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Recharge

Just over one year ago, the police department of Fremont, California, unveiled their new pilot program. The goal: to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the overall environmental impact of their fleet of patrol vehicles. The plan involved replacing some of their older Dodge Chargers with a newer, all-electric, Tesla Model S sedan.

You don't have to know much about cars to understand that the sleek and futuristic-looking Tesla would be a major upgrade from the previous option. The switch would offer a cost savings over time with less gas and minimal maintenance costs. Coupled with the great potential to reduce their environmental footprint, this seemed like a win for everyone involved.

At least, until a few months ago.

This new addition to the fleet was involved in a high-speed pursuit of a suspect in a stolen car along a highway heading toward San Jose. With the Tesla's ability to go from 0 to 60 mph in less than 3 seconds and its 350+ mile battery life, there was no question that this patrol car could keep up with the Toyota Corolla it was following.

However, a few minutes into the pursuit, Sgt. Harman noticed one major problem. The car battery was nearly depleted. "I'm down to six miles of battery," said the officer as he radioed for help. "Someone else will need to take over." Soon other department vehicles filed in as the Tesla came to a rolling stop on the side of the highway.

Following the event, a spokesperson for the police department discussed the situation. "The Tesla wasn't fully charged at the beginning of the shift, which unfortunately happens from time to time. Our technology only works as much as you remember to recharge it."

Of course, this is true for much more than just electric cars. So much of our daily lives revolve around the charging and recharging of electronics. From laptops to cell phones, watches to Bluetooth headphones, we can have all the latest and greatest technology at our fingertips... but its battery life is only so long. Eventually it has to be recharged.

Long before we figured out how to harness electricity, God created human beings with a similar idea in mind. On the sixth day of creation, we were formed in God's image. But then, on the seventh day, God rested, and said we should do the same.

Later, as God provided us with 10 Commandments, near the top of the list is the instruction to remember the Sabbath Day by resting. Or, put another way, recharging.

Isn't it a bit amazing to think that of all the ways

God could've created our minds & bodies to operate, God specifically built in a need for rest? We simply cannot function well without sleep or some dedicated time for relaxation. Letting our bodies recharge from the day's events or allowing our minds to wander and

wonder and notice all sorts of beauty around us.

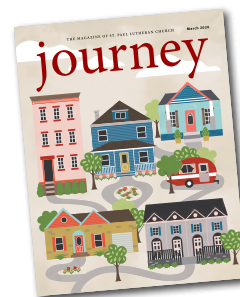
Some of my favorite words of scripture come from Eugene Peterson's Message paraphrase of Matthew 11 where Jesus says, "Are you tired? Worn out? Come to me. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me... and learn the unforced rhythms of grace."

In many ways, we're no different than a luxury electric car. From time to time, we have to stop what we're doing to be renewed a bit. We can have great talents or full calendars, plenty of interests or commitments or achievements. But as we learn the unforced rhythms of God's grace, we discover the joy of stillness. We have the ability to see God's presence all around us. We can pause just long enough for God to renew our souls. At the end of the day, we're only at our best when we've taken the time to recharge.



Katy Warren

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associate pastor



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Walking the grief journey to begin March 8

This supportive and compassionate series is for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Explore anger, depression, fears, acceptance, and new strength for a hopeful future.

The first session will be Sunday, March 8, 10:20-11:05 a.m. in the Church House Living Room, continuing through Sunday, April 5.

Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Lynn Batcher Robinson, ldbatcher@hotmail.com.

Camp Shalom registration now open

The staff at Camp Shalom is gearing up for a great summer for kids and adults to come experience God in a safe and nurturing environment.

Registration is now open for 2020 at campshalomia.org for kids entering second grade through high school. Sessions for adults with disabilities and family camp also are available.

The history of Camp Shalom and St. Paul runs deep. St. Paul purchased land for a camp in 1976. Volunteers labored to turn the rough farmland into a working campsite. They constructed cabins, cleared trails, cooked meals, and created a summer program.

