

THE MAGAZINE OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 2021

journey



Measure in love



ON THE COVER:
The Lassers family

journey

MARCH 2021
Volume 9 | Issue 1

EDITOR Jessica Taylor

DESIGNER Lauren Brown

ADDRESS

St. Paul Lutheran Church
2136 Brady Street,
Davenport, Iowa 52803

CONTACT

Email journey@stpaulqc.org
Phone 563.326.3547

MISSION

St. Paul Lutheran Church is a faith community, shaped around five core values: radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith formation, courageous service, extravagant generosity.

Journey (USPS 8314) is published monthly by St. Paul Lutheran Church ELCA, 2136 Brady St., Davenport, IA, 52803. Periodicals Postage Paid at Davenport, IA.

POSTMASTER

Send address changes to *Journey*, 2136 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803

It's been a year.

It's been an entire year since we've been fully together. We began the month of March 2020 with the sanctuary echoing with singing and the Fellowship Hall filled with the good smells of Lenten meals. By the end of March, the sanctuary held cameras and lights for recording and the Fellowship Hall became temporary storage.

But we never really shut down around here. Worship continues, just differently. Gatherings happen, but in new ways. Caring connections keep going, mostly over the phone. More food than ever is shared by our Madison Market, except it's given by drive-up now. Because of the faithfulness and generosity of all of you, and the creativity of my colleagues, we keep being the church. We continue to remind the world, and each other, how deeply we are loved.

Still, it's been a year. A long one for many of us. It makes me think of that John Denver song when he sang about Toledo, Ohio. "Well, I spent a week there one day." It feels a bit like we've spent a decade in this pandemic year. If we were asked to measure it, we'd simply say, "long, horribly long."

But I remember something one of our members said when I asked how he and his family were doing. Alex said, "It's been long, but when we look at it in 10-minute segments, we're doing alright." When we can look at it in smaller segments, we see beyond the overwhelming bigness of it, and we can notice the ways that God has been present to us. That decade within a year becomes moments of connection, of joy, of persistence, and of resilience.

It's like another song, "Seasons of Love," from the Broadway musical *Rent*:

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand
six hundred minutes,
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear,
Five hundred twenty-five thousand
six hundred minutes.
How do you measure? Measure a year?
In daylights, in sunsets,
In midnights, in cups of coffee,
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife
How about love? Measure in love.*

It's been a year. It's been 525,600 minutes. With 365 sunrises. 13 full moons. I have had at least 500 cups of coffee and even more moments of laughter. I have wept more times than I can count, from heartbreak for people we've commended into God's care, and from the simple

joy of being alive. For me, this year can be measured in conversations and hand-written letters, in prayers and in hymns sung from my couch, in birds out my window and in nights awake worrying, in laughter and in love.

I wonder if this year feels long, not only because of challenges, but because we're actually noticing the time and living it, instead of hastily spending it. I hope

that, even as we emerge from these pandemic days, we keep paying faithful attention to the time we are given. Let's continue to measure our lives in minutes of authentic connection, hours of courageous action, and days of investment in the stuff that really matters.

Doing so aligns us with God, who measures time from a (w)holy unique view. In yet one more song lyric, the psalmist sings to God "For a thousand years in your sight are like an evening gone . . . So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:4, 12-14).

As this year keeps going on, we too might ask, "How long, O Lord?" But we are reminded that God satisfies us one morning at a time. One sunrise. One cup of coffee. One moment so dear. This is how we measure our life.

SARA OLSON-SMITH
associate pastor



Holy Week & Easter

These are days central to our faith. We wave palms. We recount Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We travel to the cross where Jesus suffered and died. And we rejoice on Easter: He is risen!

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 28

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and the road through darkness and suffering to light and new life.

Worship online: We won't be waving palm branches together to signal Jesus' triumphant final entry into Jerusalem. But enjoy the power of Palm Sunday worship and what it means for us. Watch your inbox for an email Sunday morning at 7 a.m., or available at youtube.com/stpaulquadcities.

Palm drive-thru: Pull up to the main church doors on Sunday morning from 8:30-11:30 a.m. to receive a palm branch and blessing.

