

**MONDAY, JAN. 6**

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Lydia circle
- 6:30pm Survivors of suicide loss support group

**TUESDAY, JAN. 7**

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Dorcas circle
- 1:30pm Sarah circle

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8**

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

**THURSDAY, JAN. 9**

- 8:30am Youth suicide prevention task force
- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Moms' morning
- 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
- 12:30pm Ruth circle
- 6pm Theology Pub
- 6pm Centering prayer
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal

**FRIDAY, JAN. 10**

- 8:45am Preschool

**SATURDAY, JAN. 11**

- 8am Second Saturday Men
- 9am Motherless Daughters
- 3pm Private event
- 5:30pm Worship

**SUNDAY, JAN. 12**

- 7:45am Worship
- 8:30am Book Corner open
- 9am Worship
- 10:20am Learning for all
- 11:15am Worship
- 6:30pm High school small groups
- 7:15pm Sunday Night Live

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**EPIPHANY**

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. We remember a group of foreign visitors who worshiped the infant Jesus and offered him three not-so-child-friendly gifts. Falling so early in January, Epiphany integrates well with the popular tradition of making resolutions for the new year. We may find ourselves asking, "How will I respond to the presence of God in my life this year?"

Will we shout with praise and thanksgiving? Will we let God's love for us inspire a spirit of generosity towards our neighbors? What gifts might we offer God in our own lives?

Whatever the answers may be, it is clear that encounters with the living God are life-changing, just as they ought to engender faithful responses from us.

**today at st. paul**

**Jan. 4 & 5 - Epiphany**

Preaching:

- 5:30/7:45 Sara Olson-Smith
- 9:00/11:15 Peter W. Marty

Worship notes:

- 9:00 Youth Choir & alumni

Communion served at all services

- Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

**next weekend**

**Jan. 11 & 12 - Baptism of Jesus**

Preaching:

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

Worship notes:

- 7:45 St. Paul Quartet
- 9:00 Chorale

Communion served at all services

- Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

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 1/2)

- Stephanie Canterbury
- \*Steve Lamp
- Steve Strittmater
- Bessie Swanson

**Death:**

- Christine Clark, Jan. 2
- Irene Thompson, Jan. 2

**With sympathy:**

- Roger Demarest, wife Christine Clark
- Christine & Alexander Lassers, her grandmother Marian Zink
- Marlene Negus, father-in-law
- Sonny Negus
- Dan & Melissa Pepper, his uncle
- Dave Pepper

MY NOTES FROM TODAY

**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*
- 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*
- 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*
- Dana Taylor *Host*

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Karen Holden *Book Corner manager*
- Beth Laureijs *Pastoral residency administrator*
- Angie Vaaler *Social worker/counselor*
- Dana Welsler *Neighborhood school*

**LEARNING**

- Kendra Thompson *Pastor of children & family life*
- Karen Strusz *Preschool director*
- Andy Langdon *Director of youth ministries*
- Erika Lindebraekke *Children's ministries assistant*
- 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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# Faith Milestones: Winter 2020



At St. Paul, faith milestones are special markers along the growing-up journey. Each milestone is grounded in the Bible and nurtures faith in everyday life.

► **1-YEAR-OLDS: FAITH BEGINNINGS**

*Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:20-11:05 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Gather with parents of children born in 2019. Learn how to form a child's faith from the very beginning.

► **1ST-GRADE: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Sunday, Feb. 23, 10:20-11:05 a.m.*

Children and parents learn together about the Lord's Prayer, a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

► **2ND-GRADE: 10 COMMANDMENTS**

*Sunday, Feb. 9, 10:20-11:05 a.m.*

Kids learn and discover the 10 Commandments and this gift of God's love, which provides guidance for navigating life.

► **6TH-GRADE: DIGITAL IDENTITY**

*Today, Sunday, Jan. 5, 10:20 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Middle school is a time of transition for all kids – new schools, new friends, changing bodies, and increasing independence. We will talk about maintaining an identity that reflects God in our digital lives.

## ROLLER SKATING PARTY

*Sunday, Jan. 19, 1-4 p.m., Eldridge Skatepark*

Lace up your skates! Anyone is welcome. Cost is free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org).

Sign up online: [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups)



## 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 (7:15-8:30 p.m.)

SNL gathers most Sunday nights at St. Paul. It's a strong framework for high school youth to live, grow, and serve joyfully. It's also 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.)

