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Fancy Footwork

A childhood pastor of mine would tell a story that has stuck with me. A businessman was in an ice cream shop talking to the owner behind the counter when a kid came in for a treat on a hot day. The kid happened to not be wearing any shoes. A wicked smile crept over the owner's face as he winked at the man, before turning to the kid, scowling, and yelling, "No shoes, no service!! Get out of here!" The kid, who happened to be black, left the store in shame. The owner, who was white, just laughed. The businessman, also white, was not amused. He stepped outside, where he found the kid sitting on the curb. He sat down next to her and began untying his laces. He took the shoes off of his feet, and put them down next to the girl. She proceeded to put the shoes on, despite the fact that they were absolutely huge on her, and they walked back into the store together.

Shoes can do a lot. They can sharpen an outfit tremendously. They can enable, or prevent, a great run. They can blister our feet, or provide much needed relief. All of this is serious business. It's not so much that shoes in themselves are of paramount importance—but, as anyone with bunions, plantar fasciitis, a broken toe, or other ailments knows all too well, our feet figure centrally into just about everything we do, even if some of us are lucky enough not to have to consider that fact very often.

At the end of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Paul tells these Christians in Asia Minor to put on the full armor of God: "As shoes for your feet, put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:15). Unless you're a knight, including shoes as a piece of armor might sound strange; yet the notion of protecting our feet is not strange at all. Our feet are surprisingly vulnerable. But just what shoes make you or I ready to proclaim the gospel of peace?

For the businessman in the ice-cream store, I'm not sure the type of shoes he had on made any difference at all, at least in his mind. In fact, his peaceful, silent proclamation required removing his shoes. The child, for her part, was brave and generous to accept what must have looked to her like small boats. What challenges me, though, about these words of Paul and this story alike are that they both point to what my shoes might be able to do for someone else. If there's one thing in my life that I tend to approach self-centeredly, it might be my shoes. I wear the shoes that the situation I'm in requires of me. I put on the shoes that allow me to do what I want to do or need to do in the moment. Changing this approach requires some creative thinking. But if I were

to start somewhere, it would be with this thought: shoes ready to proclaim the gospel of peace will be valued for their flexibility. To proclaim the gospel with the help of our feet is to be ready to change direction quickly. To move on a dime. To go a mountain, or maybe even to ford water. Some really talented folks can probably make some of these pivots in stilettos. Others will require great inserts and arch support.

As I look back at my time at St. Paul, I'll be thankful for all the ways this church has improved my footwork. As I look down at my shoes from time to time in Rochester, Minn., and beyond, I'll think of the memorial garden, the halls at Genesis and UnityPoint, and all the other places St. Paul people have invited me to walk. I can say with confidence that, wherever my feet take me, the generosity and faithfulness I've witnessed here and friendships I've made with the people of this church will make me all the more ready to proclaim the gospel. For that, and so much else, thank you.



HAYDEN KVAMME
pastor in residency



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ON THE COVER:
Andrew Harris

ADULT SUMMER LEARNING:

An Inheritance to Possess

How do we relate to the land on which we live? Many factors influence our response to that question, including our family background and personal path through life, the history of the land, whether we own the land or rent our space on it, our view of land as part of God's creation, our place in the community around us, and more. Join in the study and exploration of these questions in a 4-week series with teaching pastor Peter A. Pettit.

There will be two opportunities to attend each of the four sessions, in order to accommodate people's different schedules and to have discussion in smaller groups. **Choose either Sundays from 4-5 p.m. or Mondays from 12-1 p.m., beginning July 11 and running weekly through August 2.** Mix and match week by week if you wish, coming to whichever of the two sessions works best, Sunday or Monday.

July 11-12 | Place, Land, and Identity

What sort of personal background and experience in relation to land do we each bring to our conversation? How do we think about our land, and the land of others? What biblical models of land possession might inform our perspectives? (The series title is drawn from Deuteronomy 26:1, New Revised Standard Version.)

July 18-19 | American Inheritance and Possession

How do the cultures of native Americans and of European Americans understand people's relationship to land? What implications are there in each culture's understanding for interactions among people? How have the two cultures encountered one another in relation to land possession?

July 25-26 | St. Paul Land Possession

In the context of the Quad Cities area and of Davenport, in particular, where has St. Paul Lutheran Church possessed land? What are the dynamics related to its choice of locations and its use of land? How does St. Paul's location influence its ministries?