In 1982, St. Paul Lutheran raised money to build the Program Center. By 1995 many of the buildings from the master plan were in place. In 1996, Camp Shalom incorporated as an independent ecumenical ministry.

Today, hundreds of youth and families from more than 100 different congregations in the region support Camp Shalom. Every child is welcome at Camp Shalom. Camperships are available, thanks to the generosity of donors.

Women of the ELCA to host spring gathering

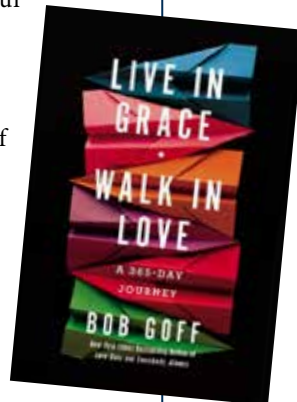
Women of the ELCA will hold their annual spring gathering on Saturday, April 18, 9-11:30 a.m. at St. Paul. All women of St. Paul are welcome. The morning will include coffee and light refreshments; a Thankoffering Service; a presentation by Dawn Deines-Christensen, liturgical artist, potter, and teacher; and a business meeting.

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

St. Paul Book Corner features new selections

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:

- *Invited: The Power of Hospitality in an Age of Loneliness* by Leslie Verner
- *Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope* by Nicholas D Kristof
- *Live in Grace, Walk in Love: A 365-Day Journey* by Bob Goff
- *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett
- *Exactly as You Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers* by Shea Tuttle
- *An American Sunrise: Poems* by Joy Harjo
- *Parker Looks Up: An Extraordinary Moment* by Parker Curry
- *Frog Boots* by Jill Esbaum (Available in April)



BLESS A BATHROOM: LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL INGATHERING

The kids of St. Paul Sunday School will gather toiletries on two Lenten Sundays for the women and children living at St. Joseph the Worker House in Rock Island – a transitional housing program for homeless families.

St. Joseph the Worker House is centered around basic needs, family, friendship, empowerment and hope. They offer housing for homeless women and children in a spacious caring home that is healthy, loving, and supportive; and collaborate with local services to assist families.

- **Sunday, March 22:** Toilet paper and paper towels
- **Sunday, March 29:** Soap and shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes

Items can be placed on tables in the Education Wing. On Sunday, March 29, at the beginning of Sunday school, all kids will gather in the Lower Level to bless the items gathered. Questions: Pastor Kendra Thompson, kendra@stpaulqc.org.

Reimagining Home

Lent is a journey – a path for people from all walks of life to the joy of Easter.

There are many ways to explore the words of God to prepare your soul for the Resurrection of Christ.

Wednesday nourishment in Lent

The St. Paul community of faith gathers for worship services and meal fellowship on five Lenten Wednesdays, **March 4 — April 1.**

Worship | 12 noon-12:30 p.m.

Chapel gatherings will include music, silence, a pastoral reflection, and Holy Communion. These more contemplative services will center on the same themes as Wednesday evenings.

Suppers | 5:30-6:55 p.m.

Enjoy a meal downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Catered by HyVee, there will be a different menu each week to feed stomachs and a sense of togetherness. A freewill donation of \$8/person or \$25/family is welcomed to cover the cost. Volunteers bring cookies to share.

Red Apron Crew: This crew offers the warmth of hospitality and service. Put on an apron and help fill drinks, clear tables, and offer conversation to those who come. To help, contact Ann McGlynn at ann@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547, ext. 239.

Green Apron Crew: Scrape some plates, make some friends. The Environmental Team will scrape and wash dishes to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill. Scraps will be composted, too. To help, contact Duane Haas at dhaas.dh@gmail.com, 563-370-3404.

