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POSTMASTER

Send address changes to Journey, 2136 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803 We have our usual wake-up routine, getting ready for the day. I make a piece of toast with peanut butter and eat it on my way out the door. My car pulls out of the garage at almost the exact same time every morning, driving the same route to church each day.

To be honest, I oftentimes use that commute to turn on the radio and listen to music, check in on the news for the day, or otherwise "zone out" a bit before hitting the ground running once I get to the office. That is, until a few weeks ago, when I took a new route to work because of construction on my usual path.

As I was following the detour, I started to notice all sorts of things around me that I'd never really been aware of before. There was the house with the beautiful bright yellow mums on the porch. Or the signs in the yards of several houses promoting different school board candidates. I was in awe of a line of beautiful tall trees, each with their leaves changing to varying colors of red, yellow, and orange.

Because this new route took me through a residential area, I had to drive at a slower pace than I usually do. I saw kids walking to school, hearing their laughter as they lugged backpacks and instruments alongside them. Or a new coffee shop (at least, new to me!) that I never even knew existed. In that moment, it struck me how much I don't see on my usual drive to work because I'm simply not paying attention to the more familiar surroundings.

It makes me wonder if that's why the Bible has so many passages that start with words like "Look!" "Behold!" or "See..." We humans are prone to miss so much of God's good work all around us simply because we're in a hurry or distracted or otherwise preoccupied. So again and again God attempts to get our attention—whether it be through the beauty of creation or the sounds of joy around us or something new that catches our eye just enough to give us pause.

One of my favorite words of scripture comes from the book of Job, where part of a prayer offered to God says this: "Lord, teach me what I do not see." It's a reminder to me that there's so much of God's goodness and love all around me... if only I take time to see it.



There is a rather poignant line from Alice Walker's book *The Color Purple* where, in the midst of a conversation, one of the main characters shares their perspective on faith by saying (in my own paraphrase) "I think it makes God mad when you walk by the color purple in a field and don't notice it."

How often have any of us driven by the beautiful orange changing leaves in the fall? Or how many of us have been more than a little grouchy about winter weather rather than being in awe of the quiet stillness of a fresh snowfall? How often do we miss the certain look on someone's face or the sound of struggle in their voice because we're sucked into our phones? I'm guilty on all accounts.

I'd venture to guess all of us can be prone to missing a whole array of colors or expressions—God's very presence among us—simply because we've let ourselves be distracted by the more mundane routines of our lives. In this month where we often focus on gratitude, may we be a little more determined to notice the fingerprints of God all around us. And, in the midst of that noticing, may we give thanks for God's goodness in our lives.

Warren

KATY WARREN associate pastor

Film screening of Sons and **Daughters of Thunder**

Take part in the discussion of local film Sons and Daughters of Thunder which centers on the events that led to the beginning of the end of slavery in America and inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe to write her incendiary book, Uncle Tom's Cabin.

On Sunday, Nov. 7 from 10:15-11 a.m., St. Paul adult learning will feature a discussion on Sons and Daughters of Thunder, a docudrama about the 1834 Lane Debates in Cincinnati, Ohio which sparked a controversial conversation about the abolition of slavery. The debates, highly influenced by abolitionist and Lane Seminary student Theodore Weld, took place at the 19th century Lane Theological Seminary and planted a seed in the mind of young writer Harriet Beecher (Stowe) who would later combine her experiences in Cincinnati and Kentucky to write the worldwide phenomenon Uncle Tom's Cabin. This forgotten true story from award-winning filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle was a prelude to America's Civil War.

Join the filmmakers on Nov. 7 for a preview of clips from the film or attend the full screening of Sons and Daughters of Thunder on Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 7-9 p.m. in the Chapel. Following the screening will be a discussion with the filmmakers and cast members about the key players of this story and why this story should be told.

"The Lane Debates were really the beginning of Harriet's awareness about what was going on in terms of slavery. You really see this story through Harriet's eyes," said producer Tammy Rundle. "She's an observer and not participating much because that's the way Harriet was. And she could not have written Uncle Tom's Cabin without these formative years in Cincinnati. Everything that took place, she witnessed, she experienced."

