

# ST. PAUL connections



## WHY BAPTIZE?

In the Lutheran Church, we baptize people so that they can become a part of something extraordinary; not so that they might avoid some hellish peril. While many Christians unwittingly embrace a theology of fear, mostly because that's what they learned somewhere – "If I don't get my child baptized, she's going to hell" – that line of reasoning isn't biblical. It certainly doesn't build a free and faithful life.

Jesus spent his ministry embodying promise as a way of life, not threat. Threat had nothing to do with his method for convincing people to want to be baptized. Today, when we baptize, we think of our life as not only joined forever to the Lord (a relationship sealed by the Holy Spirit); we also see ourselves as bound up with other Christians around the world – our true brothers and sisters.

Have you been baptized? If not, speak with a pastor to learn more about the joy of the baptized life.

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 1/9)

- \*Jack Albrecht
- Stephanie Canterbury
- Tina Harper
- \*Bessie Swanson

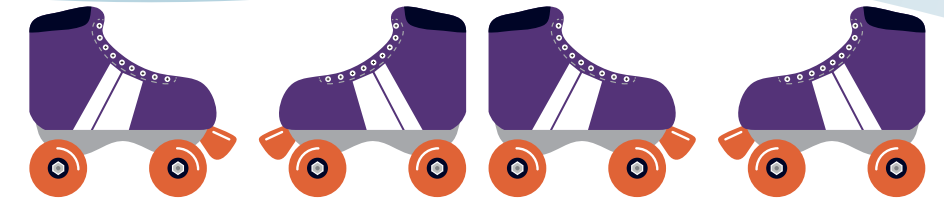
### With sympathy:

- Marcy Boeh, father Terry Christian
- A.J., Hayden, Logan Boeh, grandfather
- Terry Christian

### Death:

- Dar Darnell, Jan. 4

## MY NOTES FROM TODAY



## ALL ST. PAUL ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Sunday, Jan. 19, 1-4 p.m. at the Eldridge Community Skatepark

Save the date and grab your skates – it's the All St. Paul Roller Skating Party. All ages are invited to roll on over for this afternoon of intergenerational roller skating fun. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Jan. 19, 1-4 p.m. at the Eldridge Community Skatepark.

Say you're with St. Paul at the door and the cost is free. Skates are included, from sizes children's 8 to adult 15 – both quad and inline. Please note that only cash is accepted at the concession stand.

We'll do the Hokey Pokey and spin ourselves around – and for extra fun, a giant chicken on skates will come on out for the Chicken Dance.

Please sign up online to help with planning at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact Kendra Thompson with questions at [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org).

### MONDAY, JAN. 13

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9:30am Madison Market setup
- 6pm Friends & Family

### TUESDAY, JAN. 14

- 7:30am Madison Market setup
- 8:45am Preschool
- 12:30pm Madison Market
- 6:30pm Women's bible study

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Staff retreat
- 10am Private event
- 2pm Stroke support group
- 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics
- 6pm All choirs rehearse
- 6:15pm Men's bible study
- 6:30pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High school midweek recharge

### THURSDAY, JAN. 16

- 8:45am Preschool
- 9am Moms' Morning
- 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study
- 3pm Book selection meeting
- 5pm KnitWits
- 6pm Centering prayer
- 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal
- 7pm Explore WELCA

### FRIDAY, JAN. 17

- 7am Executive committee
- 8:45am Preschool
- 4pm Budget review

### SATURDAY, JAN. 18

- 8:30am Affordable Housing work day
- 5:30pm Worship

### SUNDAY, JAN. 19

- 7:45am Worship
- 8:30am Book Corner open
- 9am Worship
- 10:20am Learning for all
- 11:15am Worship
- 1pm All St. Paul roller skating party
- 6:30pm High school small groups
- 7:15pm Sunday Night Live

## today at st. paul

### 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

## next weekend

### Jan. 18 & 19 - 2 Epiphany

- Preaching:
- All services Katy Warren

### Worship notes:

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

Communion served at all services

Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

## 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*

### 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*

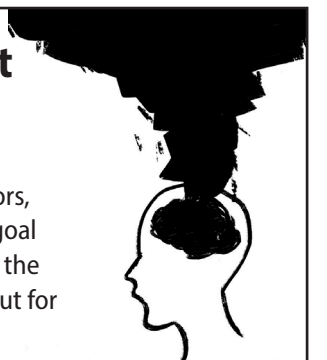


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## Documentary screening: Angst

Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:20 a.m. (Luther Loft)  
and 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)

This film includes interviews with kids, teens, educators, experts, parents, and Olympian Michael Phelps. The goal specifically is to help people identify and understand the symptoms of anxiety and encourage them to reach out for help. Free and open to the public.



