

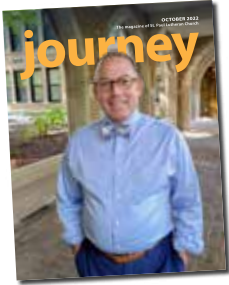
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# Symbols of God



**ON THE COVER:**  
Kent Barns

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**T**he Ariowitsch-Haus in Leipzig, Germany, is the community center for a large, vibrant, resurgent Jewish population. Looking at the building's façade, one can see how it was designed to replicate a Torah scroll, with the rolled-up bulk of the scroll on spindles on both sides and the front of the building as the readable text of scripture. Inside, in the main activity hall, the skylight is in the form of a six-pointed star, an iconic symbol of the Jewish people and, as the "shield of David," a reminder of God's protection.

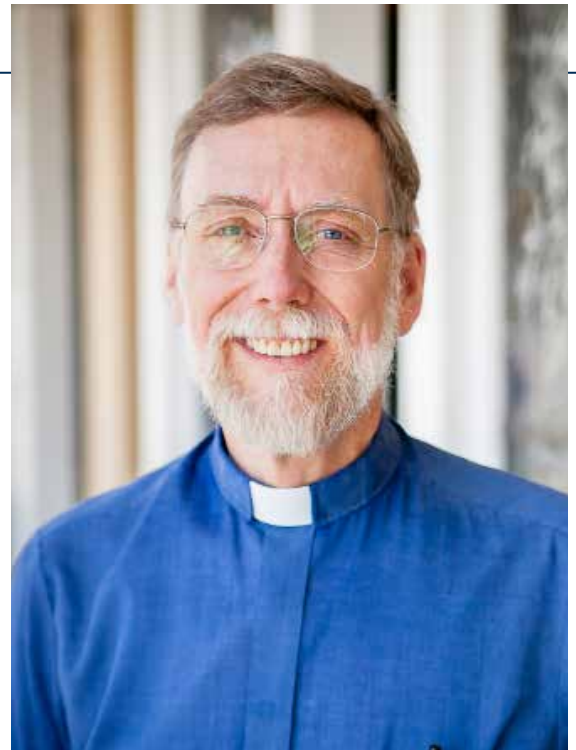
One cannot pass by or step into this structure without knowing something of the identity and values of its community. They live by the teachings of a holy scripture and trust in the One who set David as king over their ancestral homeland and people with a promise to uphold his line forever.

In a similar way, it takes only a brief glance to see a cross prominently topping the tower of St. Paul. The Jesus story in stained glass offers a lens through which to look out onto the neighboring city from the main sanctuary.

This congregation is given life through a Power greater than the evil and death that overwhelmed Jesus. Following the Lord takes the congregation through the pattern of his life into the neighborhood, with a love of neighbor that stretches far beyond the property lines. The cross marks that love as the highest loyalty of the congregation – above culture, clan, country, class, and every other characteristic.

Our buildings speak our values and allegiances, and often our bodies do, too. Many Jews wear a kippa or yarmulke, the small skullcap that reminds them that they live under the grace and goodness of God. A mezuzah on the doorframe of their home will recall for them the Torah lifestyle to which they are committed "in their going out and their coming in."

So, too, Christians may wear a cross or sport a tattoo of one. As Martin Luther encouraged, they may make the sign of the cross daily when they wake and as they go to bed, remembering the baptism in which they were marked with the sign of the cross, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and brought into the community of the church.



I wonder about the other objects and symbols that adorn our lives and our places. What do people see on and around me and what does it say to them of who I am and what is important to me? What apps are on the first page of our phone's home screens – the ones we use and depend on most often?

Israel was called to live the Torah lifestyle as a witness to God. Live thus, Moses said, so that others will see you and marvel at the God who is so close to you (Deuteronomy 4:6-7). Jesus exhorted the people who heard the Sermon on the Mount to let their light so shine that people would take notice and glorify God (Matthew 5:16).

Symbols of God's rule in our lives and promises to the world are not matters of private reflection alone. They are part of how God's people make the rule and promises real. Do the symbols of our lives announce to people that there is One who created them, cares for them, hears them, and will ultimately gather them back into its holy Oneness? Do people have to come to the community center or the church to see, or do we carry the message with us day by day?