"There is no Uncle Tom's Cabin without Cincinnati, without the Lane Debates," added director/editor Kelly Rundle. "It was life-altering. It was history-altering, that book."

Teaching pastor Peter A. Pettit was drawn to the relevance of this story that happened nearly 200 years earlier.

"This film discussion is so worthwhile," said Peter A. Pettit. "It's so easy to get tired of wrestling with these big issues but what (Theodore) Weld helped the seminary to realize is that the issues are daily life for large communities of people who don't have the opportunity to turn off thinking about these things. That invites, if not compels us, to pay attention."

Based on the play by Earlene Hawley and Curtis Heeter, Sons and Daughters of Thunder features multiple St. Paul members including Tom Taylor as Theodore Weld, Jessica Taylor as Harriet Beecher (Stowe), Dave Juerhing as Lane Seminary Trustee, with soundtrack by Bill Campbell.

See a trailer for Sons and Daughters of Thunder at https://vimeo.com/ondemand/thunder.



MEET THE RUNDLES

Fourth Wall Films was formed in Kansas City, Miss. by husband and wife filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle. From 1989-2007, The Rundles and Fourth Wall films called Los Angeles, Cali. home. But today the Emmy®-nominated documentary filmmakers are located here in the Ouad Cities.

As a team, Kelly and Tammy have been producing, directing, writing, and editing documentaries and other media projects for more than 20 years. Kelly and Tammy are the recipients of numerous humanities awards, Telly awards, film festival awards, and film festival Official Selections. Other documentaries by Fourth Wall Films include Villisca: Living with a Mystery, Lost Nation, Country School: One Room, Movie Star: The Secret Lives of Jean Seberg, River to River: Iowa's Forgotten Highway 6, and Hero Street. Sons and Daughters of Thunder is the first docudrama by Fourth Wall Films.

november HAPPENINGS

Cleaning up the St. Paul neighborhood

The St. Paul corner of the world is a beautiful place. But with a location near busy streets, businesses, and schools, litter and debris accumulate.

On Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon, St. Paul people will gather to pick up trash in the blocks surrounding the campus. This few-times-a-year event is called the *Make It Yours* Neighborhood Cleanup. Grab a picker-upper, a snazzy safety vest, gloves, and a garbage bag. Head out with family and friends new and old to clear away things that should be recycled or pitched instead.

All supplies and snacks are provided. No need to sign up, just gather at the south entrance. Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com.



Upcoming faith milestones for kids & youth

Milestones are foundational faith moments that shape our spiritual lives. Families gather for these celebrations; they mark moments in the rhythm of the congregation. Coming up in November:

Third Grade | **Explore the Bible:** On Sunday, Nov. 7, 10:15-11 a.m., students and parents learn together about the written word of God. Each child will receive a personal Bible and a blessing from the congregation at 9 a.m. worship. Sign up at **stpaulqc.org/signups**.

Tenth Grade | Share. Save. Spend: This is a moment to pause and talk about money intentionally. On Sunday, Nov. 14, 10:15-11 a.m., families of tenth-graders will begin the conversation about money and examine our hopes and values. Sign up at **stpaulqc.org/signups**.

Food and care ingathering to mark Thanksgiving

Fill a bag with nonperishable food items and toiletries and bring it to church for St. Paul's annual Thanksgiving ingathering. Items may be brought to the church any time in November, including Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m. Or, write a check to St. Paul, put Food Pantry in the memo line, and drop it off or mail it to church.

The food goes to the Friendly House Food Pantry in Davenport and the women's and baby products go to families served by Madison Market.

What's needed? Soups, mac & cheese, canned meat (chicken & tuna), cereal, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry soap, diapers (sizes 5 and 6), wipes and feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads).

Please, no expired items. Questions? Jessica Taylor, jessica@stpaulqc.org.

Heading south for the winter?

Are you a St. Paul snowbird? If you plan to be elsewhere this winter, please let our business office know so we can stay in touch. Send us your mailing address and dates you plan to be gone. Connect with Carrie Bowman by emailing carrie@stpaulqc.org, or calling 563-326-3547.

