades 7-12, 6-6:45 p.m., Chapel
- ▶ Chorale - College & adults, 6-7:30 p.m., Room 011

No need to sign up — just come!

Questions? Contact Chris Nelson at

chris@stpaulqc.org or 326-3547 ext. 214.

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ST. PAUL connections

confirming faith

St. Paul's confirmation ministry is an experience that gets to the very heart of where middle-schoolers live. It's a creative, spirit-enlivened venture into a life of faith. Built solidly on relationships with God and others, confirmation relies on the care and attention of caring Christian mentors.

FAITH STORIES & CONFIRMATION

Confirmation concludes at the beginning of the ninth-grade year. Students will share their faith stories during a series of Sunday-morning sessions in Fellowship Hall, Sept. 15-Oct. 13, 10:20-11:05 a.m. They will be confirmed during worship on the morning they present their story.

RETREATS

Camp Shalom near Maquoketa is the splendid outdoor setting for the seventh-graders this coming weekend. The eighth-graders explore faith pathways throughout the area in an overnight retreat in November.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Three Wednesdays a month, confirmation combines interactive learning sessions with pastors and other key leaders, explorations of the Bible, small-group experiences with dedicated adult sponsors, and worship moments.



THIS SUNDAY

LEARNING FOR KIDS & YOUTH (10:20-11:05 a.m.)

- ▶ Ages 3 - Pre-K: Main Level
- ▶ Grades K-2: Upper Level, Friendship Hall
- ▶ Grades 3-5: Lower Level, Commons area
- ▶ Grades 6-8: Lower Level, Youth Rooms

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL), GRADES 9-12 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

SNL returns tonight, Sept. 8, for youth in high school. For this first SNL, come to Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. for a small group kick-off potluck. Meet the leaders, share a meal, play some games. Bring a drink or side dish to share. SNL is a strong framework for high school youth, a fun place to get recharged before school on Monday morning. Andy Langdon, andy@stpaulqc.org, 326-3547 x228

LEARNING FOR ADULTS (10:20-11:05 A.M.)

- ▶ *A city slicker's guide to "Heart-iculture" – What faith is and how we grow in it:* "By grace we are saved through faith," says the New Testament letter to the Ephesians (2:8). Come explore the Bible's view of faith and its meaning for a life of faith today. Pastor Peter A. Pettit. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *Parenting in the pews – Tools for finding joy and forming faith with kids at worship:* We'll share some tips and ideas, along with some reasons why it's worth worshipping with your children. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and Keri Bass, parent. In Luther Loft.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s:* John 3:16 is one of the most familiar verses in the Christian Bible. Each week, explore the contexts, meaning, and significance of other 3:16 verses for our life, our faith, and our world. Judges 3:16 with Pastor Katy Warren. In Room 208.

NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Meet our new pastor in residency:* Fresh from his ordination at the end of July, Pastor Hayden Kvamme arrives for two years of ministry as a pastor in residency at St. Paul. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s:* Daniel 3:16 with Pastor Peter W. Marty. 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.

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

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 pot-tery 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.

THE PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer request, contact the church office, 326-3547. No request is too small. Requests are worded for confidentiality.

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/signups, at the Info Center, or call 326-3547.

DISCOVER & CONNECT

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Fall Kick-off Party today, 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

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 and in the public square, prophets offer us guidance, challenge, hope, and inspiration. Pastor Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org

THEOLOGY PUB: Second Thursdays, 6 p.m., next meeting Sept. 12 upstairs at Sippi's, 406 W. 2nd St., Davenport. Theology Pub offers a rich mix of people, pints, and perspective, as we explore informally the many ways in which our faith intersects with our lives and the world. Plan to eat or plan to feast on the fellowship. Pastor Peter Pettit, 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 or Dave Crowe, 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

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. The book is available in the Book Corner. Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK: Prime Time (for folks 50 and older) gathers for a

potluck breakfast at West Lake's Breezy Point Shelter (gate 6) on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 8:30 a.m. A \$3/person donation helps cover costs. Drinks provided; bring table service. Sign up at the Info Center by Sept. 15, indicating what dish you'll bring. In case of rain, we'll gather at St. Paul. Joan & Paul Marietta, 563-349-1973; Linda & Jim Hoepner, 563-940-6737

women

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): Sept. 9, 12:30 p.m. (Heather Gosma's home); Anna (evening): Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Explore: Sept. 19, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Sept. 9, 9 a.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850

NEW THIS FALL - ONLINE CIRCLE: This monthly Women of the ELCA gathering will be held on the third Thursday of the month. For the first gathing, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m., meet in person at Wells Accounting Services, 621 E. Kimberly Rd., Davenport, or online: Zoom meeting ID 5635700565. For questions, contact Martha Wells, marthawells99@gmail.com, 570-0565.

MOMS' MORNING: Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 12, Church House Living Room. 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

mental health

FRIENDS & FAMILY is a drop-in group for people whose loved ones are impacted by mental illness, next meeting Monday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. 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 LOSS: Support for those who have lost a friend or family member to suicide at any time, this monthly gatherings is for care, compassion, and encouragement. Next meeting Monday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. No need to sign up, just come. Deb & Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com

OF SPECIAL NOTE

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS: Join a group of others Saturday, Sept. 21, 9-11:30 a.m., exploring life and faith in this place. Explore what the commitments, values, and joys are for this congregation. Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

HOLY BAPTISM: Two children step into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism this weekend during 5:30 p.m. worship: Alayna Smith, daughter of Meghan and Alex Smith; and Penny Smith, daughter of Mary and Dillon Smith. We welcome them into the Lord's family.

ST. PAUL BOOK CORNER is open this Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Stop in to find Confirmation cards and gift ideas. Also, look for the green dots on select summer items, indicating half off. This store is a non-profit congregational venture to help people make the Christian faith a seven-day-a-week experience. Prices are below retail; no tax is charged.

NAMI WALK | Saturday, Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m.

Lace up your sneakers and join the St. Paul crew for the National Alliance on Mental Illness two-mile walk. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Swing a hammer and make new friends. Volunteers will work to build for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. Interested in a few autumn work dates left?

- ▶ Wednesday, September 25, 5-8 p.m.
- ▶ Wednesday, October 23, 5-8 p.m.

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

Parents' GAME Night

Friday, Sept. 27, 5:30-8 p.m.
Sign up online:
stpaulqc.org/signups