Liturgy of the Ordinary | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

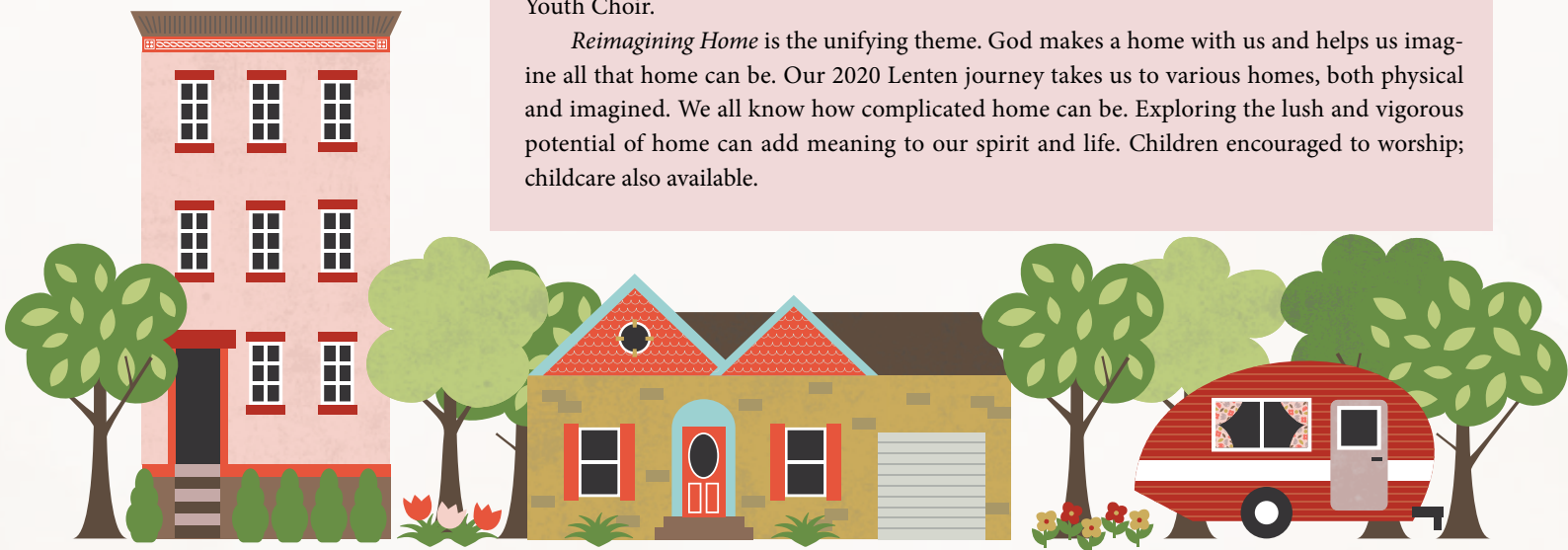
In her book, *liturgy of the ordinary*, Tish Harrison Warren invites us to explore our daily routines and encounters as God moments. Beginning on March 4 with chapter 1, "waking," we will work with one chapter of Warren's book each Wednesday evening. The book is available in the Book Corner for \$10. Pastor Peter A. Pettit, Lower Commons.

► **St. Paul Lenten devotion:** Based on *liturgy of the ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren, St. Paul's teaching pastor, Peter A. Pettit, writes a daily devotion that is available at the Info Center, or can be delivered to your email inbox. Sign up now <http://eepurl.com/gTlrGL>.

Worship | 7-7:35 p.m.

A service in the Sanctuary features the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy, led by the Youth Choir.

Reimagining Home is the unifying theme. God makes a home with us and helps us imagine all that home can be. Our 2020 Lenten journey takes us to various homes, both physical and imagined. We all know how complicated home can be. Exploring the lush and vigorous potential of home can add meaning to our spirit and life. Children encouraged to worship; childcare also available.



Choir rehearsals

All choirs will rehearse during Lent.

- **Children's choirs:** 6-6:45 p.m.,
March 4-April 1
- **Youth Choir:** 6-6:45 p.m.,
March 4-April 1
- **Chorale:** 6-6:55 p.m., March 4-April 1,
and 6-7:30 p.m., April 8.

