

# ST. PAUL connections



## FOLLOW ME

Jesus calls Simon Peter and his brother Andrew with words both simple and challenging: follow me. For these two, following Jesus meant leaving their nets behind, along with most of life as they had known it. While Jesus may call us to leave any number of things behind, following him today usually doesn't involve abandoning family, work, or community. Rather, Jesus invites us to engage people in all three areas in a different way, marked by faithfulness, generosity, and love.

Martin Luther famously challenged the notion that only people like monks, nuns, priests, and bishops were called by God, insisting that everything from parenthood to home industry to, well, fishing is a calling. How is God calling you to engage the people and places you already encounter in a deeper way?

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 1/23)  
 \*Marta Lucas  
 \*Lee Peterson  
 Howard Swayne  
 \*Myron Thorberg

**With sympathy:**  
 Traci & Brian Hennings, her brother  
 Todd Seifert

## MY NOTES FROM TODAY

### MONDAY, JAN. 27

8:45am Preschool  
 9:30am Madison Market setup

### TUESDAY, JAN. 28

7:30am Madison Market setup  
 8:45am Preschool  
 12:30pm Madison Market

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

8:45am Preschool  
 9:30am Staff meeting  
 1pm Lent planning meeting  
 2:30pm So All May Eat meal prep  
 5pm So All May Eat meal serving  
 5:30pm Adult children of alcoholics  
 6pm All choirs rehearse  
 6pm 678 Night

### THURSDAY, JAN. 30

8:45am Preschool  
 9am Moms' Morning  
 9:30am Heart.Soul.Mind. Bible study  
 3:30pm Book Corner team meeting  
 6pm Centering prayer  
 6:30pm Open Spirit rehearsal  
 7pm Kippah Day

### FRIDAY, JAN. 31

8:45am Preschool  
 6pm 2136 young adults

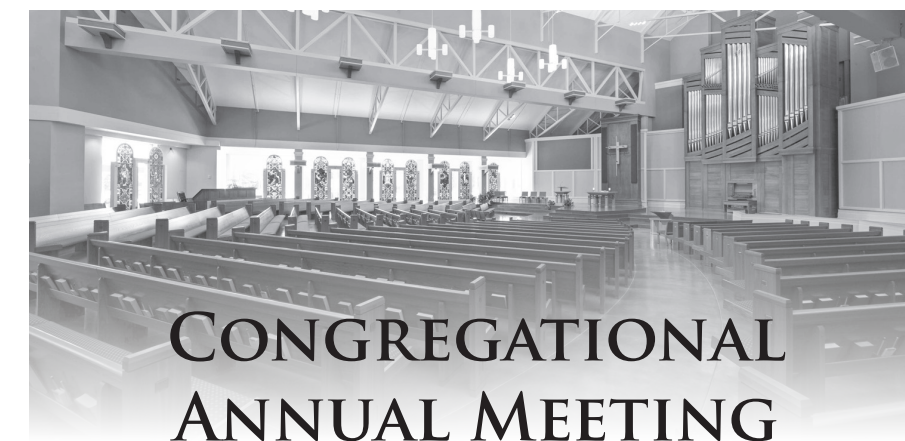
### SATURDAY, FEB. 1

5pm Book Corner open  
 5:30pm Worship  
 6:30pm Healing liturgy

### SUNDAY, FEB. 2

7:45am Worship  
 8:30am Book Corner open  
 9am Worship  
 10:10am Annual meeting  
 10:20am Learning for children/youth, 3-year-olds through 8th grade  
 11:15am Worship

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



## CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

St. Paul's annual meeting will be held next Sunday, Feb. 2, at 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

This meeting includes items of important business: Approve the 2020 budget, review 2019 financials and annual report, and vote on the slate of candidates for congregational council, mission board, as well as the endowment, memorial, and nominating committees.

Pastor Peter Marty will present a report, and a year-in-review slideshow will be shown. The church leadership candidates to be considered at the annual meeting are:

- Church Council: Jeff Bass, Craig Hellyer, Jill Lechtenberg
- Mission Board: Jerry Linn, Pam Long
- Endowment Committee: Lori Dryg, Lynne Groskurth
- Memorial Gifts Committee: Traci Gerth, Sherry Horan
- Nominating Committee: Tom Buhr, Samantha Schulze

Anyone is welcome to attend. All adults of the church who are active, contributing members of the congregation are eligible to vote.



## 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 Weiser *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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## 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 (6:30-8:30 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.)