**PETER A. PETTIT**  
*teaching pastor*

# Introducing Liz Franks

## YOUTH COORDINATOR

Just as youth started heading back to school and looking forward to a busy autumn, Liz Franks joined the St. Paul ministry as the new full-time youth coordinator. Liz brings a unique professional background to St. Paul, having previously worked with youth in a variety of capacities including as a teacher, tutor, and mentor.

### Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

I'm originally from a small farming community in Readlyn, Iowa. I attended Wartburg College and graduated with a degree in Secondary Spanish Education. While there, I became involved in campus ministry, vocal music, and mentored younger students.

I'm married to resident pastor, Max Franks. We share a new (but not so little anymore) puppy, Charlie, who can sometimes be a handful! Max and I married in 2019 and moved here from the Kansas City area at the beginning of August. It is very refreshing to be back in Iowa after living out of state for the last six years. Max and I are both from here and are big Hawkeye fans. We feel like we came back home!

### What excites you about St. Paul and, more specifically, the St. Paul youth ministry?

Over the last several weeks, I have had the pleasure of meeting many in the St. Paul community. Each interaction has been incredibly warm and genuine. It's not the building that makes the church; it's the people! When Max and I visited in the spring, we left feeling welcomed, valued, and encouraged. I remember thinking "This is what church should be like."

I feel a sense of belonging as an individual, and I see it in others. I continue to be in awe and wonder of the impact this congregation has on the wider community, exemplifying our call as Christians to serve others.

Like all of us, I have my own unique faith journey, which has impacted my decisions throughout my life. My passion for young people started in high school while tutoring other students. This drove me to pursue a career in education.

However, while I enjoyed my time as a public educator, I did not have enough opportunity to help kids wrestle with some of the larger questions in life: "Why are we here?" "What is our purpose?" "Who am I and how are we connected?" "Where do I belong and where am I going?," and "How do I make a difference?" These questions bring me back to our core beliefs as Christians. I find middle and high school-age students incredibly smart, inquisitive, and inspiring. They are the future of our world and they're worth our investment.

### What are you most passionate about?

Some of my greatest passions include serving people, creating art, and traveling. I love to spend time with people from all walks of life and hear their stories. As a former teacher and social service agency worker, my passion to serve others has been the cornerstone of my career leading up to joining the staff at St. Paul.



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# october

## HAPPENINGS

### Give the gift of life on Blood Donor Day

Volunteer to help others battling serious injury and illness at the fall Blood Donor Day on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1:30-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Blood donation is a simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Enjoy conversation and treats afterward. Donations are utilized by the health care facilities in the region that receive blood from ImpactLife.

Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).



### Walking the Grief Journey begins Oct. 23

Gather on five Sundays, Oct. 23-Nov. 20, 10:15-11:00 a.m., for a supportive, compassion-filled series for those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. Explore anger, depression, fears, acceptance, and new strength for a hopeful future. Meet in the Church House Living Room. Led by Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and Joel Moore, deacon and registered nurse. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).

### Nova Singers fall concert

Nova Singers will be in concert at St. Paul on Sunday, Oct. 9, 4 p.m. They will perform *A Procession Winding Around Us*, featuring classical guitarist, Dr. Angelo Favis.

Led by conductor Laura Lane, Nova Singers is a 20-voice ensemble with a nation-wide reputation for expressiveness, virtuosity and innovative programming. Tickets are available online at [novasingers.com](http://novasingers.com) or at the door.

### Golden Agers worship planned for Oct. 12

The Golden Agers worship and luncheon is a joy-filled annual tradition at St. Paul. For those who are age 75 and older, this year's Golden Agers event will be Wednesday, Oct. 12, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for worship, music from the staff choir, and refreshments. With a bit of entertainment and great conversation, it's a beautiful day of fellowship.

Please RSVP by contacting Jennifer Garvey at 563-326-3547, or [jennifer@stpaulqc.org](mailto:jennifer@stpaulqc.org).

### Poverty simulation to be hosted at St. Paul

Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families. But unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the Moline Foundation will be hosting a poverty simulation to help bridge that gap from misconception to understanding.

During the SocioEconomic Differences and Poverty Simulation participants will live in the role of a low-income family member on a limited budget where you must provide for your family — ensuring the basic necessities are met. Then learn how people who live in poverty make decisions based on their culture, what they value, and what rules they live by.

