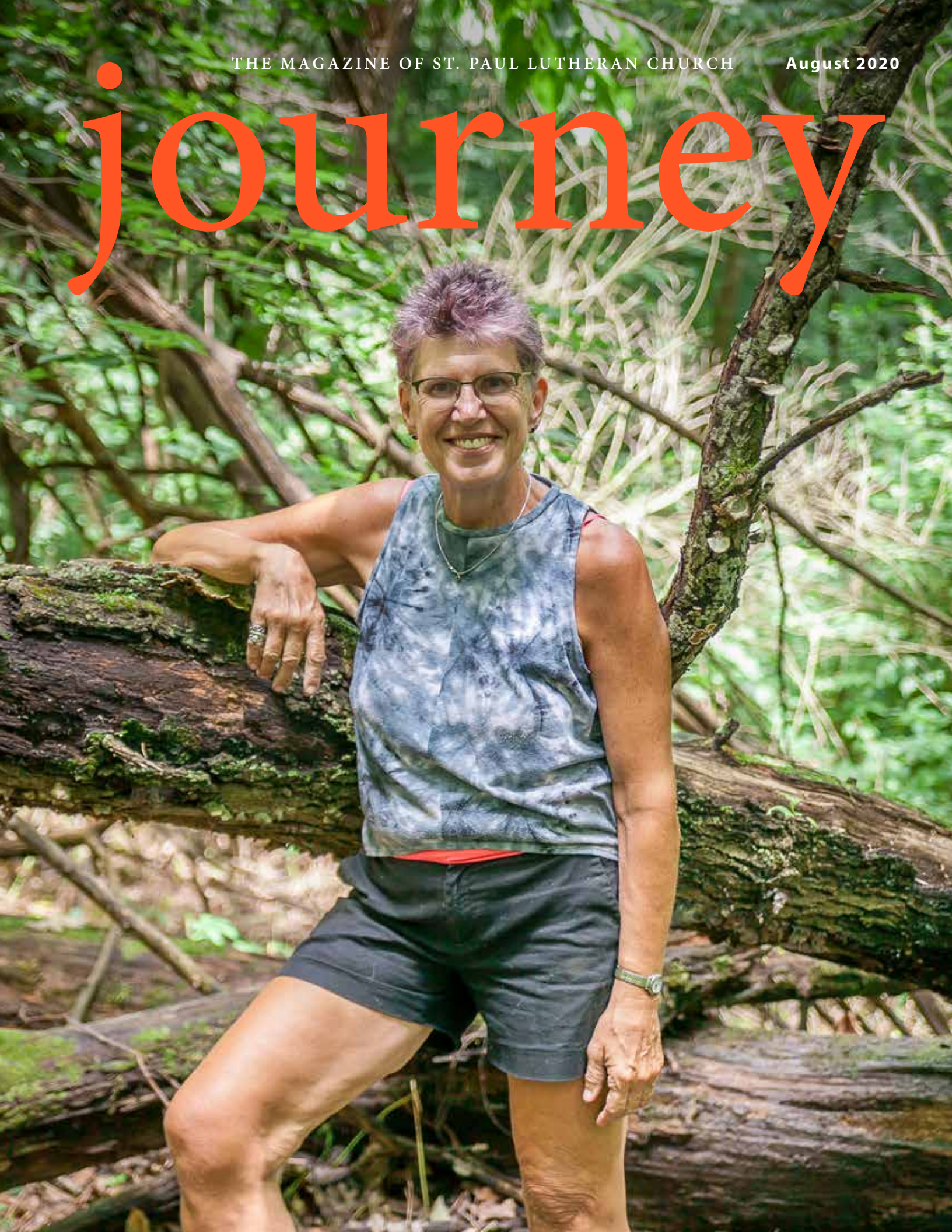


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"And now, for something completely different..." That line, popularized by the Monty Python comedy troupe and immortalized in the title of their first movie, in 1971, is what came to mind as I pondered a column for the *August Journey*. After all, it is August. Isn't that the month when we are accustomed to getting something of a break? And couldn't we all use a break about now?

There is something about this year of 2020 that has felt simply relentless. The underlying rhythm has been set by a global pandemic and a variety of crises, disruptions, tragedies, and spectacles that have overlaid it with successive waves of emotion. It seems that it all coalesces into a broad sense of weariness, even exhaustion, made all the more confounding by the fact that we have for months been kept from doing many of the things that might typically lead to any healthy sense of tired.