August 1-2 | Inheriting, Possessing, and Purpose

Is there a principle about land possession that we can draw from biblical sources? What does it mean to be responsible in possession of land? How does possession of land in one generation relate to the land and its possessors in generations prior and generations yet to come?

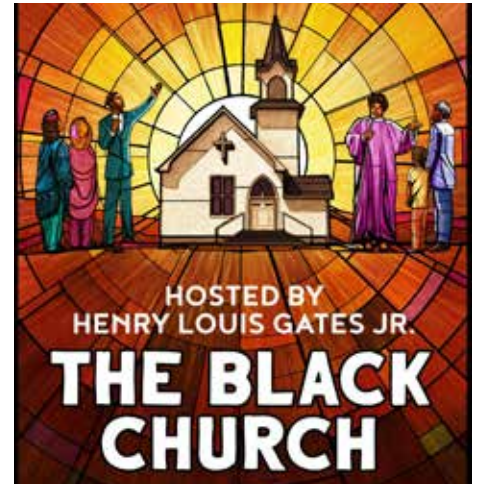
Child care and elementary-age children's activities will be available during the Sunday afternoon sessions each week. Please sign up online at stpaulqc.org/sign-ups if you expect to bring your children to either one of those. Activities will be led by Maddy Carroll (*learn more about Maddy on page 11*).

July HAPPENINGS

THE BLACK CHURCH: MOVIE SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song (PBS) is a moving series with host Henry Louis Gates, Jr.. Hosted by the Racial Awareness Team, gather to watch the 4-hour series in four parts on Thursdays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29, 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Discussion follows. Come to learn, listen, be inspired, and discuss with others the role the Black Church continues to have in our country.

The series traces the 400-year-old story of the Black church in America, as the site of African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience, thriving and testifying, autonomy and freedom, solidarity and speaking truth to power. The video series is based on the book *The Black Church: This Is Our Song* by Henry Louis Gates. It is available in the Book Corner for \$24. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.



Coffee Chats on Faith, Health, and Wholeness

Bring a beverage of your choice and settle into a conversation on faith, health, and wholeness. This group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month for an hour: 10:30-11:30 a.m. The group meets on the North Lawn when weather permits. Otherwise, the group will meet in the Chapel. No need to sign up, just come! Here's what to expect in July:

- **July 6 | A Year in Review:** July marks a year since these coffee conversations began. So, on this first Tuesday in July, come enjoy a recap. Whether it's your first time coming or this group has become a part of your routine, we'll all be enriched by revisiting all that we've discussed over the past 12 months, considering what we've learned, and giving thanks for the connections we've made.
- **July 20 | Looking Ahead:** Come share in a conversation about possible topics to discuss going forward, and what shape this group can take in the coming months.

Mental health movie night

On Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m. gather with St. Paul's Mental Health Awareness Team for a showing of *Ernie & Joe: Crisis Cops*. The documentary follows two police officers with the San Antonio, Texas Police Department who are diverting people away from jail and into mental health treatment, one 911 call at a time.

Come watch the movie and join in discussion afterwards. The series is free and open to the public. The Mental Health Awareness Team works to expand awareness, banish stigmas, love others, share stories, and discover support. This movie series is one of their many efforts throughout the year. Contact: Beth Laureijs, beth@stpaulqc.org.

Habitat for Humanity build dates set for summer

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 Quad-Cities Habitat chapter has built more than 100 homes, including those constructed with St. Paul funding and labor. No previous building experience is necessary. To help, visit stpaulqc.org/signups.

- ▶ **Saturday, Aug. 28:** The morning shifts are 8 a.m.- 12 noon, the afternoon shifts from noon-4 p.m. Lunch is provided; help is needed to provide lunch as well.
- ▶ **Saturday, Sept. 11:** The morning shifts are 8 a.m.- 12 noon, the afternoon shifts from noon-4 p.m. Lunch is provided; help is needed to provide lunch as well.

For more information, contact Katy Warren at katy@stpaulqc.org.

The Bible for Worship to continue on YouTube

This brief weekly video offers background to the scripture text to which the sermon will be related. Posted each week on Thursday at noon on the St. Paul YouTube channel (youtube.com/c/stpaulquadcities) and linked in the Thursday eNews. Questions or comments? Contact Peter A. Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org.