The event is free and open to the public, but please register online at <https://go.illinois.edu/PovertySimulationOct18>.

## Coffee Chats to meet on Oct. 4 & 18

Bring a beverage of your choice and settle into a conversation on faith, health, and wholeness. This informal, member-led group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month, 10:30 a.m., in the Luther Loft. No need to sign up, just come! Discuss a different topic each month — October's topic is Gender Diversity and the Gender Spectrum. Contact: Dave and Dortha DeWit, [dorthamdw@aol.com](mailto:dorthamdw@aol.com).

## Habitat for Humanity build date set for Oct. 22

St. Paul people are building a home, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Swing a hammer, raise a wall, run a table saw. No prior construction experience is needed. On Saturday, Oct. 22, the morning shift is 8 a.m.- 12 noon, the afternoon shift from noon-4 p.m. Lunch is provided; help is needed to provide lunch as well. Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Katy Warren, [katy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:katy@stpaulqc.org).

## Join the Big Band on Sunday, Oct. 16

Proudly proclaim "I'm with the band" on Sunday, Oct. 16, when St. Paul gathers all woodwind, brass, and percussion instrumentalists to play at 9 a.m. worship. This is a time for musicians of all abilities to shine, explore, and create beauty with instruments of all kinds.

One rehearsal will happen on Saturday morning, Oct. 15. Music available in advance. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact Chris Nelson, [chris@stpaulqc.org](mailto:chris@stpaulqc.org).

## Collecting Veteran stories

St. Paul Vets on a Mission are interested in connecting with St. Paul members who served in Korea. The group would like to talk to veterans about their service and collect stories for archival purposes. If you're a Korean war vet and interested in sharing your story, contact Lyle Peterson, 563-343-1817, [pete-dav72@gmail.com](mailto:pete-dav72@gmail.com).



## Blessing of the animals

On Sunday, Oct. 2, 1 p.m., gather with the beloved creatures of St. Paul and their owners, for a celebration of creation and companionship. We give thanks to God for our pets and all that God has made. On the Feast Day of St. Francis, we'll meet on the North Lawn, some on lawn chairs or picnic blankets, others on leashes or in cages. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).

## Retreat Opportunity on Nov. 5

St. Paul member and Augustana College professor Jason Mahn will lead a half-day retreat at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline, on "Hope, Faith, and Love During Difficult Days." The free retreat is Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-12 noon, with registration at 8:30 a.m. Please RSVP by Oct. 28 to Trinity, 309-762-3624.



## October gatherings for moms

▶ **Mom's Morning:** Friendships form when mothers of young children get together. Mom's Morning is a gathering that celebrates parenthood with laughter, prayer, and mutual support. Meet in the Church House Living Room on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 9-10:30 a.m. On Oct. 13, learn with Pastor Sara Olson-Smith about embracing your identity. On Oct. 27, share family meal ideas and learn tips and tricks from Mary Beth Angerer of Angerer Eats. Childcare is provided. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).

▶ **Mom's Night Out:** Gather with other moms for a monthly night out. Activities range from dinners to yoga in the park, and escape rooms to backyard gatherings. On Oct. 7, 6 p.m. hang out at Armored Gardens in downtown Davenport. Great drinks, food, and company included. On Oct. 22, 10 a.m., meet at Buttercup Candles in LeClaire to create your own custom candle. Email Chelsea Clark to be put on the Mom's Night Out email list at [chelseamclark12@gmail.com](mailto:chelseamclark12@gmail.com).



# Let Them Fly



## Supporting kids in college and beyond

**T**he transition into adulthood, whether it be attending a four-year institution, trade school, or direct career path, is a time of radical change for young adults and their support networks alike. There are so many questions, unknowns, and big decisions to consider. Where do you start, how do you start, and when do you start?

St. Paul member Kent Barnds has made his career in higher education for more than 30 years, but he's looking at the collegiate process a little differently this year now that his oldest daughter, Martha, began her college journey in August.

"The role of parents and support networks in helping a student begin to think about their future is to listen deeply to your kid," Kent said. "Parents want to take control of the process rather than listen. One way to listen is to ask really good questions. Really good questions usually don't start with 'where do you want to go to college?' 'what are you going to do with your life?' Instead, it's, 'have you thought about in what type of a class setting you learn best?' 'Are there particular subject areas in which you're deeply interested?' Framing questions so that you can engage in some deep listening is a really important responsibility of a student's support network. When a student is ready to talk about their future, a parent needs to stop, listen, and have the conversation on their child's terms."