Isn't there some way to move on to "something completely different?"

It is difficult, though, to think of our community without getting caught up in the pressing realities of the moment. The pandemic is unprecedented in our lifetimes. Before it emerged, we were already facing a political season unfolding in a civic environment more deeply polarized than most of us have ever seen. The circumstances of the middle and lower rungs of the country's socioeconomic ladder have worsened consistently over recent decades. All these dimensions of our common life are matters of profound concern with lasting consequences. Turning away from them toward anything else is not only difficult, it can feel irresponsible.

Didn't the prophets rail against those who turned away from the social ills of their day? Doesn't Jesus watch for how we engage with "the least of these" whom he counts as his family members? Doesn't God set humans in the garden of creation in order to till it and manage it and make it fruitful? As any farmer can attest, the days when conditions are worst and threats are highest are no time to turn away, hoping for something different. Hope is not a strategy. But what of the weariness?

When Paul, the leader of the early church, was in prison for the second, third, or umpteenth time, he wrote a letter to the church at Philippi that was one of his most dear communities. Even as he spoke of his love for them and his gratitude for their support, he reported that their messenger to him, Epaphroditus, had fallen ill and nearly died. Paul still faced a trial. He knew of

the people who were trying to undermine all the work he did in Philippi. He was troubled by those who were imprisoned with him and behaving badly, giving all missionaries a bad name. One can only imagine his weariness with it all.

Yet, he closed his letter with the assertion, "I have learned in whatever circumstance I am to be content... I have learned the secret of facing plenty

and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11-13). This secret, as he called it, was not an escape hatch to "something completely different." Paul did not turn away from what confronted him and wearied him. In fact, he was confident enough to say that he could "do all things." The secret was to open himself to the mystery into which baptism had brought him, that Christ now lived in him. Thereby, he could have whatever strength he needed, in whatever circumstance.

We, too, when we were baptized, were brought into that mystery of Christ living in us. We, too, are given the gift of strength from God's own presence to face what confronts us. We need not search for something completely different, because God has made each of us someone completely different. As Christ lives in us, so we live in Christ, and find what we need even for the days of this August 2020.

PETER A. PETTIT
teaching pastor





VISIT TO A *wetlands*

A walk along a trail, kayaking in a pond, and trying their luck at fishing — St. Paul youth spent time at the Quad City Conservation Alliance's 58-acre wetlands in East Moline last month. The wetlands is home to bat houses, wood duck houses, osprey nest towers, beehives, a butterfly garden, and warbler houses - among many plant species. Recently, biologists installed water monitoring equipment at the wetlands, part of a Mississippi River system project to study water quality. The data collected so far is showing the important role that this wetlands plays in improving the environment.



AUGUST HAPPENINGS



Weekday worship times set for August

Continuing in August, several options for a short Holy Communion weekday worship will be offered in the St. Paul sanctuary. These services include a short message and music from Chris Nelson, organist and director of music ministries, or Bill Campbell, director of contemporary music.

These services will allow St. Paul people to gather around a meal that is fundamental to our faith, forgiveness, and fullness as children of God. Plus we have the joy of worshipping together.

Sign up is required, at stpaulqc.org/signups. An email with directions will be sent the day before your chosen worship time. A seat will be guaranteed for you at marked locations in the sanctuary, maintaining safe physical distance. Please bring a face covering with you.

Times for August — Mondays: 5 p.m.; Wednesdays: 12 noon and 7 p.m.; and Fridays: 12 noon. *Please note: Fresh signups will be posted every two weeks.*



Neighborhood cleanup set for Aug. 22

The St. Paul corner of the world is a beautiful place. On Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-12 noon, gather to pick up trash and debris in the blocks surrounding the campus. It's called the Make It Yours Neighborhood Cleanup.

The Environmental Team is a band of earth-minded St. Paul folks. They round up dishwashers for church suppers. They pick up litter each week on campus, and a few times a year in the neighborhood. They encourage new behaviors: conserving resources by considering choices big and small.

No need to sign up, just come! Supplies and snacks are provided. Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com.



Habitat build date set for Aug. 22

Put on a tool belt and help build simple, decent houses through this ecumenical ministry. Each summer, St. Paul volunteers work alongside families who dream of owning a home — and do the work necessary to make that dream a reality.

