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Becoming pregnant



ON THE COVER:
Laura Meloy

The late Eugene Peterson was good at many things, but especially good at helping faith come alive in himself and in other people. Twenty-five years ago, Peterson's son, then a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, called home one day to say, "Mom, Dad, Lynn is pregnant. We're going to have a baby."

This would be the first grandchild for Eugene and his wife Jan. She was over-the-moon ecstatic, brimming with excitement. Eugene's reaction was more muted. "I wasn't feeling much of anything. We had had three children of our own – I didn't see why this was special – and there were still six months before we'd even see the baby." Said Eugene, "I felt dull, flat, routine."

The more Jan spoke with him, the more disappointed he became with his own inadequate joy. "What's wrong with me?" he said while driving home the next day. "Why don't I feel anything?" Jan told him straight up, "It's because you've never been pregnant," to which Eugene replied, "Well, that's just great; so what am I going to do about that?" She told him to build a cradle.

He took her counsel seriously and went to work. From a couple of design books, he picked out an early American hooded cradle for his design. After sketching a plan and how much wood he'd need, he headed off to the specialty wood store where he settled on Honduran mahogany. For months, he'd leave his study at church early to head home to work in his wood shop. He cut each piece with meticulous care, securing every dovetail joint to perfection. He hand-sanded the cradle until it was silky smooth. The cradle started to come together. Each anointing coat of tung oil only deepened the color. The wood seemed to glow.

Throughout his labors, Eugene kept imagining the child that would be in the cradle. Over and over again, he anticipated how the rocking motion would calm the baby. He prayed with gratitude for what was coming. "Jan's prescription worked," he said later. "I got pregnant. By the time the cradle was ready, I was ready – prepared to receive the gift of new life."

Eugene's behavior during those months of toil strikes me as valuable insight for our own contem-

plation of Christmas. Are we ever adequately prepared for Christmas? I don't think so. But I also want to say: that's okay. Despite the church's effort each Advent to get us to wrap our heads around the idea of preparation, who is it that ever ends up perfectly ready to receive the gift of Christ?! Who models the uncluttered mind, the unwavering devotion, and the centered heart that establishes the Lord as central to their everyday? I don't know any such ones.

What interests me is the care with which we carry out our everyday tasks, so many of them completely mundane. Repetitively sanding a block of mahogany wood doesn't normally excite, and applying yet another coat of tung oil hardly sends a chill up your spine? But what happened to Eugene Peterson in his wood shop ran deeper than some repetitive movement of his hands. He kept imagining a new future, and his part in it. He anticipated how a little life would inspire his own. He prayed gratefully for what a creative God makes possible in the first place. He understood that joy (and finding it) is essential to life. That's what I want this December. I want to become pregnant like Eugene, only pregnant with excitement for Christ in my life and Christ in our world.

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St. Paul people: Have you pledged?

2022 Offerings

Our offerings are critically important for the financial health of our congregation. Every offering we make adds to the goodness of what we can accomplish. Thanks for making St. Paul a priority in your life.

Pledging for 2023

The St. Paul expectation is that every member make a financial pledge commitment – a faith promise of what they believe they can give to support the ministry of the congregation. Please make every effort to turn in your pledge card and envelope for 2023. Extra cards are available at church. Or, save time by logging onto the St. Paul website and making your pledge electronically at stpaulqc.org/pledge. Online pledges are completely confidential.

Year-end giving

By mid-December, you should receive a statement of your giving through November 30. To be credited to 2022 giving statements, all offerings must be received in the church office by Friday, Dec. 30 at 12 noon, or postmarked by Dec. 31. Sunday, Jan. 1 offerings will be recorded as 2023 contributions.

Gratitude

Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to St. Paul all year long. The Christ-centered mission and ministries of St. Paul depend entirely on the giving and pledges of every single household.

Our pledged giving for 2023 will make possible St. Paul's expanding mission character, staffing, and ministry vision. Thank you for your generosity.

Have a question about pledging or stewardship? Contact Marcia Robertson, giving ministry coordinator, 563-326-3547 ext. 218, marcia@stpaulqc.org.

A loving heart

Twelve years ago, while I was serving on the church council, the idea of starting a men's Bible study came up. I felt like God was saying, "Jeff, you're supposed to do this." We've got a great group of guys. We just meld together and can really talk.