One of the more challenging aspects, as a parent, is being available to offer support and guidance while allowing your child the independence and freedom to learn and grow on their own.

"As parents, we're never going to fully let go. We're going to empower. We approach this as a team. My wife Jennie and I talked a lot as Martha was getting ready to go. We talked about the things we've done to prepare her for this. This is what we wanted for her, to let her loose, let her fly, and be supportive. This is a natural progression in life for many. While not everyone is going to go to college, some look toward a career, the military, or trade school, there is a natural next step in all kids' lives. Your parenting and support define how successfully that child can take that next step. I've witnessed 30 years of goodbyes on that first day on campus. I wanted our own goodbye to not be a sad day but a day celebrating Martha's next step."

Now stepping into the role of a college parent, Kent has learned ways to connect even better with prospective and incoming Augustana students.

"There was a point when Martha hadn't made a decision on which college to attend yet. During a conversation with Jennie, she said, 'I'm not really great at making



Left to right:  
Martha Barnds,  
St. Louis University;  
Julia Fiedler, Iowa  
State University;  
Olivia Schroeder,  
Augustana College

decisions that impact the rest of my life.’ That was a ‘stop -in-your-tracks’ moment. Am I contributing to the pressure that any 18-year-old feels? It shouldn’t feel that way to a student. It’s a decision for now. There are students that transfer to other institutions or find a different path. This experience has caused me to reflect on how I do my job in a more grace-filled way. This is a person-centered process. We can’t overlook the uniqueness of each student. I know our other two kids will have completely different processes from what Martha did. The college search and preparation for college are going to be as different as your kids are.”

With Martha away at St. Louis University, the Barnds’ home dynamic has shifted, but they’re finding new ways to stay close and connected as a family.

“Our house feels different right now. I think we’re all trying to sort that out. You have to be prepared for that and think through how to fill that void. We’ve been trying to think about how we, as a family, communicate and engage. It’s the Barnds’ family text string that gets us through, preserving that family bond. It’s hysterical, uplifting, and reminds everyone that we’re a family, no matter where any of us are.”



# In their experience

## Lauren Schroeder

Senior, Luther College  
Visual Communications

My advice to high schoolers or first or second year college students is to have friends you know back home. For me, that’s my friend Bryan. We had a great friendship before college and experiencing college together, even though separated, it makes it great to have someone going through the same experiences. Now that my younger sister has started college (see above photo, right), I can be there for her, which is a role I’m glad I can fill.

## Olivia Vincent

Junior, Augustana College  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Most beneficial for me in starting college was having adults in my life who let me know that they valued and missed me while allowing me the space to develop. It was a hard transition for my parents, but I appreciated them listening to my boundaries and knowing that I needed the freedom to learn things on my terms.

The words of my high school English teacher and St. Paul member, Connie King, have carried me through. Before we were sent home for the remainder of my high school senior year, due to COVID, she told me the phrase “the night never lasts forever” got her through her college days. I’ve kept those words close to my heart, even taped on my wall, while at Augustana. A reminder that even when it feels like finals week will never end or I won’t finish an assignment, the sun will always rise again and God’s faithfulness will bring new mercies in the morning.

**“As parents, we’re never going to fully let go. We’re going to empower.”** KENT BARNDS

# You are not alone.

Many of us have been there — you’ve just experienced life-altering circumstances like welcoming a new baby or recovering after surgery. You are exhausted and overwhelmed, juggling healing and the care of yourself and those you love. When do you possibly find the time to cook a healthy and nourishing meal for yourself or others? This is where the St. Paul ministry *Food for Families* comes in.

Formerly known as *Meals for Moms*, the ministry coordinator, Sara Harless, is looking to enlarge this ministry, where possible, beyond just a meal to new parents. There are certain other situations of recovery or healing where a meal can make a difference. Sara is actively looking for others to help provide meals, since the vitality of this caring ministry is dependent on willing servants.