NAMI Family-To-Family to be held at St. Paul in July

St. Paul will host NAMI Family-to-Family on Tuesdays, July 6-Aug. 24, 6-8:30 p.m., in Luther Loft. The 8-session educational program is free for family, significant others, and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidence-based program. This means that research shows that it significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises. To sign up, visit namiowa.org. Contact: Beth Laureijs, beth@stpaulqc.org.

Coming in August: Lives of Note

Martin Doblmeier has produced some of the most compelling films profiling people whose lives of religious commitment and social impact deserve our close attention. In this four-week series of one-hour films, meet some remarkable 20th-century leaders of note from varied backgrounds.

Films will be shown on Thursday evenings, Aug. 5-26, 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion. A children's activity program for elementary-age kids will be offered. Childcare is available upon request — please sign up for childcare at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org.

Sunday morning drop-in family activity center

On Sunday mornings during the summer (*with the exception of July 4*), come as a family to Friendship Hall (upper level) for a fun, faith-focused, family activity, 9:30-11 a.m. Stay as long as you like; come after worship or before; leave when you choose. Activities will be designed for 20-30 minutes, and families will be able to do them at their own tables. Maddy Carroll leads the fun. Learn more about her on page 11.

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:

- *Dusk, Night, Dawn: On Revival and Courage* by Anne Lamott
- *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller
- *Nature's Silent Message* by Scott Stillman
- *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal* by Sarah Bessey
- *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom
- *Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants* by George W. Bush
- *The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country* by Amanda Gorman

The Book Corner is open Sundays, 9 a.m.-12 noon. You can also shop by appointment or over the phone with curbside pickup by emailing Karen Holden at bookcorner@stpaulqc.org.



Youth head to Chicago to serve

A team of 53 St. Paul youth and adult leaders will travel to Chicago later this month to learn and serve in the city.

The crew departs on Wednesday, July 21, and will be grouped into teams and assigned a variety of projects, serving in urban gardens, helping people who experience food insecurity, and a build site at Habitat for Humanity. In the evenings, the team will explore the city's outdoor spaces including a soccer game at Soldier Field. The trip concludes with a cross cultural worship experience on Sunday morning, returning home that afternoon on July 25. The trip will be led by youth directors Andy Langdon and Haley Rhoads.

▶ 678 Adventureland Trip

Wednesday, July 28, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

678 students take a day trip to Adventureland for some summer fun.

▶ High School Waterpark Trip

Tuesday, July 6, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

High school students spend the day at Lost Island Waterpark in Waterloo.

▶ Maquoketa River Float Trip

Sunday, Aug. 15, 12 noon – 6 p.m.

High school youth take an afternoon float down the Maquoketa River.

Godspeed

to pastor Hayden Kvamme

Pastor Hayden came to St. Paul with wit, tenacity, and great kindness. His pastoral residency was a unique experience, weathering unknown times, but his adaptability allowed St. Paul to continue thriving through Dad's group, Virtual Guys Coffee, and other young adult activities and beyond.

Pastor Hayden Kvamme will say goodbye to St. Paul as his two year pastoral residency comes to an end.

Hayden, his wife Kathryn, and their two young children, Maggie and Owen, will be relocating to Rochester, Minn. in August. Hayden has accepted an associate pastor position at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and his wife will work as a nurse at a local hospital. Hayden's last weekend at St. Paul will be July 10-11. His work has touched many in their time here.

What a trial by fire Hayden has had with 2019-2021! Balancing the needs of his young family with the demands of our congregation would be a challenge with an ordinary residency, but throw in the pandemic and its restrictions - Oh, my! Lesser folk might have stumbled and fallen, but Hayden has survived and thrived. Although COVID has limited his personal contacts with the congregation, he has reached out with phone calls, blogs, homilies during the on-line church services, and inspired children's messages. Always welcoming and kind, he has seemed eager to embrace the challenges. Thank you to Kathryn, Maggie and Owen for sharing your Hayden with us." — *Suzanne Benson*



When Hayden first arrived at St. Paul, it was easy to see he would add so much to this community during his time here. He has a clear and beautiful commitment to intentional fellowship. And then watching him not only adapt, but thrive, in an obviously challenging year (I know, we talk about it too much, but it's all consuming) has been an honor. He finds ways to meet people where they are and make them feel valued and seen. It will undoubtedly be sad to see him go, but that is easily overshadowed by the excitement to see what he brings to the next community he is called to serve. — *Hans Schneklath*