The next work day is set for Aug. 22. **Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.**

The Quad-Cities Habitat chapter has built more than 100 homes, including those constructed with St. Paul funding and labor. Anyone 16 years of age or older is invited to be part of the work crew. This year, crews will be kept to 5 people or less to follow social distancing guidelines.

Contact: Katy Warren, 326-3547 ext. 232, katy@stpaulqc.org.



ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL: OPENINGS FOR FALL

St. Paul Preschool is a loving community for children, age two through pre-kindergarten. The church's classrooms fill with light and life on Monday-Friday mornings, 8:45-11:45 a.m., September through May.

With a highly educated staff leading the way, this little village for preschoolers is solidly constructed on Christ's love. Three months of careful safety planning will ensure the best care for all students.

Openings for the 2020-21 school year include:

- Four-year-old program, Monday through Thursday, 8:45-11:45 a.m., tuition-free, have to be a resident of the state of Iowa and the child must be four years old on or before September 15.
- Five-year-old program, Monday through Thursday, 8:45-11:45 a.m., tuition of \$200 per month.

Contact: Karen Strusz, karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org.



Coffee Conversations series to explore a variety of topics

On Tuesday mornings on the North Lawn (weather permitting), gather for coffee and conversation at 10:30 a.m. Please sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups to reserve your spot. The August sessions are:

Aug. 11: Physical and mental well-being during the time of Corona, with Beth Laureijs and Angie Vaaler.

Aug. 18: The role of music in our well-being and faith life, with Chris Nelson and Angie Vaaler.

Aug. 25: Building compassion, with Angie Vaaler and Hayden Kvamme,

Contact: Beth Laureijs, beth@stpaulqc.org.



Book Corner sets hours for August

At the St. Paul Book Corner, awaken your mind and stir your heart with current and classic books of enduring significance. The Book Corner is committed to stocking gifts and products that provide fair income for the world's poor.

By appointment or curbside, message Karen Holden at bookcorner@stpaulqc.org. The Book Corner will also be open Wednesdays in August, 12 noon-3 p.m. and Thursdays in August, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Two people can shop at a time, with masks on.



Grief support to meet online Aug. 4 and Aug. 17

These days are particularly hard for those of us who are grieving, without the usual rituals that help us make meaning and find courage. We need each other to make it through.

Gather with Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and others for support, learning and (virtual) community on Zoom. Sign up to be a part at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact Pastor Sara at sara@stpaulqc.org, not only about these meetings but for other grief support.



Volunteer with Riverbend Food Bank on Aug. 27

Riverbend Food Bank, which distributes food to food pantries in an 18-county region, including St. Paul's Madison Market, will host St. Paul volunteers at the end of this month.

St. Paul people will assist with a food distribution at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 4209 W. Locust Street, Davenport. The distribution is from 9-11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27.

Physical distancing measures will be taken. Sign up to help at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.



ART ON THE LAWN

Let's create some art, individually, together on Thursdays, August 6 and 20, at 4:30 p.m. on St. Paul's North Lawn.

Bring your own materials to paint or draw in the company of other St. Paul people. Each person (or household) can settle into a square on the lawn for some time to create. We'll have a few ideas to inspire, but let your imagination lead you.

All ages and all artistic abilities welcome. To help us plan, please sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.



Quilt at home

The St. Paul quilters are welcoming St. Paul people who would like to help create quilts from home. These caring works of art are donated to a variety of organizations who assist those in need.

If you can cut, sew, or tie, you can help! No quilting experience is necessary. Specific tasks include: cutting 9 1/2-inch fabric squares; sewing blocks together; putting together the quilt top; backing and batting; sewing the outside of quilts; or tying the quilts. The quilting crew is also seeking used bed sheets, any size, to be used for quilt backs.

How can you get involved? Contact Cathy Hagglund at crh4quilts@msn.com or 563-320-4682; or Karin Hanson at tkmax2502@gmail.com or 563-528-2064.



Summer Mental Health Movie: *The Great Depresh*

Due to the pandemic, the annual summer movie series, sponsored by the St. Paul Mental Health Awareness Team, will be held with a different format. This year, people are encouraged to watch a movie at home, followed by an outdoor discussion at St. Paul.

In *The Great Depresh*, stand-up comic, Gary Gulman, gives a clever, funny, and very revealing look at his clinical depression.