“I love that one of the core values at St. Paul is radical hospitality. Bringing people a meal when they need the extra help is a very tangible way to show that hospitality,” Sara said. “The four most beautiful words in the English language are “you are not alone” and this is a great way to show people that they are part of a community and are cared for. We belong to each other and I want to see us come together for the people who need support in our church. If

you already love to cook, this is a great opportunity to care for others.”

## Receiving love

Molly Yoder and her husband, Brandon, welcomed their first daughter Zoe in 2019, then their youngest daughter Elise arrived just a few short years later. After each birth, St. Paul members showed their love to the new and expanding family.

“During that postpartum time, everything is blurred,” Molly said. “You’re getting to know your new baby and figuring out the new family dynamic so it was such a relief to have that support from our church community.”

When their lives and schedules were turned upside down, the St. Paul community came through once again, providing meals while little Elise was healing and getting strong.

“We also received meals when Elise was in the Iowa City Children’s Hospital this past June. The support from our church community was wonderful when we were coordinating which of us would be in Iowa City and who would be home with our older daughter during that time. Having those meals prepared and delivered helped so much as we tried to get settled back into our home routine.”

## Generosity for generations

Margaret and Miles Thompson received food deliveries when they had their first son, Christian, in 2016. Margaret said the gesture brought her much closer to her St. Paul community.

“We felt so much love by all of the generosity. We had people I’ve known since I was a kid bringing me dinner,” Margaret said. “Sara Harless brought us a breakfast casserole and she held Christian and visited. I didn’t know her as well then so it felt like being welcomed as a new mom into



Miles & Margaret Thompson, Christian, Charlie

that motherhood and parenthood part of St. Paul.”

Margaret was so moved by the support that she wanted to give back.

“I love to pay it forward. We were so touched by everyone’s generosity that then I joined and started delivering meals right away. I always make chicken enchiladas. It’s a nice meal that you can freeze or make right away, depending on the amount of food you’ve already received.”

Even Margaret’s children notice the generosity built into their family routine, an extravagant generosity being passed to the next generation.

“I double the recipe and I make the same thing for my family the night we deliver the meal. My kids now ask me when I’m making chicken enchiladas, “Are we bringing some to someone tonight?”

## how can I help?

Volunteer to fill bellies and feed souls of those who have just added to their family or are recovering from surgery. Sign up by emailing Sara Harless at [saramharless@gmail.com](mailto:saramharless@gmail.com) and you will receive periodic meal train links to help someone else during a stressful time.



Brandon & Molly Yoder, Zoe, Elise



# rooted in faith

**Women around the country are sitting down to connect with one another, grow, and share their insights each month, guided by the Bible studies published in the national *Gather* magazine. The women's circles at St. Paul are no different but they do share a unique resource – the September/October Bible study is written by Pastor Sara Olson-Smith.**

This time around, the topic of the Bible study centers on Jesus and nature. The three session topics include trees, soil, and creatures and each explores Biblical examples of these items and observations on how they are present in our lives.



“One of the things I love is that these women gather every month for study, fellowship, and service. While I wrote the study, they are doing it on their own, with their own spin, leadership, and insights,” Pastor Sara said. “It’s a beautiful thing to think of all these women (and women at churches all over the country) doing these studies.”

Vida Luth is a member of the Ruth Circle, a group of more than 30 women who meet monthly on the first Thursday.

“Each month we come together and follow these Bible studies. It’s quite an honor to have Pastor Sara publishing in *Gather*. The first topic in this month’s Bible study is trees,” Vida said. It’s so intriguing that trees have a whole society of their own and that’s exactly what Sara talked about in her lesson. Trees depend on each other, and just like trees it’s up to us to work together with people to be connected and successful.”

While Pastor Sara’s guide is a jumping-off point for the discussion, the women bring their own perspectives, insights, and experiences to the discussion.

“We read the lessons and connect over the questions at the end. A common theme we came upon during our September study was how trees are naturally connected and depend on each other and how we are all connected. Each of us, especially as we get older, need to care for and depend on each other. We need to share that community and connection.”

Joyce Olderog is a member of the Dorcas Circle, women who come together to share a variety of different life experiences, planting roots, and growing in community together.

“Our circle serves, studies, laughs, loves, and shares together. The women widen my outlook and they offer community information. We all care about learning and we feel really rewarded as we spend time together, as we grow together.”

Pastor Sara used bits of her past experiences with the circles to weave together a Bible study that is deeply impactful for women of all backgrounds, life experiences, and ages.