When Pastor Hayden and I first met we just clicked. I met him a while ago when he came to my house and then he came to the church to meet with me. He is just a great person. I enjoyed my visits with him the most. I thought it was unusual how well we hit it off because of our age gap but we did. I wish him and his family the best in their future. — *Jayne Schroeder*

Pastor Hayden Kvamme has done what seemed nearly impossible, organizing a group of men who we have named simply 'the Dad's group'. Hayden took the time to reach out and connect with men who are busy with jobs, families, and all the pressures of modern life. By taking that time he helped us form bonds that we never would have made on our own.

During the challenging year that was 2020, the Dad's group got together outdoors at least once a month for yard games, brewery visits, spike ball tournaments, skiing, card games, and we even brewed a batch of our own IPA.

Over the course of these events we got to know each other better. We found common interests and common struggles and through all of it had a good time. Building that sense of community is quite an accomplishment in a short time. Hayden will be missed but we are all hoping that what he helped build will last for years. — *Sean Harless*

We have been attending Coffee Chats since it began in June of 2020. Hayden has co-led these conversations together with Beth Laureijs and Angie Vaaler, and our time with the group has just reinforced our conviction that he's a treasure and we're lucky to have him. Hayden has the gift of being able to talk to people of all ages. He makes each person feel special and that their comments are valuable, and we've thoroughly enjoyed our time together. In fact, in one of this month's conversations, we all agreed that we wished he could just stay on permanently! We will miss him and his family, but know he will do well in his new position. — *Dave and Dortha DeWit*

Resident farewell gift

If you'd like to donate to a gift for Hayden, please write a check to St. Paul clearly marked for "Resident Gift." You're also invited to send individual cards or notes to the church, or drop a written expression in the basket on the farewell weekend, July 10 and 11.

Most valuable lesson learned at St. Paul

HK: When it comes to forming community, attention to people always comes first. This includes Christian community. St. Paul functions as a church as well as it does because it understands faith is formed in and strengthened by community. The pictures in my mind when I remind myself of this reality will include the gathering area, Madison Market, the North Lawn (this year!), and (of course) the sanctuary at St. Paul, just to name a few.

Favorite QCA place (besides St. Paul of course)

HK: It's a tie between Sunderbruch Park (which slowly became our family hiking spot on Saturdays), the Farmer's Market in downtown Davenport, and Vanderveer Park, where we went at least four afternoons per week!

Favorite food at a St. Paul event

HK: Donuts! Especially the super chocolate and blueberry ones.



NEW RESIDENT ARRIVES IN AUGUST

With unanimous affirmation, the congregation of St. Paul voted in May to call Megan Eide to serve as pastor in our congregation through the Pastoral Residency Program, starting in August.

St. Paul's Pastoral Residency Program is a two-year program for new pastors. It's designed to sharpen vocational identity and shape wise pastoral practices and habits in the context of a healthy congregation and supportive multi-staff setting. St. Paul is privileged to be the only ELCA congregation to host a residency program for first-call pastors.



Cops 'N Kids

St. Paul member Sergeant Andrew Harris strengthens relationships with QC youth through books

Chapter 1

“In February I received a phone call from a community member, we had just announced that the Lincoln Center was up and running,” said Tracy Singleton, Executive Director of the Lincoln Center and To Making A Better Community (TMBC). She said “I’ve thought about this idea for 20 years. I think this would be perfect for the Lincoln Center.”

The idea was the program Cops ‘N Kids. Cops ‘N Kids was started more than 20 years ago in Racine, Wis. by Julia Witherspoon, a former police officer. During an arrest, Julia found boxes of books in a warehouse that she decided to keep in her car and pass out to neighborhood children she encountered on her rounds.

“Julia thought she needed to get those books out to the kids so she just threw them in her car and as she would be out on her shift and encounter kids, she would give them a book,” Tracy said. “To the point where when they saw her coming, they would wave her down and ask her for another book. She saw that it was making a difference so she started Cops ‘N Kids.”

The original Cops ‘N Kids has their own headquarters in Racine, Wisconsin and 115 locations around the country. Julia’s program has grown to include holding

community events, building its own library, and throwing a community holiday party where every child walks away with a book.