I have been doing lay speaking since 1991. I have a big heart for small country churches. Back in college I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with my life. I was sitting at home one day and suddenly felt a calling to go into ministry. There was a need for lay speakers. After thirty years most people retire but, here I am, still going. There are often weeks I don't know what I'm going to speak about, but I know God will bring it to mind.

I'm the type that when I see a need, I believe in stepping up if you can. I believe everyone has unique talents and gifts to share. — *Jeff Keller*



december

HAPPENINGS

Advent luncheon on Dec. 10 for Women of the ELCA

Women of St. Paul are invited to gather for an Advent celebration on Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come early at 10 a.m. for a chance to enjoy unique table settings and centerpieces curated by various WELCA members. There will be an Advent devotional led by Pastor Sara Olson-Smith along with the singing of Christmas carols. The luncheon will follow. Bring a salad, quick bread, or dessert if you'd like. All women are welcome! Childcare will be available. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or the Info Center. Contact: Linda Allebach, 563-349-9407, lindajallebach@gmail.com or Beth Johnson, 309-269-9543, bajohnson5674@gmail.com.

December events for young adults

The St. Paul young adult ministry is for those in their 20's and 30's looking for ways to connect and build relationships at church. Come to an upcoming event:

Christmas Party | Friday, Dec. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., gather at St. Paul for a festive Christmas celebration, including a free Italian dinner, a cookie exchange, and plenty of board games! RSVP to Megan Eide or Max Franks.

Community Caroling | Sunday, Dec. 18, 5:30-8 p.m., bring a little Christmas joy to our elderly St. Paul friends and neighbors. Meet at St. Paul to fuel up on pizza before venturing out together. RSVP to Megan Eide or Max Franks.

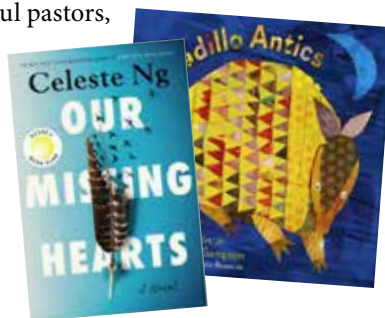
Contact: Megan Eide, megan@stpaulqc.org, or Max Franks, max@stpaulqc.org.

Book Corner shines for Advent

Our bookstore glows with the season. Displays are freshened with gift-giving in mind. Most gifts come from organizations committed to global justice and fair trade. Come and see! You'll find Advent calendars and devotional booklets for all ages. In addition to Sunday mornings, the Book Corner has expanded its hours for the season to include Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45 p.m., and Saturdays, 4:30-6 p.m.

The St. Paul Book Corner has new selections for adults and children on the shelves too. Every book is carefully selected by St. Paul pastors, staff, and avid St. Paul readers. Books are priced below retail, without sales tax. They include:

- *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng
- *Leadership: In Turbulent Times* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- *Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions* by Jacqueline A. Bussie
- *Armadillo Antics* by Bill Martin



Christmas poinsettias to decorate Sanctuary

Christmas poinsettias will decorate the front of the Sanctuary as Christmas approaches. If you would like to donate a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, orders may be placed in the church office or by mail no later than Saturday, Dec. 10. The cost for each plant is \$10. Forms are available at the Info Center. Payment is due at the time of order. Contact: Paula Durham, 563-326-3547 ext. 226, paula@stpaulqc.org.

Faith BasiX on Dec. 20

The basics of the Christian faith, St. Paul style, for anyone — really, anyone! This once-a-month-series is an exploration of worship in its patterns and variety. The next meeting will be Dec. 20, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Luther Loft. No background needed; all questions welcome! Contact: Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org.

Faith, Health, and Wholeness Coffee Chats

Grab a refreshing drink and settle into a conversation on faith, health, and wholeness on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 10:30 a.m., in the Chapel. No need to sign up, just come! In December, the focus will be on handling the holidays. Contact: Dave and Dortha DeWit, dorthamdw@aol.com.

Vets On a Mission seeks soldiers now serving

The St. Paul veterans group, Vets On a Mission, would like to know if any St. Paul member has a child or grandchild serving in the military, so they can send them a Christmas greeting and 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.