Coffee Chats to meet on Nov. 2 & 16

Bring a beverage of your choice and settle into a conversation on faith, health, and wholeness. This group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 10:30 a.m., on the North Lawn (weather permitting). No need to sign up, just come! On Nov. 2, discussion will be centered around personality types, and Nov. 16 will focus on preparing for Advent. Contact: Dave and Dortha DeWit, dorthamdw@aol.com.

Guys Coffee Group continues to connect for fellowship

Grab a cup of coffee and settle to connect with fellow St. Paul men. This group meets twice a month with the next gathering on Monday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m., in the Lower Commons. The idea is to strengthen guys in faith and friendship. Contact: Dave McPherson, davemcph@msn.com.

Racial Awareness Team

St. Paul's Racial Awareness Team exists to expand awareness of our world, love our surrounding community, deepen empathy, advocate for change, celebrate justice, delight in diversity, and partner with neighbors in our city. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., in the Library Commons. Anyone is welcome. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

Veterans group seeks soldiers now serving

The St. Paul veterans group would like to know if any St. Paul members have a child or grandchild serving in the military, so they can send them a Christmas greeting to thank them for their service. Lyle Peterson looks forward to hearing from you. You can message him at petedav72@gmail.com, or call 563-343-1817.

Faith BasiX happening Nov. 23

The basics of the Christian faith, St. Paul style, for anyone — really, anyone! This series is an introduction to the Bible and its interpretation. On Nov. 23, 7-8 p.m. in the Chapel, explore the ways we can use the Bible in our lives of faith. No background needed; all questions welcome! Contact: Peter Pettit, ppettit@ stpaulgc.org.

Season of Advent

Advent in the Book Corner

The St. Paul Book Corner is preparing for the change of seasons with devotional books and calendars for Advent, which begins Sunday, Nov. 28.

Devotionals:

Heaven and Nature Sing: Devotions for Advent & Christmas explores the Advent season and celebrates the joy of the 12 days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany. Available for \$3, large print for \$5.

Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas is a colorful deck of cards that is full of rituals, prayers, and reflections. Create a new after-meal ritual, use them as decorations, or take them with you on the go. Available for \$8.

Advent calendars:

The Book Corner will have a couple of different options, including a chocolate Advent calendar from SERRV International. Milk chocolate hearts hide behind the visual story. Purchases of the SERRV Advent calendar help fund SERRV's Eye Care for Artisans program. Available for \$10.

Repeat the sounding joy Advent daily devotions begin Nov. 28

This December, focus on the promise of God's love with St. Paul's annual tradition of daily Advent devotions.

Featuring an array of St. Paul voices, these devotions will land in your email inbox and the St. Paul website, based on the theme of Repeat the sounding joy from the Christmas hymn, Oh Come All Ye Faithful. The final devotion will be posted on Christmas Day.

Sign up to receive the devotions by email at ow.ly/TGYC5, or read them on the website beginning Sunday, Nov. 28, at stpaulqc.org/blog. Note: If you have received the devotions in the past, you do not need to sign up again.

Family Advent Learning on Nov. 28

On the first Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28, 10:15-11 a.m., an Advent lesson, carols, and a family craft activity will turn our focus toward the wonder of Jesus' birth. Meet in Fellowship Hall. Contact: Maddy Carroll, maddy@stpaulqc.org.

filled with gratitude

Autumn is the season when every St. Paul member is invited to make a financial commitment for the life and work of St. Paul for the coming year. The vitality of the church depends on your involvement and generous giving. The pledges of St. Paul people are the primary source of monetary support. Each and every pledge adds up for strong ministry and mission. Please count yourself among the faithful with your financial pledge for Daily Ministry in 2022. Together we are grateful.

An attitude of gratitude

My parents grew up in the Great Depression of the 1930s. Astonishingly, nearly a hundred years ago! As was true for so many Americans at that time, my parents and their families made do with what little was available. They wasted nothing. Growing up, I don't recall either of them complaining about not having much, but I do recall them sharing memories of what they did



to make ends meet. One of my favorite stories, told by my father, involved his learning to drive as a 10-year-old. This was specifically for the sake of assisting his father in selling and delivering bread door-to-door. He'd ease the truck down the street as my grandfather went back and forth from the truck to different homes, delivering bread. Apparently, a ten-yearold behind the wheel made the process all that much more efficient.