Confirmation

Wednesdays, March 4-April 1, 6:30-7 p.m.

Seventh-graders will participate in a mentoring relationship with a member of the congregation. This will consist of 30 minutes of conversation about life and faith. Eighth-graders will engage in a large group experience centered around answering big questions of faith each week.

Devotional book: *Wondrous Love*

Wondrous Love: Devotions for Lent 2020 highlights readings from the gospel of Matthew from Ash Wednesday to Easter. This accessible and colorful format makes it easy to incorporate into your Lenten journey. *Wondrous Love* explores Jesus' journey from baptism to the cross and the empty tomb. The wondrous love shown by Jesus on this journey guides us on our baptismal journeys and inspires us to sing, serve, and share God's love with others. The book is available for \$3 in the Book Corner.



Special offerings: World Hunger

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) World Hunger organization meets basic needs and recognizes the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with education, health care, and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

The ELCA is active in 60 countries through World Hunger.

All midweek Lenten offerings at St. Paul (in envelopes or cash) will be given to fight hunger. St. Paul aims again to exceed \$20,000. If you would like to make an additional Lenten offering towards this cause, please earmark your check memo line with "World Hunger."

Holy Week and Easter

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 5 | 7:45, 9, & 11:15 a.m.
Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m.

With festive palm branches waving, the mood turns somber as we realize that Jesus goes on to die.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9 | 12 noon & 7 p.m.

In scripture, liturgy, and song, we mark Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Our fourth-graders culminate a period of preparation with their First Communion at the evening service.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 10 | 12 noon, 4:30, & 8 p.m.

The church gathers to remember the suffering and death of Jesus. **Good Friday pretzels:** Beginning at 3:30 p.m., children are invited to Fellowship Hall for a family-friendly event.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12 | 6, 8, 9:45, & 11:45 a.m.

No Saturday worship

With shouts of alleluia, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.



Safe shelter & support

Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives

Hundreds of clothing and toiletry donations.

15,000 nights of shelter.

More than 45,000 meals.

This is what Christian Care provides each year to people experiencing homelessness, struggling with mental illness and substance abuse, transitioning out of the prison system, and veterans in our community.

Christian Care is a non-profit organization based in Rock Island, serving western Illinois and eastern Iowa.

In 1916, founder Guy Rogers, established the Rock Island Mission providing a

“Homelessness affects people of every age, race, gender, nationality, income level, political party, education level, sexual orientation.”

— STEVE GOTTCENT



warm meal, living necessities, and shelter for men, women, and children. After 104 years, the organization is now known as Christian Care. This organization uses holistic and trauma-informed care environments to provide services which emphasize safety, choice, trust, collaboration, and empowerment. With Christian values at the heart of their operations, they help those in crisis and provide the tools necessary to achieve positive change.

Steve Gottcent, Christian Care’s community outreach coordinator, said that he values the way Christian Care listens to the stories of every person without judgment. Stereotypes frequently close doors and limit opportunities for those experiencing homelessness.

“Many people see someone experiencing homelessness on the side of the road and are quick to label them an addict, a criminal, a loser, or a handful of other stereotypes,” he said. “Homelessness, however, is not prejudiced in any way. It affects people of every age, race, gender, nationality, income level, political party, education level, sexual orientation. While some stereotypes are true in certain circumstances, there are so many other stories that break your heart.”

“Stories about medical conditions that limited employment and depleted bank accounts. Stories about abusive relationships in which the only escape was to be out on the street. Stories about addictions that are simply an attempt to deal with deep, emotional trauma from past wounds. Stories about how life threw someone a curveball that they just couldn’t handle, with disastrous results. Stereotypes and judgment frequently close doors and limit opportunities for people struggling with homelessness to take positive steps forward.”