2023 giving envelopes available mid-December

For those who do not give online, the 2023 envelopes are expected to be available beginning in mid- to late December in the Elevator Commons. St. Paul members who do not give electronically, please stop and pick up your personalized box. Questions? Contact Paula Durham, paula@stpaulqc.org.

Social worker/counselor services available

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed, holiday-fatigued, or just need a listening ear, reach out to our staff counselor/social worker, Angie Vaaler, LMSW. Her services are free of charge to the St. Paul and Madison School communities.

Angie is available for telehealth appointments over both audio and video and is available for in-person counseling services. Contact Angie at 563-326-3547, ext. 312.



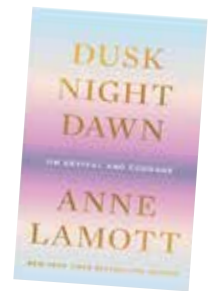
All St. Paul Reads: America's Holy Ground

America's Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections on Our National Parks by Brad Lyons is the 2023 All St. Paul Reads book. All St. Paul Reads is encouragement for all to read and talk about a single book title in the same year. In 2023, this event marks All St. Paul Reads 20th anniversary.

This dessert and discussion event will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2023, 3-4:30 p.m. *America's Holy Ground* is available for purchase for \$20 in the St. Paul Book Corner. To help with planning, please RSVP at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Karen Holden, bookcorner@stpaulqc.org.

Occasional Tuesdays book group begins in January

Gather for conversation centered around a good book on Tuesdays, January 10, 17, & 24, 7-7:45 a.m., in the Library Commons. In Ann Lamott's *Dusk Night Dawn: On Revival and Courage*, explore the tough questions that many of us grapple with. How can we recapture confidence as we stumble through dark times toward the light of hope that still burns ahead for all of us? Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.



Upcoming concerts: Tidings of comfort & joy

Talented ensembles and acclaimed choral performances. Music events are a gift from St. Paul to the community, welcoming area music lovers.

► QCSO Holiday Brass Concert | Sunday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m.

Ring in the holiday season with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra brass and percussion sections and organist Chris Nelson. The concert will include uplifting selections of classical and holiday favorites. Tickets are available online at qcsso.org/event/holiday-brass-2021.

► A Nova Christmas | Friday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.

The Nova Singers' Christmas concert is an annual tradition at St. Paul. Our sanctuary will bloom with songs of the season, thanks to this nationally-known vocal ensemble. Tickets available at novasingers.com and at the door.

► Big River Brass Band Holiday Concert | Sunday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m.

Join the Big River Brass Band for an afternoon of your favorite holiday classics, featuring organist Chris Nelson. The concert is free (donations accepted).

► Choirs for Christmas | Sunday morning, Dec. 25

Choirs and ensembles from all across the Quad Cities filmed in the St. Paul Sanctuary for a KWQC program called *Choirs for Christmas* to air on Christmas Day.

Advent

light in the darkness

Our Advent journey begins the weekend of Nov. 26 & 27. This is a season of longing, for growing our trust in the promises of God. Week by week, we'll prepare our hearts for Christ's birth with melodies that crescendo in hope and expectancy, and with candles that pierce the darkness.

Choral Advent Worship | Sunday, Dec. 4

Let the glories of song and an impressive intergenerational gathering of St. Paul choirs at the 9 a.m. worship service carry you into the beauty of the Advent season. From preschool choristers to adults, Choral Advent Sunday is a joyful tradition for preparing the way for Jesus' birth and a magnificent day to invite others into our church home.

Blue Christmas Worship | Tuesday, Dec. 20

This quiet service of longing and hope is designed for anyone who doesn't feel like celebrating. During the holidays, grief, illness, depression, and loneliness can be magnified. The Blue Christmas service, Dec. 20, 6 p.m., acknowledges pain and longing, while offering hope and comfort for the broken-hearted. In the darkness of December, anticipate Jesus, the light of the world. Gather afterward for conversation and refreshments.