- ▶ *Angst, the film*: This documentary is designed to raise awareness around anxiety. The film includes interviews with kids, teens, educators, experts, parents and Michael Phelps, Olympic swimmer. The goal specifically is to help people identify and understand the symptoms of anxiety and encourage them to reach out for help. Andy Langdon, director of youth ministries. In Chapel. (Note: A second showing will be at 6:30 p.m.)
- ▶ *Toward a more peaceable kingdom – Foolish wisdom*: The scripture readings for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany focus on things that may seem so simple as to be foolish. Is there a strategy here for living together well amidst our differences? When might we be fools for Christ, and when might we just be foolish? Peter Pettit, teaching pastor. 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. James 3:16 with Pastor Katy Warren. In Room 208.

## NEXT SUNDAY

- ▶ *St. Paul Annual Meeting of the Congregation*: Feb. 2, 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. See front page for more details. Adult learning will be on break. Kids and youth learning, 3-year-olds through 8th grade, will be held 10:20-11:05 a.m.

**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, Feb. 22, 9-11:30 a.m. OR Thursday, March 26, 6:30-9 p.m.** Child-care 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

**MOMS' MORNING** meets the first and third (and sometimes fifth) Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m., in the Church House Living Room, to celebrate parenthood with laughter, prayer, and mutual support. A Bible study is held once a month, along with service projects and learning. Next gathering Jan. 30. Childcare is provided. Pastor Kendra Thompson, [kendra@stpaulqc.org](mailto:kendra@stpaulqc.org)

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA:** All women of St. Paul are invited. Circle meeting dates/times, onsite and offsite: Anna (day): Feb. 3, 12:30 p.m. (Joyce Nuernberger's home); Anna (evening): Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Dorcas: Feb. 4, 9:15 a.m. (St. Paul); Explore: Feb. 20, 7 p.m. (St. Paul); Lydia: Feb. 3, 9 a.m. (St. Paul); Online: Feb. 18, 7 p.m. (via Zoom Meeting - [zoom.us/j/5635700565](https://zoom.us/j/5635700565)); Ruth: Feb. 6, 12:30 p.m. (St. Paul); Sarah: Feb. 4, 1:30 p.m. (St. Paul). Cindy Bleich, 563-355-4850

**THEOLOGY PUB:** Thursday, Feb. 6, 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](mailto:ppettit@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 as a springboard for conversation. Gather Feb. 6, 6-7:15

p.m., Library Commons. Peter Marty facilitates. Participants read in advance: "Confederate delusions" (pp. 26-29) in the 1.1.20 issue of the magazine; and "Room in the parking lot" (pp 24-27) in the 1.15.20 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).

**2136 GAME NIGHT:** Join 2136 for a game night at church on Thursday, February 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. Meet in the Lower Commons. Feel free to bring a favorite game (or games) and a snack to share or just bring yourself! As always, friends are welcome. Child-care available upon advance request. 2136 is a young adult group that usually meets on the first and third Thursday of every month. Pastor Hayden Kvamme, [hayden@stpaulqc.org](mailto:hayden@stpaulqc.org)

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN:** Saturday, Feb. 8, 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](mailto:todd@stpaulqc.org)

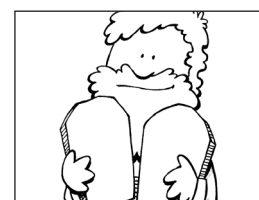
**MOTHERLESS DAUGHTERS:** Second Saturdays, 9 a.m., in the Church House Living Room, next gathering Feb. 8. Open for any woman who has experienced mother-loss at any time. We celebrate our mothers, deepen relationships, and develop a network for continuous healing. Nicole Rathje, [rathjefamily@gmail.com](mailto:rathjefamily@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING FAITH MILESTONES



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

**TODAY, 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.



### 2nd Grade: Ten Commandments

**Sunday, Feb. 9, 10:20-11:05 a.m., Fellowship Hall**  
St. Paul second-graders and their parents explore the Ten Commandments, learning ways to love God and others. Join Pastors Katy Warren and Kendra Thompson to celebrate this important faith milestone.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

**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 today, Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:20-11:05 a.m. in the Church House Dining Room.

**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 offer brief remarks and give out brimless skull caps (a kippah, 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](mailto:ppettit@stpaulqc.org)

**HOLY BAPTISM:** This weekend during 11:15 a.m. worship, Denver Kuntz, child of Kirste and Ryan Kuntz, steps into the embrace of the Christian faith through holy baptism. We welcome him into the Lord's family.

**A BRIEF HEALING LITURGY** will be offered Saturday, Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m., in the Church House Living Room. Each month, on the first Saturday, we provide an opportunity for individuals in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing to come and seek God's goodness and care.

**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).

**ACHOO, SNIFFLE, COUGH:** It's that time of year when sickness strikes some. A few precautions can help. Hand sanitizing dispensers are located in gathering spaces. Pastors wash their hands right before communion. Passing the peace can take many forms besides shaking hands - - a greeting with hand over heart, or a smile, can do just fine as well.

## Documentary screening: Angst

*Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:20 a.m. (Chapel)  
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.



## 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.