Gather in-person: Outdoor worship at 11 a.m. on the north lawn of the church. St. Paul youth will dramatize a light-hearted story of disciples finding the right donkey for Jesus. Palm branches will be distributed for a group walk that will take us through Vander Veer Park following the worship service. Sign up is required at stpaulqc.org/signups. You can also call the church office at 563-326-3547. Please bring a face covering with you and a lawn chair.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2

In the suffering and death of Jesus, we find strength, healing, and hope

Worship online: The church gathers to remember the suffering and death of Jesus. Watch your inbox for an email on Friday at 4 p.m., or available at youtube.com/stpaulquadcities.

Gather in-person: On this somber day, a few stations will be set up throughout the St. Paul building for quiet meditation and personal prayer. The space will be thoughtfully prepared with prayer stations, meditative music, and candlelight.

This contemplative pathway will be available from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Stop in to connect with God, to meditate on Jesus' final days before his death on the cross, or simply to find space apart for your life. Feel free to come for a brief respite or extended solitude. Come walk at your own pace, reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus.

EASTER SUNDAY

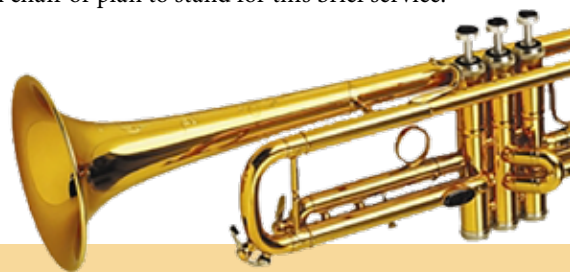
APRIL 4

Alleluia! The resurrection of our Lord

Worship online: He is risen! He is risen indeed! Watch your inbox for an email Sunday morning at 7 a.m., or available at youtube.com/stpaulquadcities.

6:30 a.m. sunrise: Gather around a fire in the upper south parking lot as the sunrise transforms the dark early hours. This service will include a short message, prayer, and music. Sign up is required at stpaulqc.org/signups. You can also call the church office at 563-326-3547. Please bring a face covering with you. Bring a lawn chair or plan to stand for this brief service.

Outdoor Easter celebration: Shout together our "Alleluias!" with balloons, sidewalk chalk, and festive joy! Gather at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday in the upper south parking lot (rain or shine — dress accordingly) for a short worship service to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. A message, prayer, children's message, and music will mark this joyous day. Sign up is required at stpaulqc.org/signups. You can also call the church office at 563-326-3547. Please bring a face covering with you. Bring a lawn chair or plan to stand for this brief service.



Preparing for Easter

We reckon with the joy of a Lord whom death could not pin down. Below are a couple of Easter opportunities for you.

Call for brass players: St. Paul is looking for brass players to participate in this year's outdoor Easter gathering in the south parking lot. If you would like to be part of the Easter celebration, contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

Easter lilies: To bless our worship space and then deliver to seniors, honor or remember loved ones with an Easter lily or plant — a reminder of the beauty of the resurrection of the living Christ. \$15 per plant. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

March

HAPPENINGS

Lenten Adult Learning: *I Want You to Be: On the God of Love*

There's still time to sign up for and participate in a Lenten book discussion of *I Want You to Be: On the God of Love* by Czech theologian Tomáš Halík. Focus on a devotional reflection on the God of love and the twin commandments to love God and love our neighbor (and even the enemy). In the two great commandments, Halík finds a door into mystery that ties love of God and love of neighbor into an intimate oneness.

Join pastors Hayden Kvamme and Peter A. Pettit in weekly discussion to explore this provocative, inspiring work. Bring your questions, and be ready for more! In-person on Fridays in the Chapel at 1 p.m. through March 26; via Zoom on Sundays, 7 p.m., through March 28. Sign up for both groups online at stpaulqc.org/signups. The book is available for \$15 in the St. Paul Book Corner.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP TO CONTINUE IN MARCH

Shortened in-person worship services will be offered in the St. Paul sanctuary on Saturday evenings at 5 p.m., and a contemplative service on Wednesdays at 12 noon.