Outdoor caroling | Wednesday, Dec. 21

Come for Christmas caroling on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 5:30-5:50 p.m., outdoors on the North Lawn under the shining, hanging lights. Dress for the weather. Music provided. Gather and sing, as together we ask God to stir up our hearts for the One who is coming. Hot chocolate will be served. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

Advent for kids & youth

Little Bird & Jesus podcast

Beginning Monday, Dec. 5, tune in to the new St. Paul children's podcast, *Little Bird & Jesus*, to hear Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and others share little bird stories just for kids...or kids at heart. Take a journey through the Bible with the little bird who was a witness to Jesus and his life. Through her lens, we get a glimpse into the life, work, and love of Jesus. In the first episode, Little Bird & Mary meet an Angel.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Dozens of St. Paul stars, shepherds, and sheep will sing and tell the story of Jesus' birth on Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:15 a.m. (*read more on pg. 10*). Contact: Maddy Carroll, maddy@stpaulqc.org.

Youth Advent Events

Shopping for HDC: On Sunday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m., high school small groups gather at Target to shop for Christmas gifts for residents at the Handicapped Development Center. Bring \$5-\$10 to share. Students will gather at church afterwards to wrap gifts and join in a camp style worship.

Gingerbread House Building: High school youth gather on Sunday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. to create Bible-story gingerbread houses. Bring candy to share and a spirit for friendly competition.

Christmas Caroling: Students in grades 6-12 will gather at church for pizza followed by an evening of Christmas caroling around the community on Sunday, Dec. 18, 5:30-8 p.m.

Contact: Liz Franks, liz@stpaulqc.org.



Christmas Eve

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Saturday, December 24

"God came down that we may have love...Hallelujah forevermore!"

Come celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in Christmas Eve worship. May the blessings of the season be with you!

12 p.m. | Holy Communion & Carols

All the glory of Christmas Eve in an early-afternoon option. Scripture and hymns tell the story of this holy night. *Pastor Katy Warren preaching.*

2 p.m. | Holy Communion & Carols

All the glory of Christmas Eve in an early-afternoon option. Scripture and hymns tell the story of this holy night. *Pastor Katy Warren preaching.*

4 p.m. | A Children's Christmas Eve

A service focused toward children, with traditional carols and a lively children's message. Children and youth choirs sing. A lovely tradition at St. Paul, kids are invited to play a short Christmas piece on the piano as part of the pre-service music. If interested, sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Limited availability.

6 p.m. | Holy Communion with Open Spirit

The Open Spirit ensemble leads Christmas singing with a contemporary flair. *Pastor Peter Marty preaching.*

8 p.m. | A Service of Lessons & Carols

Music by the Chorale with candlelight. *Pastor Peter Marty preaching.*

10 p.m. | Candlelight Holy Communion

The evening concludes with *Silent Night* with special instrumentation, in a darkened Sanctuary lit with candles. *Pastor Peter Marty preaching.*

One service will be offered on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

Open to being a Christmas greeter?

Welcoming people into the warmth of St. Paul on Christmas Eve is a joyous experience. Would you be willing to spread some Christmas joy for about 30 to 45 minutes of your time before a particular worship service? Please contact Jennifer Garvey, 563-326-3547, jennifer@stpaulqc.org.

Holy Communion is served at the 12, 2, 6, and 10 p.m. services on Christmas Eve.

Childcare: During all services, the childcare room will be open for parents to use as needed. Child-care staff have the day off. Children are always welcome in worship.

Christmas Eve parking:

In addition to St. Paul parking lots & side streets, Madison School lots across Brady Street are available. Observe extra care when crossing Brady Street.

Advocating in Egypt



St. Paul member Laura Meloy spent a week in Egypt this past November at the annual United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference. Laura attended as a youth delegate with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF).

It's about a twenty-hour plane ride, only 6,483 miles, and an eight-hour time difference from Davenport, Iowa to Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. Laura Meloy spent nearly an entire day traveling from her home in the Quad Cities to the airport in Chicago, then Jordan, on to Turkey, finally, landing in Egypt. Then it was off to the conference center in Sharm el-Sheikh to begin her days full of advocacy and education.

The UN climate conference ran Nov. 6-18, with Laura attending the second week of the conference events as a youth delegate selected by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). While 50 youth delegates from LWF were selected to attend the conference virtually, only eight were invited to attend in person. As one of those eight youth delegates to attend the conference in person, Laura is the only youth delegate from the United States.