The movie is available on demand at www.hbo.com/specials/gary-gulman-the-great-depressh. You can access it if you have an HBO subscription, or sign up for a free trial. Or, if those options do not work for you, message Beth at beth@stpaulqc.org for assistance. Then, sign up for a discussion on the North Lawn on Thursday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., at stpaulqc.org/signups.

A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

St. Paul teens will forever look back on the summer of 2020 as a time of navigating all sorts of new realities. Three St. Paul teenagers share what their summer adventures entailed.

JULIA HOUGHTON

I was at Camp Shalom this summer volunteering as an assistant counselor. Assistant counselors help make the week run smoothly and support the counselors in any way they can.

I wanted to work there this summer because as a kid it was always one of my favorite places to be during summer. Camp Shalom holds a special place in my heart and I want to help other kids have a great experience like I had the chance to do.

The most fun thing about working at camp is getting to meet so many great people.

It was amazing seeing the campers open up throughout the week. One of my favorite moments was when we had the chance to do the high ropes course, which consists of climbing a tall rock wall and then zip lining back down. A few of the girls were afraid to climb the wall but everyone was super encouraging. Every single camper in my cabin made it to the top of the wall and zip lined. Afterwards they all told me how much they enjoyed it and were glad they did it. The girls worked together to get over their fears and in the end they became closer as friends from the experience.

At camp my campers taught me the entire dance video to One Direction's "Best Song Ever." We ended up performing it in front of everyone at the end of the week.

Photos: Julia is on the top left of the top photo and the far right of the bottom photo.





LEXI PELZER

This summer, I've gone to a couple Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests; went to my grandparents' farm; went to Adventureland (with a mask on); went on vacation to downtown Cincinnati, Hocking Hills State Park in Ohio, and Virginia Beach; hung out with friends; and started a job at Ultimate Chocolates.

Since we're in quarantine somewhat, all the camps I had signed up for were cancelled. Even though I was sad about this, it opened up time for me to learn and do other things. I've learned that I don't need to be with others to have fun. I'm excited to have fun with my friends though, because they make my life so much better. I really liked going to Virginia Beach.

I have gone to BLM protests and posted about BLM and equality. I do that because I think this is a very important movement — it's fighting for equality that we should've already had. I am surprised by people who fly the confederate flag and say it's not racist. It's the flag honored by people who wanted slaves. I plan on going to more protests and will keep posting and won't stop until we're all equal.

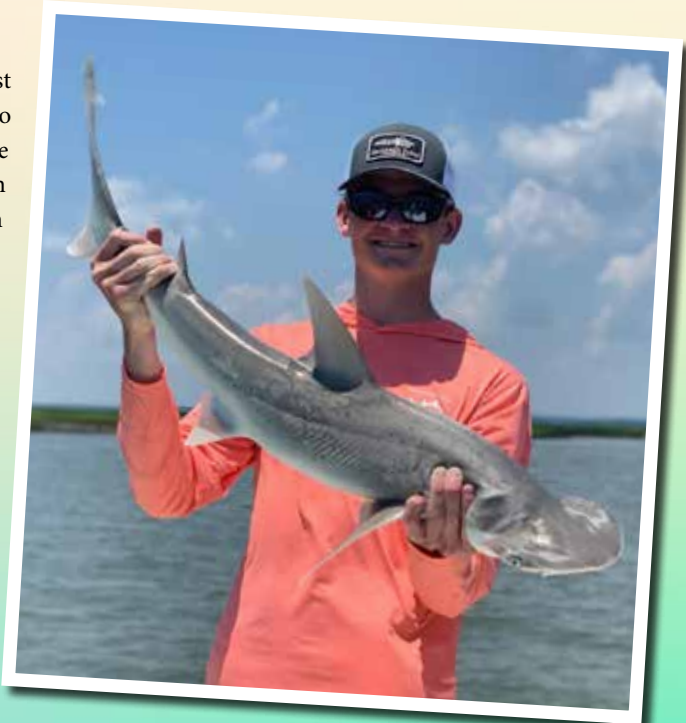


ALEX THORNE

Despite currently being in a pandemic I have tried to make the most of my summer. In March, April, and May my parents did not allow me to be with people so going into the break I wanted to make the most of the summer despite the current situation. I have been a self-taught fisherman for a little over three years now and I figured what better time to work on my craft than in quarantine. I began to fish for a few hours every day in late April and continued that through June 15 or so.