Christian Care receives support from ELCA World Hunger. Any donations from midweek Lenten services or meals will be given to ELCA World Hunger. During the Lent season, St. Paul’s goal is to exceed \$20,000 in donations. Through ELCA World Hunger’s support of Christian Care, they are fulfilling their mission to provide solutions and help get to the root causes of poverty and hunger. To learn more about Christian Care and how to support this organization, visit www.christiancareqc.org.

Many of the resident and meal site guests also struggle with addiction and/or mental illness. In an effort to help with this, Christian Care partners with Rock Island County Council on Addictions, the Robert Young Center, and other providers. Through these partnerships, Christian Care hopes to lessen hurdles that can cause repeat homelessness.

Recently, the small nonprofit started a food pantry program called Food For Families. The purpose of this program is to ensure that all food donations not used at the meal site are getting to the people who need it. Due to the large number of food donations at unplanned times, there are times where

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food is unable to be used at a meal site. There are also instances when families need food at their homes or individuals are not able to make daily trips to meal sites. The Food For Families pantry ensures that little to no food goes to waste while continuing to feed the hungry.

Food For Families runs on the last Thursday of the month and is open to the first 10 families to complete their paperwork at least two days in advance. When these families arrive between 2-4 p.m. on the last Thursday, bags of food are pre-packed for them based on the number of people needing to be fed.

The organizations outreach coordinator also said that funding is the biggest challenge the organization faces. In lieu of a steady stream of income, Christian Care relies heavily on contributions from the community, grants, and government funding.

One way to support Christian Care is volunteering. Spending time cooking and serving meals offers the opportunity to engage with people experiencing homelessness and listen to their stories. Other opportunities include serving at the front desk, in the clothing room, at Chapel services, and for special events.

Hands-on engagement is important when trying to understand the key needs and challenges that others face, Steve said.

“Come volunteer! We have groups of people who come every month to participate in our meal site’s Bring & Serve program. They cook a meal and serve it to our residents, along with any hungry person who comes to our door,” he said. “The more frequently groups come to serve, the more they can interact with our guests, and the more stories they can hear. All of these help volunteers engage with people experiencing homelessness, understand some of the key needs and challenges they face, and help provide valuable services.”



Steve Gottcent, Christian Care’s community outreach coordinator, will speak about the organization on Sunday, March 15, 10:20-11:05 a.m. in the Chapel.



Abandoned no more

Madison Elementary family set to move in to first home renovated as part of affordable housing initiative

On a recent sunny day, Margaret Lindquist walked through the house that will soon become her home.

“The natural lighting was really bright and beautiful,” she said. “It felt so good in there. The kids are very excited to have their own bedrooms. It just really means a lot. I had a really good feeling today.”

Margaret, her partner Ryan Zettel, along with 13-year-old Mercedes, 11-year-old Milley, 10-year-old Megan and 3-year-old Theo (and their adorable pets), will move into the house the first weekend of March.

The transformation is nothing short of breathtaking. Abandoned for well over a decade, the house is the first of what St. Paul hopes will be a long-term effort to transform empty houses into affordable homes in the city of Davenport. It’s in partnership with One Eighty, an organization that provides work opportunities and stabilization for people who have struggled with addiction and other challenges.

Last fall, St. Paul people hauled three Dumpsters full of trash out of the house. Over the winter, One Eighty crews gutted and rebuilt the inside, with some specific needs filled by St. Paul people (heating, for example). St. Paul people returned in January

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to paint the interior walls. One Eighty put on the finishing touches over the past few weeks.

“We believe safe, secure, and affordable housing is a fundamental need in order for people to succeed,” Pastor Katy Warren said. “St. Paul is committed to both investing in the people of this neighborhood, as well as working for more affordable housing options in our community.

“Our faith tells us that what has the appearance of death or destruction, with God's help has the potential to be turned into life and new beginnings. What a gift to this neighborhood to take a house that was close to being demolished, and restore it to be not only useful but beautiful and teeming with life. It's a resurrection story.”