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



# THIS SUNDAY

KIDS & YOUTH

## 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

ADULTS

## LEARNING FOR ADULTS (10:20-11:05 a.m.)

- ▶ *Toward a more peaceable kingdom – Disagreeing civilly:* When we have a serious disagreement with someone over an issue that matters to us, what are the strategies for addressing it in civil, constructive, respectful ways? Where do principled beliefs and commitments fit in our efforts to live well with others who disagree with us? Derek Ball, marriage and family therapist. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *The Freedom of a Christian, a 1520 writing by Martin Luther (2 of 3):* This landmark essay begins with a paradox: a Christian is perfectly free, subject to no one, and a Christian is perfectly bound, subject to all. In 20 pages, Luther shows how we achieve our highest freedom and power by binding ourselves to others in service and love. 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. Proverbs 3:16 with Pastor Sara Olson-Smith. In Room 208.

# NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *Toward a more peaceable kingdom – One body, many gifts:* Peter W. Marty, senior pastor. In the Chapel.
- ▶ *The Freedom of a Christian (3 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 Hayden Kvamme. 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 pottery 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

**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.

**KNITWITS:** Thursday, Jan. 16, 5-6:30 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. Knitters and crocheters are invited to share time over yarn as we work

on service and individual projects. We'll be glad to teach you if you don't know how. Belinda Holbrook, belinda@holbrook.fm

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: **Explore:** Jan. 16, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); **Online:** Jan. 21, 7 p.m. (via Zoom Meeting - [zoom.us/j/5635700565](https://zoom.us/j/5635700565)). Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850

**QUILTERS:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This group of caring quilters, beginners and experts alike, gathers monthly to sew, tie, cut, and piece together beautiful works of art that are donated to those in need. For this gathering, we will be joined by some St. Paul preschoolers for a special project. Cathy Hagglund, crh4quilts@msn.com or Karin Hanson, 563-528-2064

**ADULT BAPTISM INFO SESSION:** The grace of God is freely given even to the youngest persons, but baptism is not a churchy ritual reserved for infants. It's a blessed way of life and a bonding to God that Jesus invites all to engage. Pastor Peter Marty will host a baptismal information session for any unbaptized adults on Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:20-11:05 a.m. in the Church House Dining Room. If planning to attend, RSVP online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) or to Becky Harper, 563-326-3547, ext. 211.

## FAITH MILESTONE

### 1-year-olds: Faith Forming Beginnings

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

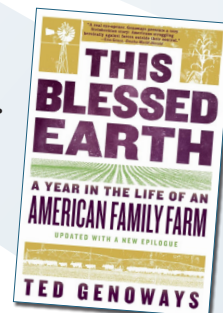
Gather together with fellow parents of children born in 2019. Connect with others experiencing the joy and exhaustion of life with a newborn. Learn more about what it means to form a child's faith from the very beginning. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).



## 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

**PAINTING PARTY:** The work is nearing an end at the Davenport house that St. Paul and One Eighty are transforming from abandoned to a home for a family of five. A crew is needed on Saturday, Jan. 18, to paint the inside walls of the house. Shifts are from 8:30-11 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch served at 11 a.m. Sign up online: [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org

**MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS:** Join a group of others Saturday, Jan. 25, 9-11:30 a.m., exploring life and faith in this place. Find out what the commitments, values, and joys are for this congregation. Sign up at the Info Center or online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org

**HOLY BAPTISM:** During 11:15 a.m. worship this weekend, Rhett Eastin, son of Michelle Trumbo and Beau Eastin, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

**IT'S NATIONAL SOUP MONTH:** In the Book Corner, during the month of January, when you buy one soup mix, receive a free Women's Bean Project mix (cornbread mix, cookie mix, or another soup).

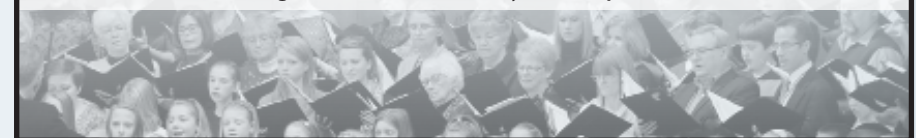
**KIPPAH DAY:** On Thursday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m., St. Paul will host the start of a community-wide event to show support for the Jewish community. Religious leaders will give out brimless caps (a kippah is also known as a yarmulke) for men and women to wear the next day. The community is then welcome to attend Friday night services on Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 1115 Mississippi Ave, Davenport. Pastor Peter Pettit, ppettit@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.

## VOICE YOUR FAITH! Wednesday rehearsals are under way. If you didn't sing in the fall, come now.

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



## 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.