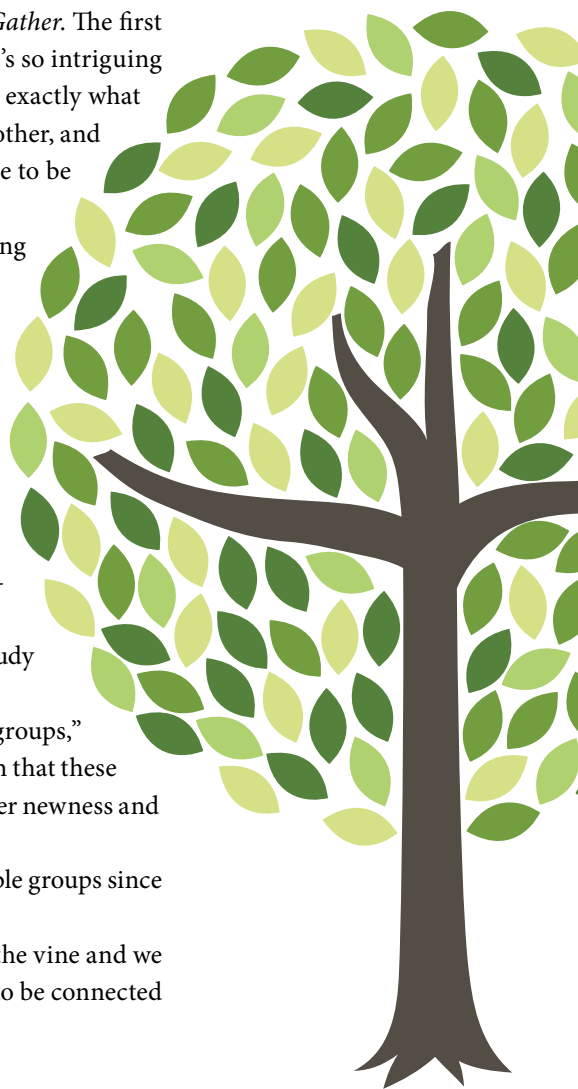
“Pastor Sara structured the Bible studies based on what she experienced from our groups,” said Joyce. “Her guides give us 35-40 minute lessons — the exact amount of time and depth that these groups require. Sara is a vivid storyteller. Her stories bring scripture to life. The lessons offer newness and insights which lead us to a deeper understanding.”

Fonda Corson is a fellow Dorcas Circle member and has been involved in women’s bible groups since her mid-20s.

“Sara describes nature and how Jesus used nature in his teachings and stories. He is the vine and we are the branches and we cannot, as one branch, do it on our own,” Fonda said. “We need to be connected to the vine and the community of branches.”



**Pastor Sara’s Bible study is in the September/October edition of *Gather* magazine and available on their website as a resource for all to use.**



# new members



**Charlie & Ellen Freese** (pronounced: FRAY-zee) are passionate about education and healthcare. They come to St. Paul through friends. Charlie is retired from the Calamus/Wheatland School district and enjoys golf. Ellen is a retired healthcare recruiter for Genesis and is still connected with the Genesis philanthropy board.



**Mike & Julie Grothusen** come to St. Paul through friends and family. Mike works at John Deere as a business analyst and takes an interest in golf, movies, and home improvements. Julie is a department educator and registered nurse in a maternity unit. She enjoys travel, photography, and scrapbooking. They have two young adult children.



**Dow Smith & Mary Peters** recently relocated from Northwest Indiana to be closer to family. Dow is a retired carpenter, most recently at Guaranteed Rate Field (formerly Comiskey Park) in Chicago; Mary works in accounting. They spend their free time tending their garden and flower beds, and caring for their grandchildren.



**Sam & Deanna Gross** are retired – Sam from the grocery industry and Deanna as an administrative assistant. They enjoy gardening, reading, golfing, cooking, and spending time with family. They were attracted to St. Paul by the active community.