In talking about their early years, my parents never expressed bitterness and never lamented what they didn't have. In fact, they voiced appreciation for their entire experience of childhood, reminiscing about how every family member chipped in and did their part to make life as good as it could be.

From day one, my parents conveyed to my siblings and me

their appreciative nature and their strong faith foundation. For my life today, it's faith and a sense of gratitude for life's many blessings that continues to provide the structure and principles with which to address the challenges of every day. It may be cliché to say so, but, for me, an "attitude of gratitude," coupled with the trust that "God's will be done," provides that inner peace that carries me through every new day that's full of challenge and opportunity. — Mark Haring

Together we are grateful

When you arrive for worship on Joy Weekend, Nov. 13/14 look for the colorful "gratitude wall." Reflect upon the things that have filled you with gratitude this past year and share your own short message of gratitude with the St. Paul community.

TWO WAYS TO PLEDGE:

Pledge in print: During the week of November 8, watch for a letter from Pastor Marty. The envelope will include your financial pledge card for Daily Ministry 2022. Take some time to consider, and if you are able, grow your pledge. Return your card to church in person or by mail.

Pledge online: Visit **stpaulqc.org/pledge** to complete your pledge online. (Those who already *give* electronically are still asked to *pledge* their 2022 commitment independently.)



Clarity, hope, and courage

Each morning as I take my eight-year-old son to school, I ask him what he is thankful for. Some mornings I get this amazing answer like, "God" or "I'm thankful for you, mom" or "for a friend." Sometimes it's something like a computer game or a toy. His answers give me a glimpse of what is in his heart. What matters to him and what he is paying attention to. I love this morning practice of

gratitude we share. It's a simple yet powerful way to start the day and be reminded over and over again that life is fragile and precious.

I clearly remember the value of focusing on gratitude when I was faced with serious health challenges. I clung to this prayer called "Gratitude for the Body" that starts like this: "Dear God, as I rise up, I thank you for the opportunity to be on this earth. I thank you for my mind and body. I thank you for my life." I prayed this prayer over and over as my body was not responding to the initial treatments, and when there was so much uncertainty about what the future would bring. It was during those times that I developed a deeper



practice of gratitude that remains with me to this day. I've learned to relax and be fully awake to the present moment, and for that I'm really grateful. My prayer is for others to find a gratitude practice that gives them clarity, hope, and courage. Perhaps it's no more complicated than pausing to take a deep breath, and then releasing it slowly. Or, perhaps it's noticing the beauty of a changing season.

— Ewelina Bergert

The peace that Jesus brings

I'm sitting here with my lovely mother. She is sleeping peacefully at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf. She is dying from end-stage COPD. We brought her here three weeks ago thinking we were near the end. But as I write today, she's still eating and drinking, and, therefore, hanging on. Her mind

is cluttered with dementia and the medication



she's on, but her spirit is strong. If there's one emotion that overwhelms this whole experience, it is gratitude. I'm grateful for so much: For the nurses and aides that care for her so lovingly. For the peacefulness that envelopes us as we sit together. For the volunteers that bring soup and cookies for the patients and their families. For a place where folks can go to die with dignity and free from pain. For my brothers and sisters who have been with me on this journey. For my beautiful mother who loves me unconditionally. Most families spend just a few days here; our family is starting its fourth week. That's a long time in hospice house living. And it's been hard and emotional, for sure. Yes, I'm heartbroken as I say goodbye. And our girls are losing their grandma, I know.

But still, every day contains a moment with mom for which I'm grateful. A connection she makes with those of us who gather, even if for only a second, tells us that she loves us and that we matter. Last week, she said to me, "I'm on a path to glory." Yes, she is. I'm so grateful that Jesus is here with her and that she knows it. I'm grateful for the Holy Spirit too, moving around all of us, helping us to navigate these days. Gratitude for me is knowing the peace that Jesus brings. — Katherine Andersen

IT'S A PROMISE

A financial pledge to your congregation is a financial promise. It's your best indication of what you would like to give during the coming year. It's possible that one could give whenever one feels like it, absent of a pledge. But that does little to help the church plan its ministries and mission, locally and globally. It also turns giving into an ad-hoc exercise instead of a long-range spiritual practice that reflects and keeps your life priorities. So pledge, please!