Focus on Madison neighborhood

The partnerships in this effort run deep. St. Paul has partnered with Madison Elemen-

tary for several years in a variety of ways – from tutors to leading a food pantry for the school's families. The school's principal has articulated that increasing the number of families who have the opportunity to own their own homes in the neighborhood would be a boost for the school as well.

One Eighty had already completed a house in the Madison neighborhood – for a family whose son attends Madison. They moved in more than a year ago, and One Eighty was ready to move on to completing a second house. One Eighty's job training program rehabs homes to help train its clients for the workforce. The organization also understands the benefits of home ownership for families and neighborhoods, so they started a home ownership course.

Meanwhile, St. Paul people read *Evicted*, a book about the impact that not having a permanent place to call home can have on



adults and children. Out of that, St. Paul's mission board also knew it wanted to do something to increase the number of affordable homes available in the neighborhood, and decrease the stock of abandoned houses at the same time.

"The appeal of this partnership was that we had the opportunity to make meaningful change without having to recreate the wheel, working alongside an organization that is well versed in creating affordable housing opportunities and providing the services needed to make it a success," said Angie Vaaler, St. Paul social worker/counselor. "This match was made all the better in that we are able to continue our partnership with Madison Elementary School in yet another way, by making affordable housing and home ownership a reality for some of its families and improving the surrounding neighborhood."

St. Paul gave One Eighty a \$43,000 gift to acquire and rehabilitate a home. Additional money was set aside as contingency for this project – and with hope for a second house.

Margaret and Ryan will rent the house from One Eighty at first. Once they complete the homeowner program through One Eighty, they will become the owners.

"Every time I meet with somebody

through One Eighty or the church – it's nothing but good, positive feelings and vibes," Margaret said. "It's so uplifting. I feel very, very, very blessed. It's emotional for me. I just really love what everybody is doing. It's so inspiring for us.

A place to call home

Since she was a child, Margaret has never lived in the same place for more than two or three years, she said. Margaret is studying nursing at Scott Community College, Ryan works at Menards.

In partnership with staff at Madison, Margaret's family was chosen because of, among other reasons, how they are consistently involved in each other's lives. "Even just being picked was a huge shock for me. I'll be able to actually call a place home," Margaret said. "It will be something I can put my own touch on. That's the biggest part for me."

Now with one house nearly done, St. Paul and One Eighty are looking toward a second home.

"This pilot project has been very smooth, in great part due to One Eighty's flexibility and willingness to work closely with St. Paul. And St. Paul people have been incredibly generous with their time, talents, and resources," Pastor

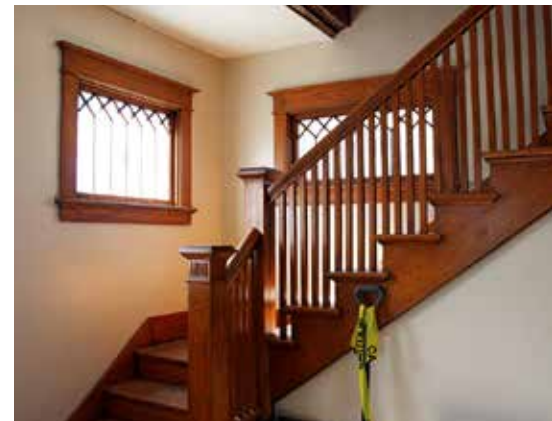
Katy said. "I look forward to further projects together. Our hope is to purchase another house to renovate and restore within the next several months, working with Madison staff to identify a family who would benefit from such an opportunity. Wouldn't it be amazing if this project could be replicated over and over again in the coming years? Imagine the impact!"