These services will include a short message, prayer, reflection, and music from Chris Nelson, organist and director of music ministries, Bill Campbell, director of contemporary music, and other musicians. Come and worship with others. Because of pandemic concerns, holy communion will not be served.

Sign up is required, at stpaulqc.org/signups. You can also call the church office at 563-326-3547. A reminder email will be sent the day before your chosen worship time. Households sit together at marked locations in the sanctuary, maintaining a safe physical distance. Please bring a face covering with you.

Donate blood on March 10

St. Paul will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, March 10, 2-6 p.m., in the south parking lot to help the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center maintain adequate levels during the Coronavirus response. On average, St. Paul people donate about 40 units of blood at each of the two regularly scheduled blood donor days.

If you plan to give on March 10, great! We still have our goal of 40 units for that day – a goal that will be really important to meet. The blood drive is important in order to help keep the supply steady. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.



St. Paul choirs continue to rehearse

During the pandemic, children's, youth, and adult choirs will meet on alternating weeks for social togetherness and singing.

- **Chorale:** Wednesdays, March 3, 17, 31; April 14, 29, 5:30-6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- **Youth Choir (grades 7-12):** Wednesdays, March 10, 24; April 7, 21, 5:30-6 p.m. in the Chapel
- **Children's Choirs (PreK-6):** Wednesdays, March 10, 24; April 7, 21, 5:30-6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Masks on for everybody (yes, for singing). If you want to join a choir and aren't sure how, contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

2021 budget approved at virtual annual meeting

The congregation approved the 2021 budget, at the annual meeting in February.

The \$2.9 million budget represents a 1.04 percent increase from 2020. Proposed benevolence and mission giving — money given to outside organizations to support work locally, nationally, and internationally — grows to \$614,822, or more than 21 percent of the budget.

The congregation's annual report is available at the Info Center.

Coffee Chats in March

Come participate in hour-long coffee chats on faith, health, and wholeness this month, on the first three Tuesdays in March, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the Chapel. Topics are:

- **March 2:** Guilt
- **March 9:** Forgiveness
- **March 16:** Justice

Please sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Beth Laureijs, beth@stpaulqc.org.

Women's Bible study: Living on a Prayer

Gather on March 9, 8 p.m., on Zoom for a women's Bible study focusing on prayer. We'll look at various Bible stories to learn about the power of prayer, the ways of prayer, and how we might expand our thinking of how we pray. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

Podcast discussion group to meet March 11

The podcast discussion group will meet again on March 11, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The theme for the month is *Food*. Whether you're into cooking, farming, grocery shopping, or simply eating, there will be something for you in these podcast episodes. Bring your perspective, sense of humor, and curiosity to these lively online gatherings. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups, and we'll send you the podcasts to listen to each month, along with a question to consider. Led by Katy Warren and Hayden Kvamme. Contact: Hayden Kvamme, hayden@stpaulqc.org.

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 2021 at campshalomia.org for kids entering second grade through high school. Sessions for adults with disabilities and a new houseboat adventure for high school youth are available.

The history of Camp Shalom and St. Paul runs deep. St. Paul purchased land for a camp in 1976. 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 was 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.



Be part of the Hallelujah chorus

To honor our past tradition of the all St. Paul Hallelujah chorus, we will be holding a virtual choir performance this year. The performance will be available online Sunday, April 11. It will also be included in the worship service that morning. Videos must be submitted to Chris Nelson prior to Easter. If you wish to participate in the virtual choir, please contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

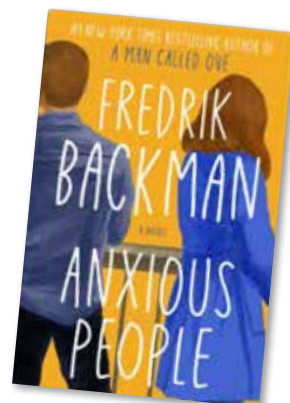
Walking the grief journey to begin March 4

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 of this four-week series will be Thursday, March 4, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Luther Loft, continuing through Thursday, March 25. Bring your mask. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Lynn Batchner Robinson, ldbacher@hotmail.com.