IT'S A BUILDING BLOCK

Every St. Paul member is asked to complete a pledge commitment. It's one of the expectations of belonging to a congregation that is moving in the same direction. Our Daily Ministry Budget is shaped entirely on the upfront generosity of member pledges. Without them, we have no operating budget.

IT'S FIRST FRUITS

The Bible calls this kind of considerate giving first fruits giving. As an ancient farmer would have pulled the best vegetables and fruits to make an offering to God, we aim not to give what's left over from our living. As unselfishly as possible, we pledge to God ahead of other financial responsibilities. Challenge your giving to grow each year. That's how our church grows its impact. Remember, it's all a faith-based estimate of your personal desire and potential.

CONFIgath stories



Faith stories are the culmination of confirmation at St. Paul. Ninth-graders shared presentations describing how they see God at work in the world and in their lives.

Kailee McCaw wrote this poem to describe her relationship with God.

I stand in front of you today With my words that decree I'm here to tell you my way What faith means to me

Sitting in the silence Hearing the subtle brush of nature Knowing that through them I receive comfort

To the average listener it's nothing more Then a few restless leaves Or a tree shaking in the breeze But to me that's not what they are there for

I sit and hear the movements of these creations and I don't just hear a few restless leaves Or a tree shaking in the breeze I feel more

And I know That it's not just by chance That the sky is blue and the leaves dance to and fro I look at these wonders and feel Because I know that when I sit under this thing blanketed By God's creation that none of this was by chance

When I sit in God's grass under God's sky Surrounded by God's creatures There is an overwhelming sense And I feel God's hand rest upon me That's what faith feels to like to me

Sitting in this church Or sitting at home On those Wednesdays You can't help but notice your heart roam Closer to faith

Sitting in a room With those 10 girls and our leaders Talking about life you can't help but consume The love and support we all give and receive I entered the scene six months late But it's absolutely no debate That I was welcomed with open arms And accepted to feel at home

Sitting and sharing and learning about those Girls and their lives every Wednesday Despite the obstacles of life You feel so close to faith in a way That's what faith feels like to me

Through the good, the bad The beautiful and the ugly Faith is there It's not a hat you put on and take off It's a part of you It's a part of me

Whether it's a small thing that makes me say "wow" Or standing in front of you now Faith guides, grows, and shapes my life And I wouldn't want it any other way Over the past 14 years I have grown to see What exactly faith means to me

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We've experienced a beautiful change of the season on the St. Paul campus. The leaves are changing into bright, dynamic colors before they begin falling from their branches and St. Paul people have gathered together to celebrate many fun and milestone occasions.



















A peace-filled holiday season

The holidays are right around the corner and with those joyous times comes uncertainty, challenges, and stressors. This holiday season, practice self-care with these simple, helpful strategies.

by Angie Vaaler, St. Paul social worker/counselor

As the holidays approach we start to think about the ways in which we enjoy celebrating and the people we traditionally join for such festivities. For you it may be a big turkey dinner followed by a football game, hot cocoa and caroling, a trip to the local Christmas tree farm, Black Friday shopping, tobogganing at midnight, traveling to extended family, a potluck meal with your closest friends, or something entirely different.

Full of nostalgia, the holiday season and its traditions give us something to look forward to, offer us a time to connect and a sense of belonging, and provide an avenue in which we can honor some of our most cherished values and beliefs.

Last year, the pandemic challenged many, forced us to adapt our annual traditions: toning down the scale of festivities, limiting travel, and the like. It also prompted us to think about what was most important and how to find joy in the things that were possible, getting creative along the way. Some have even found that these adapted or new traditions are ones they wish to hold on to going forward!

Perhaps one of the blessings COVID-19 has brought us is an understanding that we don't need to adhere to the rigid guidelines we sometimes set for ourselves or the things we deem as a "necessity" to making our holiday a joyful or "complete" experience. An important lesson learned is that the rituals and traditions in our lives can be adapted and evolve, or even done away with altogether, in order to meet the needs and demands of our daily life.