At the end of June I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to Isle of Palms, South Carolina, with my amazing mother (Kristin) and sister (Anna). I spent the week fishing with a longtime family friend, Jim Huston of Explore More Inshore Charters. I was blown away with the quality of fisheries down there but also how beautiful they were. I caught a double-digit amount of sharks with the biggest being about 4 feet in length. I also had a few run-ins with alligators fishing some ponds on the island which did not make my mom too happy.

In 9th grade, I wrote my confirmation faith story about viewing God's beauty through nature and I believe now more than ever that it is important to take time here and there to explore. If I have learned anything in the last few months it is that whether you are fishing knee deep in a creek like me or just going for a stroll in the neighborhood, getting outside and enjoying what God made for us is therapeutic for the soul. I firmly believe without being able to actively worship by being in the outdoors, the last few months would have been horrible for me.



A CAMP OF HER OWN

Sherry O'Keefe absolutely loves the outdoors, and enthusiastically encourages others to explore — so much so that she is building a camp in the woods behind her home.



Off of Highway 61 outside of Blue Grass, down a curving gravel road, a brightly colored sign appears at the end of a driveway, welcoming visitors to Camp Kawnipi.

Turn onto the lane, and a field of wildflowers greets visitors. Gus the dog does the same - with his muddy and burr-filled self, signals that this is a dog who really loves to be outside.

And then, Sherry O'Keefe emerges from her home. To know Sherry is to be immediately drawn to her spirit of exploration and learning - a spirit that comes through somehow with just her hello.

Camp Kawnipi is a long-time dream of hers, a dream that is coming to be when this time of pandemic gave Sherry the space to make it a reality.

"I have a fervent belief in the power of the outdoors, and the healing that can happen in the outdoors," she said.

First, a little history.

Sherry grew up in a dysfunctional

home. The youngest of her parents' children, she escaped much of what went on with her alcoholic father. Yet, the outdoors became her way of a complete escape from what went on at home. Specifically, her outdoor experience in Girl Scouts became an important part of her life. She first attended Camp Conestoga as a fourth-grader. As she got older, she worked at the camp.

"It was a place that allowed me to learn who and what I was," she said. "Camp gives kids the opportunity to make mistakes, make decisions, do crazy things in the context of reasonable safety. Learning to take risks is really important. It became the foundation of who I was."

More than 30 years ago, Sherry and her husband, Michael O'Keefe, purchased a 10-acre horse farm just off of Highway 61 in Blue Grass, Iowa. They were just starting their lives together.

Michael started planting bare root maple seedlings where the horse pasture once

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was. He wanted to be able to see the trees from the couple's home. Meanwhile, Sherry decided she wanted a fire ring, so she built one in the same area Michael was planting the trees.

Sherry named the area Camp Kawnipi. It comes from the name of a favorite lake of hers in Ontario, Canada, from her times traveling up in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. "We took kids rafting there – it is a big, beautiful, gorgeous lake."

As a matter of fact, Sherry and a group of friends from days of working at Camp Conestoga, continue to venture to the Boundary Waters for a week of paddling, camping, and reading.

This July, they gathered at Lake One.

"We make homemade tortilla chips and hang out on floaties that I bring," she said of her Camp Conestoga friends. Sherry's camp nickname is Moto, for Motor-mouth – anyone who knows Sherry will appreciate this nickname. Other friends include Salty and Tiki.

On their trip this year, the book they read together was *Lost in the Wild: Danger and Survival in the North Woods*, by Cary Griffith, she said. It comes highly recommended.

Back to Camp Kawnipi.

After Sherry and Michael built the fire pit and planted trees, life with work and kids – a good life, Sherry said – put building the camp on hold. But this spring, when the pandemic hit, "I was home for a month or so, getting bored. I thought, 'Hey! I should get Camp Kawnipi going again!'"

She went back to that fire circle that she built 30 years ago, and started working.

Now, by working, we really mean working – hauling rock and sand, digging trenches, clearing trails, chainsawing brush, installing a water source. Sherry made signs for different areas – her favorite is a sitting area named Inspiration Point. She brought in a specialized tent for an outhouse. Family helped her, too.