The two goals for the initial program were to create positive interaction with community youth and police through relationship building and to promote literacy skills. Those same goals carry through to the Quad Cities program. That’s when Tracy enlisted the help of the Community Impact Team.

“It just so happened that about a week before this community member called me, the Community Impact Team (CIT) from the Davenport Police Department had come here and did a tour of the school,” Tracy said. “They were interested in a partnership of some kind but we didn’t know what that looked like yet.”

Tracy had a lightbulb moment and realized the Cops ‘N Kids program would be a perfect fit for the beginning of a CIT and TMBC partnership.

“You’ve got to start somewhere. If literacy is directly linked to poverty and crime, then let’s tackle that problem,” Tracy said. “When people start understanding that reading is just as important as food and shelter then we can start changing lives.”

Tracy’s next phone call was to St. Paul member and CIT lead officer, Sergeant Andrew Harris.

“A few months ago Tracy called us. She’d received a phone call from this community member that had proposed this idea but had not yet gained traction,” Sergeant Harris said. “It was one of those ideas where we said “yes” immediately. I said “we’re doing this.” This was the easiest “yes” we could think of. It’s so important.”

The Community Impact Team consists of three officers whose job is to connect the police force to the community. Sergeant Harris is joined on his team by Officer Kevin Carver and Officer Lucas Rusk. Sergeant Harris credits Officer Carver as taking the lead on this project.

“When TMBC reached out to the CIT officers, they were looking for a way to bridge the gap after starting the new facility on the east side of town and were trying to start a partnership with the police department,” Officer Carver said. “After looking into the success in Racine, knowing the impact, it was an overwhelming emotion, the impact we could have. We said we’d make





it work, whatever we can do.”

The Community Impact Team is a community-wide policing unit established in November 2020. While working to determine a name for the unit, the officers were guided by two important principles: Community and Impact.

“Community — we need the entire community to work with us to address issues. Community policing has to be a priority. Impact — there’s so many different ways we as a police officer can make an impact,” Sergeant Harris said. “The Davenport Police Department takes every opportunity to build positive, meaningful relationships with all of our citizens but especially children. That is our number one responsibility as a community, to educate and to keep our children safe. Cops ‘N Kids is just one of those initiatives to make sure our kids are being educated and that we’re helping to keep them safe.”

Starting this month, the CIT officers will carry the donated books in their cars while they are on patrol. As they encounter youth in the community, either through calls or driving through the neighborhood, they’ll hand out books. But the program stretches far beyond books in their squad cars. The team of three will take part in many local events to engage with members of the community, with their focus being on children. They were present at this year’s Juneteenth celebration at the Lincoln Center and will attend other summer events, a back-to-school block party, and school visits in the fall.

And even though the officers haven’t yet loaded their squad cars with books, they’ve already had a few very happy kids to share them with.

Seeing the impact

Tracy recalls a 16-year-old boy walking through the Lincoln Center and upon seeing an empty bookshelf he asked if he could have it. Tracy said it belonged to a tenant but she did have extras she would give him. When he picked out a bookshelf he told Tracy, “No one has ever bought me a book. I asked for a book for Christmas but I had to choose between a book and a game and I chose the game but I wish I would’ve chosen the book.” Tracy thought to herself “I’ll make sure we get your bookshelf filled up.”

“The story about the 16-year-old who came to Tracy and had never had a book, that broke my heart,” Officer Carver said. “That’s not California, that’s not New York, that’s down the street. That’s in your backyard. I feel like we take a lot of that for granted. Now I have the opportunity to give back, to help address that issue.”

Sergeant Harris said not just Davenport citizens, but the entire Quad Cities and surrounding communities are turning out to support these new efforts. The May Book Drive, in partnership with KWQC, was a huge success for the program.

“We are so blessed to work in a generous community. That’s the great thing about serving in Davenport,” Sergeant Harris said. “We couldn’t have done it without the community. Officer Carver was at the Book Drive the entire day and saw the overwhelming support, not only from Davenport but the whole Quad Cities region. We saw the license plates from Illinois and the residents from outside our community that were coming because they wanted to be part of the solution.”

Sergeant Harris and Office Carver both agree this is a step in the right direction for building positive relationships within the community for children and their families while also promoting literacy in children.

“Trust is the foundation of law enforcement and it’s earned, it’s not given,” Sergeant Harris said. “This is just one more opportunity that we can strengthen the trust with our community. With the books. The books will attract them to us. Who doesn’t want a gift? It’s a positive gift where they can be a better student because of these books.”