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:

- *All Because You Matter* by Tami Charles
- *Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry
- *Living Life as a Thank You: The Transformative Power of Daily Gratitude* by Nina Lesowitz
- *Always a Guest: Speaking of Faith Far from Home* by Barbara Brown Taylor
- *Into a Reluctant Sunrise* by Andrea L Lingle
- *Psalms and Other Songs from a Pierced Heart* by Patricia Stevenson
- *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman
- *Raising a Rare Girl: A Memoir* by Heather Lanier
- *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett



The cold weather isn't stopping these St. Paul people this winter. In fact, when the temperatures start dropping — that's when they're happiest.

Outdoor enthusiasts

On the Ice, *The Lassers family*

If you happen to drive through this quiet north-eastern Davenport neighborhood, you'll notice something in the backyard of the Lassers family. Could it be an inground pool? They sure hope not.

Two winters ago, Alex Lassers made his dream a reality when he purchased a backyard ice rink kit.

The Lassers, Alex and Christine, who are originally from Michigan, are big hockey fans — just ask their dog, Gordie, named for Detroit Red Wings' Gordie Howe. Alex started playing hockey when he was eight years old and said he had a friend with an ice rink in his backyard.

But it was the opportunity for their kids — Freddie, Lizzie, and Teddy — that sparked the idea for the ice rink.

"It takes me back to being a kid," Alex said. "It's been awesome seeing the kids learn to skate. You can see their confidence grow and how excited they are they're learning something new."

And it's a short commute to the ice rink...just a few steps out their back door. They are outside at least every other day, sometimes more than once a day.

The rink takes about an hour to set up, consisting of 5' sections that snap together like Legos, and then comes the hardest part....waiting for it to freeze.

"Christine tells me it's not going to freeze any faster if I stare at it," Alex joked.

Christine and Alex collect used skates so friends and neighbors can join in on the rink. Less experienced skaters are required to wear a helmet and training walkers made of PVC pipe are available to help skaters become more comfortable on the ice.

When Christine isn't outside with the kids, she's taking hot chocolate orders inside.

"It's just as good for me as for them," Alex said. "It's therapeutic for me to come out after the kids go to bed and take care of the ice."



"It's been awesome seeing the kids learn to skate. You can see their confidence grow and how excited they are they're learning something new."

And the ice rink continues to grow. Alex created his very own homemade Zamboni — or ice resurfacer — to keep the ice clean and flat. Alex also crafted a wooden storage unit for when the rink isn't in use and wooden chairs so skaters can sit while removing their blade covers prior to entering the rink.

In the future, the Lassers hope to have a wooden bench for when the kids get tired, for now Lizzie created her own bench out of a mound of snow, and outdoor lighting so they can skate all night long. Christine said the neighbors are so supportive of the rink, they'll often turn their porch lights on so the kids have lighting when it's dark.

What's the kids' favorite part of having an ice rink in their backyard?

"Skating whenever we want!" All three kids yelled.

What's Alex's favorite part?

"When my kids said 'Dad, this is the best thing you've ever done.'"



On the Slopes, *Steve Baril*

Steve Baril's recent Facebook post said, "I'll probably ski every day this week. I have a skiing problem, and I'm not trying to fix it. I like skiing."

Originally from Massachusetts, Steve has been skiing for 45 years. At age 11 he was drawn to skiing while a member of the Boy Scouts of America. Steve said the big attraction to boy scouts was ski trips in the wintertime.

"I've always loved winter and the way the snow looks — just to be places with the vistas and the views, the elevations. The things you experience when skiing that you wouldn't see normally. When you're on a precipice and you're on the Rocky Mountains and you can see everything. It keeps me inspired."

Steve says he's motivated to stay in shape all year long so he's ready when the weather turns colder. He plans to ski into perpetuity.

He is a member of Professional Ski Instructors of America which allows him opportunities to study and proceed to higher certification levels, giving him the ability to teach in different areas. Currently, Steve teaches at Chestnut Mountain in Galena, Ill. He has been a ski instructor for more than 13 years.