“It feels surreal right now to have been chosen as one of the few delegates attending the conference in person. I'm really excited and I'm starting to get a little nervous,” Laura said, just days before leaving for Egypt. “I never thought I'd get here, attending a global event like this, this fast. It's funny because I tell people

“I'm attending the UN Climate Change Conference and lots of them didn't quite realize what it was or how big of a deal it is. I'm very honored to go as the only American delegate.”

The youth delegates participate in rallies and protests, observe conference negotiations, and attend side events and panels on various topics related to the climate challenge. One of the rallies this year took place on Gender Day. LWF was one of the organizations that shined a light on the ways climate and gender are connected, as part of their global justice mission. The goal of the UN Conference, also known as COP27, is for parties to advocate globally for climate justice, reviewing past successes and discussing ways to further tackle global climate challenges.

Just what are some of the large topics to be addressed at the conference? In the past, substantial change has come from the annual meeting. The Paris Agreement, an international treaty on climate change, was adopted at the 21st conference in Paris in 2015. The agreement is one of the more well-known changes to come from the conference.

“I know that all the countries submit their progress reports from the year. The UN is made up of 206 countries, and only about 20-some have submitted their plans. That will be a big obstacle. These countries are committing to action, and the progress report is a way to be held accountable. Other items the conference addresses are loss and damage, how can some countries give support to other countries that need help, and finance is always a large topic.”

Laura has thought about her personal goals at the conference and how she can bring awareness to her community back home.

“I really want to meet the UN delegation while I'm there, but I think using my social media to engage with other youth and people in the QC to motivate them and educate them about what COP27 is





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and does and how important it is. I want to bring more awareness to what people can do on their own in their own communities. Climate change feels like a big issue and it's hard to wrap your head around.”

Laura became passionate about climate change during her time in college. She graduated from St. Ambrose University this past spring with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Studies. She also double-minored in Environmental Studies and Theology.

During her time at St. Ambrose, Laura was vice president of the Student Government Association, a member and president of the St. Ambrose Model United Nations team, and a member of the St. Ambrose environmental club, Greenlife. She played a major role in creating an environmentally friendly gathering space on campus at St. Ambrose, co-chaired the inaugural Sustainability Fest, started a weekly sustainability podcast, and led the Student Government Association's first-ever Litterpalooza, a competition-style event where more than 100 people on campus picked up 700 pounds of trash from the campus and surrounding neighborhoods.

Her participation in the youth delegation ties all her passions and experiences together.

St. Paul Pastor Peter Pettit recommended that Laura apply for the LWF youth delegation. Knowing her school background and passion, Peter knew Laura would be a perfect fit for the opportunity. Once the application was complete, Peter assisted Laura in obtaining a letter of recommendation from the office of the Bishop of the ELCA.

“Laura strikes me as bringing a “perfect symphony” for this opportunity — deep interest in religion, passionate concern about climate and ecology, and an adventurous spirit of organizing and doing.”

“I want to bring more awareness to what people can do on their own in their own communities.”

Pastor Pettit said. “After traveling with Laura in Germany this summer, I could see the spirit of adventure and the maturity of purpose that she would bring to the LWF program. The church needs bright, capable people like Laura to take leadership in crucial issues. Starting now as a young adult with this kind of experience and contacts, she will have a wealth of opportunity to develop her leadership in whatever arena and role she chooses.”

What are some easy steps to help with climate change right here at home? Laura's best advice for those who are looking to step into the climate conversation:

“Be aware of who your government representatives are; where do their priorities lie, where they get their money from. It helps to know where your banks are investing their money as well. At home, you can take shorter showers and educate yourself on proper recycling. Recycling is often not done properly to maximize the impact.”



A million little lights

The 2022 St. Paul Christmas Pageant gets a new take on a familiar story.

Year after year, the story of the birth of Jesus is told in churches across the country. Mary sets off on a long journey, there's no room in the inn, the wise men arrive, arms heavy with gifts, and Jesus is born. This year at St. Paul, kids, parents, and all audience members alike will get a fresh twist on this classic story.

The 2022 Christmas pageant, entitled *Christmas Lights*, was written just for St. Paul by Jimmy Sederquist. The idea came from a chat around a Library Commons table at St. Paul.