Camp Kawnipi now has a mud kitchen and pit for exploring, a patio, trails, a tent platform with a large tent, cots, and sleeping bags - all in the woods that the O'Keefes expanded out 30 years ago.

"It's a vision of love that has grown and grown and grown," Sherry said. "There's nothing that I would love more than to have people come out."

She means it. Really. Anyone can come and explore for a day or spend the night – for free. "You don't even have to see me!" Sherry says in her Sherry way.

A retired educator in the Rock Island schools, Sherry's most important mission is to give kids the opportunity to freely explore, take risks, make decisions, and learn about the world around them, she said. One of the sites that makes her the happiest is the mud kitchen, where kids can just come and play with mud – dig, smear, glob, roll around.

She points to a nearby slope and indicates she has more work ahead of her to build Camp Kawnipi. "I hope to build a mud slide!"



FOLLOW:

Sherry leads her own group on Facebook, called **Outdoor Kids and Families QC**. There, she posts articles, resources, and inspirational quotes, centered on the joy and connection that can be found in time outdoors.

VISIT:

Interested in visiting Camp Kawnipi? Contact Sherry O'Keefe at 563-349-6617 or sherry.p.okeefe@gmail.com. Sherry is inviting anyone – adults and kids – to come and stay for a few hours, a day, or overnight – for free.



When I began experiencing racism

As we work to better understand the role we play in our congregation and our community in identifying, challenging, and changing behaviors that perpetuate systemic racism, St. Paul member Cherie Blackwell explores how she has encountered racism, as a white woman married to a biracial man.

Adrian and I met at the Galesburg Public Library in 1998. Our meeting was unexpected, unplanned, and my unanswered prayer. This is when I began experiencing racism in my life. I was exposed to race growing up. I was respectful and kind, but completely unaware and uneducated on the realities of the black experience.

By no means do I experience even a fraction of the racism many of our brothers and sisters in Christ experience. I have white privilege. However, I am treated differently alone than when with my husband. Our family is most impacted by racism in subtle ways that are based on stereotypes.

Here are a few questions we've been asked, assumptions that have been made, and examples we've encountered as a biracial family:

- The police have stopped us when we were driving by and looking at real estate properties. They were responding to a complaint that we were stealing identities from the trash.
- No, we do not play loud rap music and have rowdy parties in our backyard.
- We should not have to prove we paid for event tickets by humiliation or being physically grabbed before entering the event.
- My husband has not always experienced equal access to job opportunities.
- The police visited our house to deliver government paperwork in advance of my husband's city council meetings. He's one of the elected council members for the city of Eldridge. The police were not at our house to investigate domestic violence.
- We are the frequent victims of late-night trespassing at our home, including ding-dong ditching by approximately 20 kids. These acts often include racial undertones.

Embracing diversity requires constant learning, reflecting, and trying not to be defensive when becoming aware of how white privilege may contribute to racism. It's hard to hear that we may have unknowingly and unintentionally contributed to systemic racism. Hear-



ing the voices of individual stories will greatly expand our understanding and compassion.

What can you do to reduce racism in our community?

- Learn more about white privilege and systemic racism.
- Read books, watch movies, and attend sponsored discussions.
- Be mindful about race. Watch your words and actions.
- Avoid denial, defensiveness, and justification when listening to other perspectives.
- Take responsibility to teach your children how to respect differences.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.

Our family is open to conversations, questions, and discussions to facilitate a deeper understanding and hope for the future. Count us available to you if we can be helpful in any way toward this understanding and hope. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." — Matthew 7:7.

Cherie Blackwell is a life-long member at St. Paul Lutheran. She is married to Adrian and they have two daughters, Adrianna, 15 and Amira, 12. Their family enjoys church activities, walking, playing games, reading, spending time with family, and the outdoors.

Books Cherie recommends reading about race

Both are available for purchase in the St. Paul Book Corner.

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown: In a time when nearly every institution (schools, churches, universities, businesses) claims to value diversity in its mission statement, Austin writes in breathtaking detail about her journey to self-worth and the pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas: Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds — the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.

Council Notes

The Congregational Council met online in July, hearing reports of staff about work through the summer to continue to connect St. Paul people.

Groups are meeting online, outdoors, and in the Sanctuary. With physical distance and safety always in mind, a variety of offerings are giving youth and adults a way to be together while having to be apart.