- ▶ *Toward a more peaceable kingdom – Tribalism and tension:* What are the forces that are pushing our society more and more into competing tribal enclaves? What part is played by psychological, social, economic, anthropological, and other dynamics? What alternatives are there to tribal identification and confrontation? Peter A. Pettit, teaching pastor. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *The Freedom of a Christian, a 1520 writing by Martin Luther (1 of 3):* "The Freedom of a Christian" begins with a paradox: a Christian is perfectly free, subject to no one, and a Christian is perfectly bound, subject to all. We will interpret this important work together in historical, theological, and contemporary socio-political contexts. Jason Mahn, Augustana College. 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 Bible. Explore the contexts, meaning, and significance of other 3:16 verses. Matthew 3:16 with Pastor Peter W. Marty. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Toward a more peaceable kingdom – Living well with differences (Disagreeing civilly):* Derek Ball, marriage and family therapist. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *The Freedom of a Christian (2 of 3):* Jason Mahn, professor of religion at Augustana College. In the Luther Loft.
- ▶ *For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s:* Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. 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 potery 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, Jan. 25, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Saturday, Feb. 22, 9-11:30 a.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

### SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS:

Monday, Jan. 6, 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. Contact: Deb and Joe James, joedeb1984@gmail.com.

### WOMEN OF THE ELCA:

All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna Day and Evening: Jan. 11 (brunch at Indigo Grill; call Dixie Kutzbach for time - 563.880.8753); Dorcas: Jan. 7, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Explore: Jan. 16, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Jan. 6, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Online: Jan. 21, 7 p.m. (via Zoom Meeting - [zoom.us/j/5635700565](https://zoom.us/j/5635700565)); Ruth: Jan. 9, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: Jan. 7, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850

**HEART.SOUL.MIND.** is an every-Thursday Bible study, starting Jan. 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. One by one, the prophets of biblical Israel will be our focus. Who they were, what they said, how they were received, how the books ascribed to them came to be, and what they mean for us. Pastor Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org

**THEOLOGY PUB:** Thursday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m., in the lower level of Front Street Brewery Pub & Eatery, 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. Pastor Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN:** Saturday, Jan. 11, at 8 a.m., in the Lower Commons, all St. Paul men are welcome to

gather for service, fellowship, and discussion. The idea is to strengthen guys in their faith. Todd Byerly, todd@stpaulqc.org

**MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS:** Second Saturdays, 9 a.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering Jan. 11. Open for any woman who has experienced mother-loss at any time. We celebrate our mothers, deepen relationships, and develop a network for continuous healing. Nicole Rathje, rathjefamily@gmail.com

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Jan. 13, 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

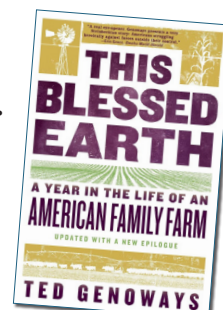
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Put on your own oxygen first:** Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m., in the Library Commons. No two women are the same and our to-do lists are vastly different. But not many of us put ourselves on that list. Let's change that! Scripture will serve as a taking off place as we discuss how to make space in our lives for rest, prayer, play, and more. Childcare available. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

**STROKE SUPPORT GROUP:** Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2-3 p.m., in the Luther Loft. 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.

## This Blessed Earth

All St. Paul Reads | Feb. 13 | 6-8 p.m.

Gather together for dinner and discussion around *This Blessed Earth: A Year in the Life of an American Farm Family*, by author Ted Genoways. To help with dinner planning, please sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) or outside of the Book Corner.



## OF SPECIAL NOTE

'**ALUMNI YOUTH**' are those college students and young adults who join our Youth Choir for an anthem this Sunday during the 9 a.m. service. Welcome! Dan Pepper, pepper@stpaulqc.org

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN** and lined up alphabetically in the Elevator Commons this weekend. St. Paul members, please stop and pick up your personalized box. These envelopes are a convenient reminder for the discipline of giving.

**DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY** to St. Paul? If so, a thin box of paper envelopes is available to you for use on festival days in the church year and other special occasions. In the Elevator Commons.

**THE PRAYER CHAIN** works quietly and steadily behind the scenes. If you have a prayer request, call the Prayer Chain. It may be for a problem or illness, or in praise or thanksgiving. No request is too small. Requests are worded for confidentiality. Contact: Karin Hanson, tkmax2502@gmail.com.

**ONE WAY TO SERVE IN 2020:** The St. Paul usher crew is searching for additional team members for all services. Ushers play an important role in worship. They greet and seat worshippers, welcome, and help with offering. Smiles and conversation are part of the joy. Interested in being a part of the usher crew? Connect with Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org.

## VOICE YOUR FAITH!

Wednesday rehearsals begin Jan. 8. No auditions — just come and sing!

Alleluia Choir	Age 4-K	Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.	Sara Harless
Jubilate Choir	Grades 1-3	Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.	Katie Casey
Cantate Choir	Grades 4-6	Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.	Margaret Thompson
Youth Choir	Grades 7-12	Wednesdays, 6-6:45 p.m.	Dan Pepper
Chorale	College & adult	Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.	Nathan Windt



## So All May Eat

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

▶ **Wednesday, Jan. 29**

Volunteer to help at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Questions? Contact Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.



## WINTER AT ST. PAUL

Discover life at St. Paul this winter, for learning and togetherness that is nourishing, grace-filled, and centered in faith. Find upcoming dates and opportunities in the January *Journey* magazine.