Steve travels about five or six times a year with friends and extended family to explore new areas. Among his favorites are Austria in Central Europe and Copper Mountain in Colorado. Steve travels to Copper Mountain with fellow skiers and St. Paul members Hans Schneklath and Tom Hepner.

"It's the most freeing thing I can imagine doing. Especially this year," he said. "When everything goes silent and you can't even hear your own skis, there's nothing like it."

On the Trail, *Jules Irish*

If you're looking for Jules Irish, chances are she's outside. Whether she's picking up trash around the St. Paul neighborhood throughout the year or strapping on her snowshoes and hitting the trails — the weather never stops her.

"Winter is my favorite. I'm outside all the time," Jules said. "It's good for your mind. It puts your senses in order."

About five years ago, Jules took her usual trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota - a trip she takes at least once a year. On this particular trip, she visited a nature center and was allowed to use a set of snowshoes for free. The rest is history.

"The Black Hills — that is where my soul is at its best," Jules said. "The Black Hills are where I feel most grounded. I feel like I have a connection with the Earth there."

But Jules finds plenty of opportunities around the Quad Cities to stay active. The Blackhawk College campus, Scott County Park, and Illiniwek in Hampton, Ill., are just a few of the spots Jules likes to frequent.

"For somebody my age, it's such great exercise — anybody can do it. If you can walk, you can snowshoe," Jules said. "It's just a joy, it's like you're floating over the terrain."

Getting started with snowshoeing is a relatively simple process. It requires snowshoes with special spikes, poles, waterproof boots, and warm clothing.

What keeps Jules so active outside all year round?

"The connection with God in nature," Jules said. "The sense of wonderment of just everything in the world and how God created it all and it's all connected. I have always had that and I will always have that."



OFFERING RELIEF *TO OTHERS*

AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS

St. Paul supported the recovery and rebuilding of two organizations in 2020 through \$3,500 of our offerings. Both align with our mission and core values — and remind us that we're part of a larger community.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, *Lake Charles, La.*

On Aug. 27, 2020, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lake Charles, La., was struck by Hurricane Laura. The damage to their building was immense. Their sanctuary was fully destroyed and the damage to their Fellowship Hall was substantial, however, remains intact. Recovery efforts from the hurricane took place and their Fellowship Hall served as a location of support in the initial weeks following the hurricane as they collected supplies for those who had been impacted.

Unfortunately, St. Paul endured additional damage from Hurricane Delta just six weeks later. While less structural damage occurred, all of the contents of the sanctuary were destroyed including stained glass, pews, pulpit, and all musical instruments. As of early January, St. Paul was still assessing damages and had yet to determine whether their sanctuary could be repaired or would require demolition and rebuilding. All services were suspended until late January.

"In five months, not a brick nor stick has been moved from that pile of rubble," Pastor Tim Norris said. "And we're not the only ones. That's the second part of a natural disaster. Once the adrenaline wears off from the initial response, it's a slow grind."

A small committee from St. Paul in Lake Charles reached out to fellow St. Paul namesake churches and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)



members for support through prayer and/or financial aid. While St. Paul is a small congregation, they are the only ELCA congregation in southwest Louisiana. Our mission board provided financial support to assist in their recovery and rebuilding.

"One thing that has helped is the responses of churches like you all," Pastor Norris noted. "Our people were awed with the support our small congregation has received from other churches across the ELCA. Those donations have allowed us to start dreaming. They allowed us to pay off the mortgage on the building as we face a large deductible."

Pastor Norris said other St. Paul and ELCA churches also stepped up to help their plight for recovery. The outpouring of support reminded them of the connection and the nature of the church.

"We're not just individual congregations — we're partners in ministry across the nation."

Built in 1975, St. Paul was first damaged in Hurricane Rita 15 years ago but the damage was less substantial. He said it takes years for the entire community to rebuild and it's a struggle to maintain mental health during the rebuilding.

Pastor Norris noted the timeline for rebuilding will be long. He said they would be lucky to have a usable sanctuary in three years' time, but for the moment, they are blessed to gather together in their Fellowship Hall.