Ongoing donations of new or gently used books appropriate for all ages may be dropped off at the Lincoln Center located at 318 E. 7th Street, Davenport or drop off with Jessica Taylor at St. Paul.

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On the Grounds

Keeping the St. Paul campus at its best

If you look out a St. Paul window, you're bound to see Harris Schneekloth, clad in his bucket hat, shorts, and a St. Paul shirt. Harris is the Campus and Grounds Supervisor at St. Paul, meaning he is responsible for keeping the grounds looking their best. He, along with Matt Spencer and volunteers, ensures St. Paul is in top shape.

His outdoor responsibilities include trimming, keeping the parking lot clean, weeding, caring for the Memorial Garden, raking, mulching, watering, and mowing. It takes a dedicated team of volunteers to keep the campus clean and tidy. Jules Irish and her neighborhood cleanup crew pick up trash around the campus and the parking lots, Deanna and Leon Feuerbach give special attention to keeping the flowers blooming, and Dale Goldensoph, along with his brother, Wayne, assist Harris with mowing and lawn maintenance.

Harris started with St. Paul in 1993, originally in a different role. He had owned a cleaning company and was contacted to clean the building. But they wanted to hire him as an employee and not a contracted service. Matt Spencer, Building Manager and the staff member with the longest tenure, said Harris started with St. Paul just a few years after Matt and made a big impact from day one.

"He's always impressed me since the day he started. He works until the job is done. I could say all kinds of things about Harris. I don't think he's ever had a sick day. He will be in every single solitary hour and he's been that way as long as I've known him."

His fun, upbeat personality and witty sense of humor bring a smile to the staff and all St. Paul people.

"He's the king of one liners," Matt said. "Nothing ever bothers Harris. Tomorrow is another day. He just lets things roll off and he's very generous to everybody, very concerned about your wellbeing and enthusiastic when good things happen. He's just a good person."

It's that upbeat attitude that keeps Harris going even on the warmest of days.

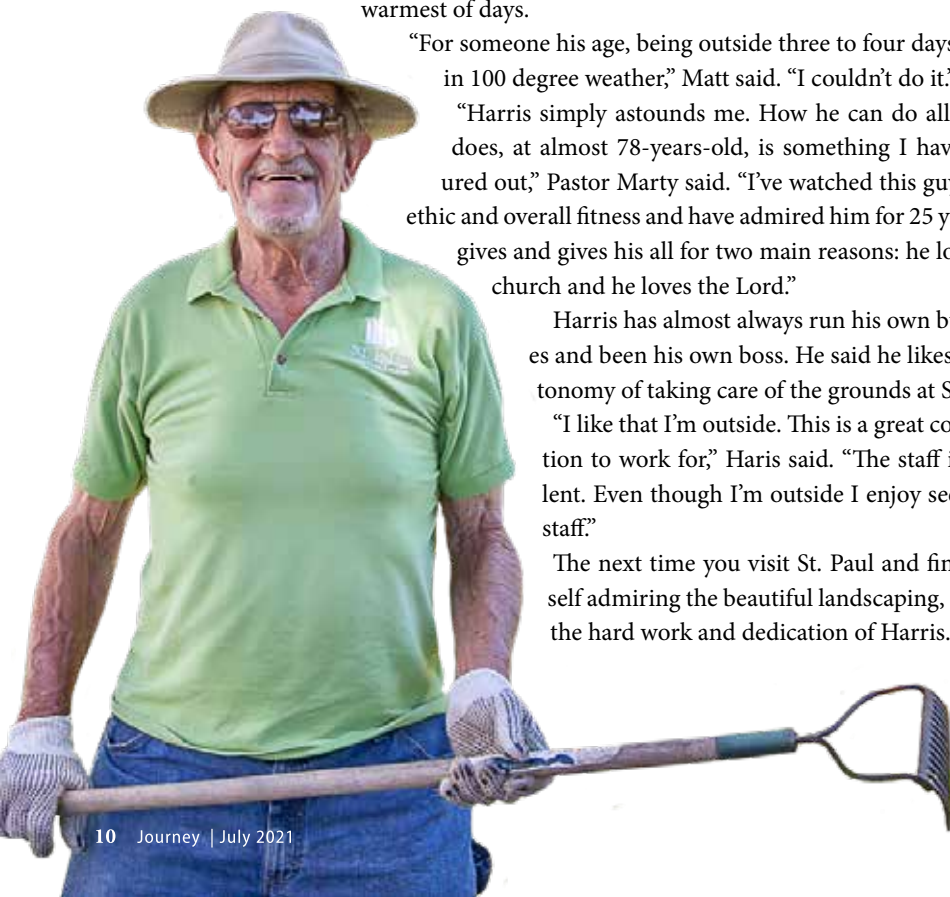
"For someone his age, being outside three to four days a week in 100 degree weather," Matt said. "I couldn't do it."