Jimmy's wife, children's choir director Katie Casey, has solicited Jimmy's help before for her children's programs at Pleasant Valley. Katie brings Jimmy a list of songs she'd like to incorporate into the program and Jimmy writes the words around each song. This is the same approach Jimmy

took when writing this year's pageant.

"Choir director and this year's pageant director, Margaret Thompson, Katie, and I were sitting around a table and the idea came up. Margaret would pick out the songs she wanted featured, and I would create a story around them. I kicked the idea around in my head for about six months and then I finally put all of it onto paper. I knew where I wanted the story to start, and I knew where I wanted it to end. The songs were ways to get there."

The play is a series of family vignettes, each centered around and setting up the next Christmas song or songs. The conversations touch on topics of family tradition, connection, memories, and, of course, Christmas lights.

"When you hear the songs – most people hear these traditional songs so often that we don't think about the deeper meaning behind the words – some are tender, others are a celebration, there were a few that were a lot deeper than I had even originally remembered. Hopefully, the kids will take to heart the deeper meaning behind those songs."

Working with an original Christmas play also provides lots of flexibility and inclusivity.

"Some of the packaged scripts are great but they're often written for a certain number of kids.



Christmas Lights:

The children's Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:15-11 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Since we're writing this script, we can add more lines to include more kids or change lines to fit as needed. You can make it perfect for whatever your situation is."

Jimmy officially began playwrighting in 2018 with his submission to the Quad City Playwrights' Festival, a 10-minute play festival hosted through Augustana College. After that, he caught the writing bug. He continued writing plays for the festival and even recently had his first full-length play produced at Playcrafters in Moline. Don't miss the debut of *Christmas Lights* on Sunday, Dec. 18 here at St. Paul.





Christmas love

FROM THE ST. PAUL STAFF

Pictured: (top left to right) Sara Olson-Smith, Becky Harper, Miles Thompson, Max Franks, Peter Pettit, Katy Warren, Teresa Keller, Kathy Becker, Jennifer Garvey, Angie Vaaler, Megan Eide, Chris Nelson, Maddy Carroll, Matt Spencer, Paula Durham, Beth Laureijs, Lauren Brown, Liz Franks, Jessica Taylor, Allison Winter, Marcia Robertson, Karen Holden, Jim Akright,

Karen Strusz, Peter Marty. **Not Pictured:** Dana Welsler, Paul Caldwell, Bill Campbell, Nathan Windt, Dan Pepper, Katie Casey, Sara Harless, Margaret Thompson, Linda Allebach, Teresa Whitbeck, Todd Byerly, Terry Ousley, Harris Schneekloth, Terry Haru, Joe Wollett, and Dana Taylor.

A word from St. Paul's treasurer:

At St. Paul, we strive to show God's love in our lives and our communities. We work to share it every day and, as a church, that happens thanks to the continued support of everyone in the congregation. Our \$3.0 million budget this year, which drives all that we do, from mission outreach to our wonderful staff, is only possible because of your generosity. We are grateful for your faithful giving as we work to finish our year in the positive. My personal thanks to you, the people of St. Paul, for your continued commitment to this place. — *Jeff Bass*

WORSHIP at St. Paul

▶ **December 3 & 4**
Second Sunday of Advent
Choral Advent, 9 a.m. worship

Preaching:
5pm/9am: Peter W. Marty
8 & 11:15am: Megan Eide
Liturgical tradition:
5pm/8 & 9am
Contemporary Open Spirit:
11:15am

▶ **December 10 & 11**
Third Sunday of Advent

Preaching:
5pm/9am: Sara Olson-Smith
8 & 11:15am: Peter W. Marty
Liturgical tradition:
5pm/8 & 9am
Contemporary Open Spirit:
11:15am

▶ **December 17 & 18**
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preaching:
5pm/8 & 11:15am:
Sara Olson-Smith
9am: Peter W. Marty
Liturgical tradition:
5pm/8 & 9am
Contemporary Open Spirit:
11:15am

▶ **December 24**
Christmas Eve

See page 7 for details

▶ **December 25**
First Sunday of Christmas

Preaching:
10am: Max Franks
Liturgical tradition:
10am



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ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONS

Do you see what I see?

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 *Do You See What I See?* 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. 27, at stpaulqc.org/blog. Note: If you have received the devotions in the past, you do not need to sign up again.