Despite the buzz and excitement surrounding the holidays, challenges beyond that of the pandemic such as family strife, illness, death and loss, financial burdens, or perhaps stress and burnout, may cause us to take a step back. We might feel that we still need to prepare food for 30 relatives, purchase a multitude of gifts, or attend the office/neighborhood Christmas party donning a smiling face, when inside, we don't feel much like celebrating or prefer to honor these holidays in a quieter fashion or smaller scale. Yet sometimes it's difficult to give ourselves permission to do just that. If unsure or unhappy with your current direction and faced with a decision of what traditions to hold on to or amend during this holiday season, the following tools may be helpful:



Be Purposeful:

Instead of doing things out of a sense of duty or obligation, consider whether it serves your purpose. Doing so brings deeper meaning and fulfillment in life and can renew our relationships with others. Examine what that purpose is for you, what it looks like, and specific actions that uphold it.

Be Mindful and Devoted:

Once you've chosen activities you wish to be a part of and that serve your purpose, devote yourself fully to these experiences. Allow yourself to be present - ridding yourself of distracting thoughts of how things were done in the past or how things would be better elsewhere. Such thoughts cause us to reject the current moment and further contribute to our unhappiness.

Practice Self-Compassion:

Give yourself the same grace and compassion you show others. Allow yourself to discover, feel, and fully connect with your emotions and actively nurture and care for your inner self. Set boundaries, connect with others, and choose to participate in those things that actively meet your needs.

If you, a friend, or a family member are facing the holidays with uncertainty, loss, or doubt or aren't in the mood for celebrating, consider reaching out to Angie Vaaler, St. Paul's Social Worker/Counselor. She can be a listening ear, help you through the process of grief & loss, or help you explore options or solutions to overcome stressors in your daily life. To schedule an appointment with Angie, call 563-326-3547, ext. 312. Her services are free to St. Paul members/family and the Madison Elementary community.

Council Notes

Council members met on a brisk fall evening in October. The council heard reports of St. Paul people engaging in fall programming and milestones in good numbers. The five Sundays of Confirmation, where individual groups of 9th graders delivered their faith stories, were well received. The joy of the Golden Agers Day was shared. More than 80 seniors participated in worship, a custom-designed game of St. Paul Jeopardy, and a whole lot of laughter. Young adult ministries are off and growing with all kinds of autumn events.

Council voted to appoint K.D. Kalber to fill a vacant position on the Mission Board and Lynne Kearns to fill a vacant seat on the Church Council. The new LED video panels for the sanctuary are en route. Installation is being scheduled for the days before and after Thanksgiving. The council voted unanimously to approve the proposal and move forward with the construction of a new garage on the alleyway off the south parking lot. This garage, to be funded by the capital improvement fund, will be able to house St. Paul vehicles and trailers while providing a workspace for repairs. A construction start date is anticipated yet this year.

WORSHIP at St. Paul

November 6 & 7

Season after Pentecost All Saints Weekend

Preaching:

All services: Sara Olson-Smith

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

November 13 & 14

Season after Pentecost Joy Weekend

Preaching:

All services: Peter W. Marty

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

November 20 & 21

Reign of Christ

Preaching:

All services: Katy Warren

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

November 27 & 28

First Sunday of Advent

Preaching:

5pm/9 am: Peter W. Marty 8 & 11:15 am: Megan Eide

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

maddy carroll

Maddy Carroll has been named Interim Director of Children's Ministries for the current school year. She most recently served as program leader this past summer for children's activities at St. Paul. Her focus will be on Sunday-morning life for children and creating family events that nourish kids and families in a life of faith. The goal of her ministry is to provide innovative, playful, and relational opportunities for children to discover the blessing of knowing Jesus Christ.

Maddy is a life-long member of St. Paul. She is a recent graduate of Wartburg College, with a degree in Religion.



Change in church office hours

Our church office hours have been updated. New weekly office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The church, independent of the office, is open at many other times, of course. Contact a pastor or other staff member if St. Paul can be of help to you when the office is closed.





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