Beyond this first house

This affordable housing partnership:

- ▶ has the propensity to affect not just the parents and children of this family, but generations to come by providing an opportunity to move beyond a cycle of poverty or instability of high-cost, insecure rentals to the stable environment of home ownership
- ▶ creates an environment to foster investment in one's community and turn neighborhoods around
- ▶ provides the opportunity to rehab more houses for more families in the future

— Angie Vaaler,
St. Paul's social worker/counselor



new members / FEBRUARY 2020



Tim & Sue Burke



Riley & Lauren Harbaugh



Dianne Kolb



Kathy Mackie



Quinn & Wes Mackie, Brinley, Brigham



Haley Rhoads



Richie & Jes Seibert, Colton



John Walston



Karen Wolfe



Greg & Michele Wright

TIM & SUE BURKE both work for Genesis – Tim as a biomed manager and Sue in marketing. They enjoy cooking, traveling, and gardening. They find St. Paul to be welcoming and inclusive. She is the sister of St. Paul member, Lori Bippus.

RILEY & LAUREN HARBAUGH like to hike and camp and care a lot about conservation and sustainability. Riley is employed at Gold Star as a crop specialist. Lauren is an environmental engineer with John Deere. What attracted them to St. Paul? “Faith and community.”

DIANNE KOLB is a retired nurse. She spends her free time gardening, sewing, and knitting. She is returning to the Quad Cities after some time away. Dianne and her son, Drew, sing in the choir.

KATHY MACKIE manages her own cleaning business, which includes cleaning the St. Paul offices. She is married to her husband Jay and likes to run and spend time with her grandkids. Her son Wes Mackie and family also joined St. Paul.

WES & QUINN MACKIE are parents to Brigham and Brinley. Wes works as a production manager at The Climate Corporation. Quinn is a dental hygienist with Crow Valley Dental. They enjoy biking, home projects, and being together with family.

HALEY RHOADS is a student at St. Ambrose University and is the youth ministry intern at St. Paul. She likes to read, study, and spend time with friends and family. The youth program, welcoming spirit, and contemporary service are what brought her to St. Paul.

RICHIE & JES SEIBERT have a nine-year-old son, Colton. Richie is employed as an IT manager at the Rock Island Arsenal. Jes is a family practice doctor with Genesis. They take an interest in travel, Iowa football, and spending time with family. The sense of community is one of the things that drew them to St. Paul.

JOHN WALSTON is retired from teaching in the Bettendorf School District and enjoys traveling and singing. He is passionate about equality and the environment. The Chorale is what attracted him to St. Paul.

KAREN WOLFE is retired and likes to do charity work in her free time. She is passionate about music and finds St. Paul to be an inclusive place.

GREG & MICHELE WRIGHT were attracted to St. Paul by the friendliness of members. Greg works as a telehealth nurse with OSF Healthcare. Michele is director at Restorix Health. This couple likes to travel and garden. They also appreciate music.



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 Thursday, March 26, 6:30-9 p.m. or Saturday, April 25, 9-11:30 a.m. Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Council Notes

Three new members of the congregational council, Jeff Bass, Craig Hellyer, and Jill Lechtenberg, began their three-year terms in February. The council also approved officers for 2020. Dave Tews will continue to serve as council president, Glen Hummel as vice president, Jeff Bass as treasurer, and Amy Thoreson as secretary.

The council heard updates about three on-going initiatives - the online membership directory, the visioning team, and the affordable housing effort (see page 8/9).

Kristine Dohrmann began her work in February as visitation pastor. She visits St. Paul people who live in nursing homes, retirement communities, and other independent living arrangements. Watch for a Q & A with her in the April *Journey*.

The council, mission board, and staff will meet in retreat on Saturday, March 7, at St. Ambrose University. This annual time is set aside to build relationships and discuss priorities for the congregation.

Sunday morning learning in March

▶ March 1

ELCA World Hunger — Tapestry Farms (1 of 2): One of two recipients of an ELCA World Hunger grant in the Quad Cities, learn how Tapestry Farms is working to empower refugees to connect, contribute, and thrive. Ann McGlynn and Charlene Nzigire, Tapestry Farms. In the Chapel.

The Enneagram in my faith story: The Enneagram, with its networked set of nine key types, has given Haley Rhoads a new approach to living out her faith in relationships with other people. She will tell the story of the growth she has found through this tool. Haley Rhoads, youth ministry intern. In Luther Loft.