Over the coming months, St. Paul members who have an email address on file with the church will receive an email from Ann McGlynn, director of communication, with directions on how to log in to St. Paul's new online database. This database will provide individuals with their personal financial giving information and household contact

information. Also, members will have the opportunity to choose to be part of our online photo directory. This directory will, for those who choose, provide a photo and basic contact information to help members keep connected with each other.

The council also heard about three requests approved by the Memorial Gifts committee. They include: framed art by Chinese artist He Qi for the Library Commons, an outdoor water fountain for the anticipated outdoor activities for youth this coming fall, and additional communionware to accommodate health measures taken during week-day communion worship now offered during this time of pandemic.



Youth for August

7th-graders: Sign up for confirmation

Students entering 7th grade this fall are encouraged to sign up now for St. Paul's confirmation ministry. Meeting on Wednesday evenings, September through April, confirmation is key to shaping the faith of middle school students. Teenagers and parents are asked to attend a family orientation meeting in August before confirmation begins next month. Families can sign up for one session (each limited in size to 10 people, in order to accommodate safe distancing) by going to [stpaulqc/signups](https://stpaulqc.org/signups).

For more information and registration materials, contact Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org, 563-326-3547 ext. 232.

9th-graders: Faith story workshops

Each 9th grader participating in confirmation is asked to sign up for one of two options for a writing workshop. This time together will prepare 9th graders to write and share their faith stories as part of the culmination of their confirmation experience. Faith stories and the Rite of Confirmation will take place on Sundays in September and October.

The two options are Wednesday, Aug. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m., or Sunday, Aug. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact: Pastor Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547.

Youth, 6th-12th grade: Backyard Live

Backyard Live is every Wednesday through August 26, 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the North Lawn. With a different worship style each week, music, and a physically distant game, this evening is led by Andy Langdon, director of youth ministry, and Haley Rhoads, youth ministry intern. No need to sign up, just come!

with SYMPATHY

as of July 22:

- ▶ Family of Ralph Gronewold:
Linda & David Holdorf, her brother
Melanie & Andy Eaton, her uncle
- ▶ Family of Tyler Hurd:
Jason & Tami Hurd, son
Bryan Hurd, brother
- ▶ Family of James McCormick:
Cynthia Weeks & Scott Teasdale,
her father
Thompson & Lucas Teasdale,
grandfather
- ▶ Frank Dittrich, brother Steven Dittrich
- ▶ Family of Carole "Dee" Petersen:
Terry & Danna Petersen, his mother
Danielle, Logan & Alexandria Petersen,
grandmother
- ▶ Family of Ann Clausen:
Amy & Andrew Harris, her mother
Alec & Anna Harris, grandmother
- ▶ Al Jorgensen, his father James Peter
Jorgensen
- ▶ Family of Shirley Whitbeck:
Michael Whitbeck, mother
Kaila Whitbeck, grandmother
- ▶ Family of Don Schroeder:
Art and Judy Schroeder, his brother
Matt and Leigh Ann Schroeder, his uncle

DEATHS

- ▶ Tyler Hurd, June 24
- ▶ Eileen Lantz, June 28
- ▶ Margaret Patterson, June 29

WEDDINGS

- ▶ Sarah Thomas & David Wehde, June 20
- ▶ Kathleen Hall & Jake Fetzner, June 27
- ▶ Katherine Sass & Jared Masterson, July 11
- ▶ Carolyn Wehr & Christian Frieden, July 18

CENTENARIANS

- ▶ Corrine Betcher – born Feb. 27, 1920
- ▶ Roma Brown – born July 14, 1920
- ▶ Jeanette Keppy – born Dec. 2, 1919



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Gathering for those in need

Every August, St. Paul people gather food, diapers/wipes, and feminine hygiene products for those in need. This August will be no different - but with a pandemic twist. Please drop your donations off at the church office. Or, message Ann McGlynn at ann@stpaulqc.org and someone will be happy to come and pick up your donation. To make a monetary donation, indicate "food pantry" on your check memo line or envelope and drop off or send to the church office.

Friendly House Food Pantry items: Soups, mac & cheese, canned meat, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, peanut butter & jelly, toilet paper, bar & laundry soap. Please no expired food.

Diapers & wipes: Diapers size 4-6, and baby wipes. Please, no smaller sizes of diapers.

Feminine hygiene: Tampons and pads, regular and super.