Catherine McAuley Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Quad Cities and many surrounding communities were hit hard by the derecho that tore through the Midwest in early August. Many were without power for days and even weeks as local crews worked to fix power lines and remove debris from streets. Pictures kept surfacing of the damage done to homes, apartment buildings, and businesses. One area that received the most damage was Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with peak wind gusts measured at 140 mph.

The Catherine McAuley Center (CMC) was just one of the many organizations to receive damage from the August derecho. Having just moved into their new location one month prior, the new building sustained significant roof and water damage.

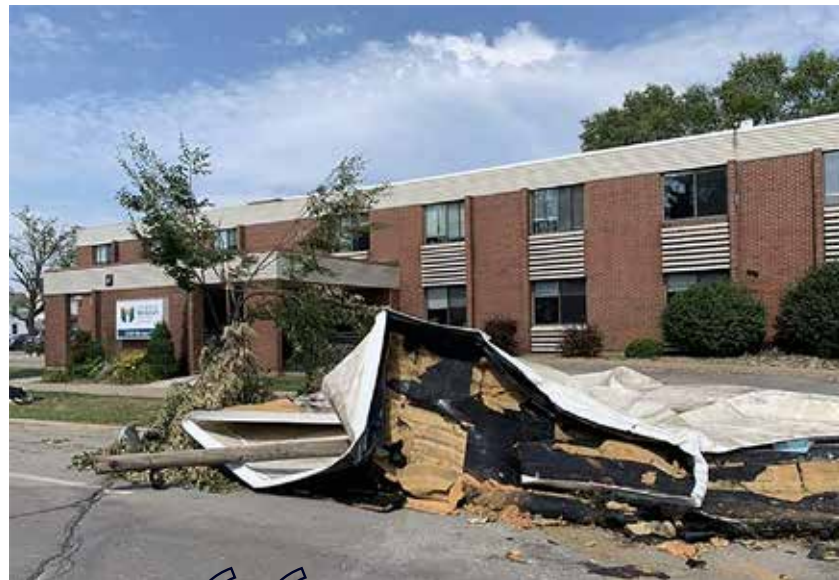
CMC works to serve the needs of distinct populations in Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas including immigrants, refugees, and women experiencing crisis. CMC's widespread programming includes a Transition Housing Program located in the damaged CMC building. Following the derecho, many of these populations found themselves without housing or needed resources, leading to a severe homelessness crisis.

CMC got creative and moved about 60 refugee and immigrant families who found themselves displaced. They turned their former building into a temporary shelter with 24 private rooms and two shared kitchens. By the end of October, CMC was successful in helping all of these families move into their new homes. In addition, the temporary shelter became online learning classrooms for students without access to the internet as Cedar Rapids schools were going online for the year.

St. Paul Mission Board members had a distant connection with CMC and were aware of the incredible programming and access being given to these distinct populations. When the mission board reviewed their budget, they realized they had additional resources to provide. CMC received \$2,000 from St. Paul to help with derecho recovery efforts.

"We wanted to keep our support local," Pastor Katy Warren said. "We had a familiarity with the McAuley Center through members of our mission board. Cedar Rapids had the greatest need so we chose to support this organization who we know has done great work."

The Center's website states it was founded in 1989 by the Sisters of Mercy and the Cedar Rapids community. Named for the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, the Center has grown from serving 15 people in its first year to serving approximately 500 people annually today.



“One thing that has helped is the responses of churches like St. Paul. Our people were awed with the support our small congregation has received from other churches across the ELCA.”

A season of reflection

Drive-thru ashes; devotions delivered to mailboxes; discussion on loving God and our neighbor; intimate and heartfelt worship. On a path to Easter, these days are a journey central to our faith.



Council Notes

St. Paul Council members gathered for the second in-person meeting of the year on Feb. 18.

Pastor Peter Marty gave an overview of recent events at St. Paul including the recent drive-thru ashes for Ash Wednesday. The event was a great success with some 400+ people pulling up in cars to the church's main doors to receive a blessing and to greet staff members. Along with Ash Wednesday, St. Paul is hosting brief online services each Wednesday evening in Lent, a book study group that meets in-person on Fridays and Sundays online, and 40 days of home resources that have been sent out to families and youth.