"Harris simply astounds me. How he can do all that he does, at almost 78-years-old, is something I haven't figured out," Pastor Marty said. "I've watched this guy's work ethic and overall fitness and have admired him for 25 years. He gives and gives his all for two main reasons: he loves this church and he loves the Lord."

Harris has almost always run his own businesses and been his own boss. He said he likes the autonomy of taking care of the grounds at St. Paul.

"I like that I'm outside. This is a great congregation to work for," Harris said. "The staff is excellent. Even though I'm outside I enjoy seeing the staff."

The next time you visit St. Paul and find yourself admiring the beautiful landscaping, think of the hard work and dedication of Harris.



Council Notes

Council members met on a warm nearly summer Thursday evening in mid-June. The council thanked Jill Lechtenberg for her service on the council, which now ends with a move that she and her husband are making to Cedar Rapids. Vacation Bible School organizers have announced that 140 youth have signed up; a strong number despite natural reductions caused by the pandemic.

Council voted to obtain Heninger and Heninger, P.C. as legal counsel for the church for any legal needs in the future.

Plans were shared regarding the conclusion of online video worship in June and the startup of the St. Paul worship podcast beginning the second week of July.

Council was happy with the reopening weekend and look forward to growing in-person worship services. Pastoral resident Hayden

Kvamme has accepted a call to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester, Minn. as associate pastor. Hayden will be honored on his final weekend, July 10/11. See blue box on p. 7.) Incoming Pastoral resident, Megan Eide, will begin her time with St. Paul starting August 29.

Treasurer Jeff Bass delivered a strong financial report, aided by underspending from the pandemic and generosity from the membership. He expressed thanks to the congregation for their ongoing support. Council highlighted the continued strength and growth of the preschool in a challenging year.

In other news, the search for a Director of Children and Family Life continues.

UPCOMING *worship*

July 3 & 4

Season after Pentecost

Preaching:

All services: Sara Olson-Smith

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8:30 & 9:30am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

July 10 & 11

Season after Pentecost

Preaching:

All services: Hayden Kvamme

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8:30 & 9:30am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

July 17 & 18

Season after Pentecost

Preaching:

All services: Katy Warren

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8:30 & 9:30am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

July 24 & 25

Season after Pentecost

Preaching:

All services: Peter W. Marty

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8:30 & 9:30am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

July 31 & Aug. 1

Season after Pentecost

Preaching:

All services: Sara Olson-Smith

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8:30 & 9:30am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

Family Summer Learning with Maddy Carroll

I have grown up going to St. Paul since birth. My family has always been involved so I am very excited to be a part of this team. I attended school in Bettendorf, Iowa and continued my education at Wartburg College, studying religion. I plan to attend seminary next fall.

I have always enjoyed attending church at St. Paul and being involved in the youth ministry program. I also enjoy studying and learning more about religion in a classroom setting and through daily life. In my free time I like to spend time with family and friends.

I am really looking forward to getting to know more of the people who attend St. Paul. I also am excited to grow through this opportunity and see what being a part of a church staff really means.

About Maddy's Sunday Learning Program:

A lot of my activities will be crafts that families can do together. They will be faith-centered, for a variety of ages, and will allow families to work together. Families can come and go on Sunday mornings between services. I am very excited to bring families together.




On Sunday mornings during the summer (*with the exception of July 4*), come to Friendship Hall (upper level) for a fun, faith-focused, family activity, 9:30-11 a.m. Stay as long as you like; come after worship or before; leave when you choose. Activities will be designed for 20-30 minutes.



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*In summer there is everywhere
the luminous sprawl of gifts,
the hospitality of the Lord,
and my inadequate answers.*

— MARY OLIVER