For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s: 2 Corinthians 3:16 with Pastor Peter A. Pettit. In Room 208.

▶ March 8

Whose Sin is It?: In the season of Lent, Christians reflect on the idea of sin and the ways in which it afflicts our lives. The gospel tells the story of a man born blind, and of Jesus' response to the question, "Whose sin is it?" Come explore one of the deepest questions we face in life. Hayden Kvamme, resident pastor. In the Chapel.

Year A with Matthew: Join the discussion of Matthew's gospel readings as we have encountered them in the first part of this church year. Beyond the week-by-week encounter with individual passages, this offers a view of Matthew's gospel as more of a connected whole. Peter A. Pettit, teaching pastor. In Luther Loft.

For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s: Katy Warren, associate pastor. In Room 208.

▶ March 15

ELCA World Hunger — Christian Care (2 of 2): One of two recipients of an ELCA World Hunger grant in the Quad Cities, learn how Christian Care loves others "not with words or speech but with actions and truth" (1 John 3). Steve Gottcent, community outreach coordinator, Christian Care. In the Chapel.

Parenting & support of children with special needs: A panel of St. Paul parents will discuss the importance of a community in negotiating the physical, emotional, and social challenges that special needs present. In Luther Loft.

For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s: Peter W. Marty, senior pastor. In Room 208.

▶ March 22

Israel, Palestine, and peace — What's the story now?: Over the past year, both American policy and Israeli and Palestinian politics have roiled the Holy Land in new ways. Hear an update and analysis of the current situation. Peter A. Pettit, teaching pastor. In the Chapel.

The Autism Spectrum (1 of 2): Participants will learn the definition of the autism spectrum disorder and gain valuable insight into strategies for constructive engagement with individuals they encounter who are on the spectrum. Kathryn Kunkel, Autism Spectrum Disorder therapist. In Luther Loft.

For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s: In Room 208.

▶ March 29

Pocahontas was a Christian: We have been told that Pocahontas was American Indian to the core, a child of nature who welcomed and protected English settlers. The reality is more complicated. Pocahontas was baptized Rebecca in Jamestown, married an Englishman named Rolfe, and sailed to England. David Crowe, Augustana College. In the Chapel.

The Autism Spectrum (2 of 2): In Luther Loft.

For God so loved the world, and other 3:16s: In Room 208.

UPCOMING *worship*

MARCH 7 & 8

Second Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time begins

PREACHING

5:30 Katy Warren

7:45 Hayden Kvamme

9:00 Katy Warren

11:15 Hayden Kvamme

MUSIC

9:00 Chorale, Cantate choir

MARCH 14 & 15

Third Sunday in Lent

PREACHING

5:30 Sara Olson-Smith

7:45 Peter A. Pettit

9:00 Peter A. Pettit

11:15 Sara Olson-Smith

MUSIC

9:00 Chorale

MARCH 21 & 22

Fourth Sunday in Lent

PREACHING

5:30 Peter W. Marty

7:45 Hayden Kvamme

9:00 Hayden Kvamme

11:15 Peter W. Marty

MUSIC

9:00 Chorale

MARCH 28 & 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent

PREACHING

5:30 Sara Olson-Smith

7:45 Sara Olson-Smith

9:00 Sara Olson-Smith

11:15 Peter A. Pettit

MUSIC

9:00 Chorale, Jubilate choir



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Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat: Be Centered

Gather with women at Camp Shalom, Maquoketa, Iowa, on Friday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. to Saturday, March 28 at 3 p.m. Learn and practice old and new ways of praying that can bring centeredness in the midst of life's craziness. Be filled through conversations and connecting with others. We'll eat good food, have space for rest, enjoy time outside, all while we pray and learn together.

Cost is \$60 to cover lodging, food and supplies. Space is limited. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions: Contact Sara Olson-Smith at sara@stpaulqc.org.