In-person worship has returned in the form of a brief service on Saturday evenings and a contemplative service each Wednesday noon. Additional in-person worship opportunities

will be added over the months as congregational interest in gathering increases and as COVID case numbers decline.

The council expressed gratitude to Miles Thompson for his talent in bringing St. Paul worship into the homes of St. Paul people, for almost a year now.

Council reviewed the statistics of the annual meeting voter turnout and were pleased the two items for action were affirmed and St. Paul had a responsive turnout.

Beth Laureijs and a few volunteers are working to do what they can to assist St. Paul seniors in navigating the often confusing online requirements and access paths for obtaining COVID vaccination appointments. Seniors who struggle with any facet of the labyrinth of technology are invited to contact the church.

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 Tuesday, March 23, 7-8:15 pm via Zoom. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.



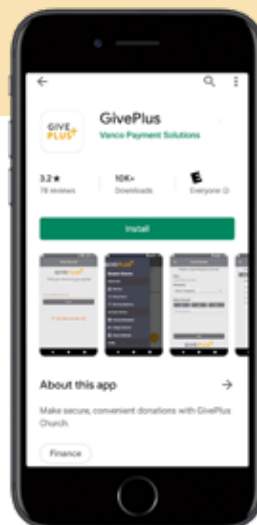
GIVING TO ST. PAUL from home

Thank you for continuing your gifts to St. Paul. They're invaluable for ensuring our ministry.

St. Paul people can mail their offerings to 2136 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803. They can give online at stpaulqc.org/give-online. Or, they can download a new-to-St.-Paul app on a mobile device from our secure gifts processor, Vanco.

The GivePlus online app is one easy way to give. Just download the app, find St. Paul Lutheran by typing in the 52803 zip code, then follow the prompts and give.

Questions? Contact Paula Durham, business manager, at paula@stpaulqc.org.



with SYMPATHY

as of Feb. 18:

- Family of Gary Smith:
Clark & Sara Olson-Smith, his father
Susannah & Amos Olson-Smith, their grandfather
- Family of Kristi Jo Ernst:
Paul & Brandy Ragona, his mother
Joey, Tyler & Elise Ragona, their grandmother
- Family of Michael Leathers:
Paul & Quinn Leathers, his brother
Hollis & Kiel Leathers, their uncle
- Family of Dean Taylor Sr.:
Tom & Jessica Taylor, his grandfather
Drew & Elizabeth Taylor, his grandfather
- Family of Richard Junge:
Chuck & Joyce Junge, his father
Bethany Junge, grandfather
- Ronda & Eldon Bird, her mother
Dorothy Haes
- Dan & Melissa Pepper, his grandfather
James Pepper
- Family of Bill Storjohann:
Marian Storjohann, husband
Cooper Wilde, grandfather
Sylvia Hillebrand, brother-in-law
- Family of Lawrence "Tony" Flaherty:
Tim & Sandy Flaherty, his father
Stephanie Flaherty, grandfather
- Brad & Stephanie Munos, his grandfather
Edmund Sandoval
- Family of Charles "Chaz" Smith:
Dawn & Mike Schroeder, her brother
Alan-Michael & Zach Schroeder, their uncle
- Linda Tank, her husband Jim Tank
- Sherry Burmeister, husband Dennis Burmeister

DEATHS

- Gloria Fisher, Jan. 10
- Dorothy Haes, Feb. 7
- Bill Storjohann, Feb. 10
- Jim Tank, Feb. 12
- Carol Christensen, Feb. 15
- Dennis Burmeister, Feb. 18

WEDDINGS

- Jack Kindschuh & Gail Dover, Dec. 31

BIRTHS

- Calvin Cobb, son of Jennifer & Chris Cobb, Jan. 22
- Tucker Eugene Trizzino, son of Emma & Nick Trizzino, Jan. 26



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

2136 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803



(extra)ordinary encounters

ONLINE LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Lovely evening prayer music. Plus, different members of the congregation share in conversation with St. Paul pastors about particular everyday encounters in their lives. A link will be emailed out each Wednesday at 4 p.m., or available at youtube.com/stpaulquadcities.