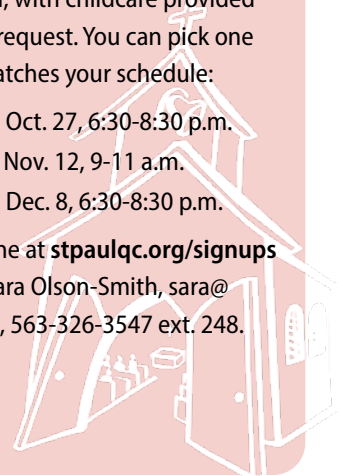
**Kurt & Jenny Kreiter** enjoy spending time with family and are passionate about social justice. They have two adult children. Kurt is a retired teacher, but continues to coach and teach online college courses. Jenny works as Interim CEO of Community Action of Eastern Iowa.

## New to St. Paul life?

St. Paul Membership Inquiry Classes are designed for people who are new to life here. You may be seeking a spiritual home, or simply considering your next steps. The classes focus on the church's core values, ministries, and the faith expressions that inspire everything we do here. Classes are offered each and every month, with childcare provided on advance request. You can pick one class that matches your schedule:

- ▶ Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, Nov. 12, 9-11 a.m.
- ▶ Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups) or contact Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org), 563-326-3547 ext. 248.



## Council Notes

Council members were delighted to share in a review of St. Paul's fall start-up of ministry programming. The choirs were singing beautifully in rehearsal, childcare rooms were filled with laughter, and enthusiastic learning took place at all levels. It felt to many as if the congregation had patiently weathered the worst of the pandemic and is now able to shift into a higher gear. See social media for congregational photos.

Council expressed thanks for the positive transition of our youth ministry, giving a special shout out to Katy Warren for her leadership throughout the summer in coordinating youth ministry leaders. Pastor Katy's upfront work with new youth coordinator Liz Franks (see p. 3) has allowed Liz to settle eagerly into her new role.

Council received an update on several personnel committee decisions regarding vaca-

tion day benefits and health care coverage. The church's health care plan in actual dollar cost is anticipated to rise 3% for next year.

Several improvement projects are in the early planning stages. For much of October, however, the flat roof portions of the church are already slated for tear-off and full replacement.

Council celebrated the continuing ministry partnership with Madison Elementary School. This school partnership, coordinated by Dana Welser, included all kinds of St. Paul volunteers lending a hand recently for the school's indoor/outdoor Fun Night.

On financial fronts, good stewardship of resources and members' generosity has expenses rolling in beneath receipts. Thanks were expressed for the lively and generous spirit of St. Paul people.

### Childcare gets a fresh new look!

The newly renovated childcare space includes age-appropriate toys and games. Check it out! Located on the main level, it's available every Sunday morning with staffed childcare for infants through preschool age.



## Mobile giving to St. Paul made easy

Vanco, our secure online provider, has a mobile app called Vanco Mobile that makes giving online to St. Paul easy and user friendly.

Download the free app "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" from the App Store or Google Play. Find St. Paul Lutheran Church by typing in "Davenport," then follow the prompts to give. Online giving information and passwords for existing Vanco users automatically transfer over to Vanco Mobile. New Vanco users can easily set up the app for one-time donations or recurring gifts.

Besides in-worship giving, Vanco Mobile is just another easy way to give. St. Paul people can also mail their offerings to 2136 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803. Or, they can give online at [stpaulqc.org/give-online](http://stpaulqc.org/give-online). Questions? Contact Paula Durham, business manager, at [paula@stpaulqc.org](mailto:paula@stpaulqc.org).



## WORSHIP at St. Paul

### ▶ October 1 & 2

Season after Pentecost

#### Preaching:

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

#### Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

#### Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

### ▶ October 8 & 9

Season after Pentecost

#### Preaching:

5pm, 8/11:15am:  
Peter W. Marty  
9am: Sara Olson-Smith

#### Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

#### Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

### ▶ October 15 & 16

Season after Pentecost

#### Preaching:

5pm & 11:15am:  
Peter W. Marty  
8 & 9am: Max Franks

#### Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

#### Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

### ▶ October 22 & 23

Season after Pentecost

#### Preaching:

5pm, 8/11:15am: Katy Warren  
9am: Bishop Amy Current

#### Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

#### Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

### ▶ October 29 & 30

Season after Pentecost

#### Preaching:

5pm, 9am: Megan Eide  
8/11:15am: Sara Olson-Smith

#### Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

#### Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am



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# TRUNK or TREAT

**SUNDAY, OCT. 30, 5-7 PM**

Gather at St. Paul for community, treating, and a parking lot dance party! It's fun for the whole family. Scan the QR code, or sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups).

