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Shortened days



ON THE COVER:

St. Paul member Kathy Schutman and her husband Larry

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February has always been the hardest month of the year for me. I've never looked seriously into the diagnostic criteria for seasonal affective disorder (SAD) or asked a doctor to evaluate me, but my life feels different in February than at any other time of year. February drags on and I drag myself through it.

The letdown after the excitement of Christmas holidays and the start of the new year may be part of it. Or is it the accumulation of days when I come and go to work in the dark? Perhaps it is because February is the month before my birthday; I may be anticipating what it means to add another candle to the cake. Whatever the case, February doldrums are a familiar part of my annual cycle.

Fortunately, some things in February ease the doldrums. There's the long holiday weekend honoring our presidents. I celebrate Valentine's Day with the love of my life. Perhaps most significantly, February is the shortest month of the year. That fact alone makes its burden more bearable.

Could Scripture have anything to say about this? Well, the gospel of Matthew does talk about shortening days. In chapter 24, Matthew reports Jesus's answer to the disciples when they asked about the great climax of history, when the kingdom of God will come in its fullness. According to Matthew, the lead-up to that grand moment is pretty grim: famine, war, earthquakes, persecution, and God's Temple desecrated. And, Jesus adds, if God had not "shortened those days, no one would be saved." But there is also welcome assurance: God has decided to shorten those days, and the kingdom will come!

Bad as it is, I don't pretend that my February is the equivalent of global catastrophes. Still, the shortened days of February help to keep me going, so it's nice to think that God shortened its days in order to offer relief and rescue! Then I wonder: what might be "February" for other people? What do others have to endure for an unending ordeal of time? How might shortened days help bring relief and rescue to them?

I wonder about this because God doesn't save me or I can feel better and get on with the rest of the year. When God saves me, I find that the spirit of God is within me to shape and guide my life. "For we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God," as the apostle Paul



wrote (1 Corinthians 2:12). Indeed, with that perspective, I begin to see around me many individuals who model the alchemy that fuses God's spirit with a person's gifts, creating relief and rescue for others.

Several people I know are gifted with literacy and the patience to read with elementary school students. In the spirit, they shorten the days until that child reads at grade level. Other people have the gift of a voice for advocacy and persuasion. The spirit prompts them to speak out, in order to shorten the days until a woman has access to healthcare and can exercise her own judgment about it. One person in particular has the gift of understanding the ins and outs of ecological sustainability. They move in the spirit and talk with neighbors about collectively "greening" homes, in order to shorten the days of dirty energy, the suffering in communities that it impacts, and the likelihood of further climate disruption.

Living in the spirit is about shortening the time and distance between life as we know it and a life in which our human community more closely resembles God's kingdom. As I drag myself through February and give thanks for the shortening of its days, it's worth asking how I might stir my gifts together with God's spirit to shorten the disaster in someone else's life. And then (come March!), doing it.

PETER A. PETTIT
teaching pastor

Enter into this 40-day journey
of worship, reflection, and nourishment

LENT

Ash Wednesday | Feb. 22

Services at 12 & 7 p.m.

Christians gather on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of the Lenten journey to Easter. On this day you'll receive, if you'd like, an ashen cross on the forehead suggesting our human weaknesses. In Holy Communion, we'll taste God's steadfast promise of mercy and love. Pastor Peter Marty preaches for both services in the Sanctuary.

12 p.m. | This 45-minute service is designed as a meditative respite in the workday.

7 p.m. | The evening service includes music by the Chorale, along with a message for children.



Christ is alive,
and goes before us
To show and share
what love can do.
This is a day
of new beginnings;
Our God is making
all things new.
In faith we'll gather
'round the table
To taste and share
what love can do.
This is a day
of new beginnings;
Our God is making
all things new.

— Hymn text by Brian Wren

The St. Paul community of faith gathers for worship and meal fellowship on five Lenten Wednesdays, March 1-29. Watch for more details in the March *Journey* magazine.

Worship | 12 noon-12:30 p.m., Sanctuary

These contemplative services will include music, silence, a pastoral reflection, and Holy Communion centered on the same themes as Wednesday evenings.

Suppers | 5:30-6:55 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Catered by HyVee, a different menu each week allows St. Paul people to eat together and meet others. A per plate donation of \$8/person or \$25/family is suggested. Those inspired to contribute more are welcome to do so (actual food costs are 20-percent higher). Would you like to help fill drinks, clear tables, wash dishes, chat with guests? Contact Jessica Taylor soon: jessica@stpaulqc.org.

Adult learning | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m., Luther Loft

In her book, *Consider the Birds*, Debbie Blue invites readers to explore the significance of birds in biblical stories and why they have represented humanity across culture, Christian tradition, art, and contemporary psyche. Pastor Peter A. Pettit leads in the Luther Loft. The book is available in the Book Corner.

Worship | 7-7:35 p.m., Sanctuary

A service in the Sanctuary features the beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy, led by the Youth Choir. *Feathers of Faith: Lenten Inspiration from Birds of the Bible* is the unifying theme. Children encouraged to worship; childcare also available.

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HAPPENINGS

Annual meeting set for Feb. 5

St. Paul's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This meeting includes items of important business such as approving the 2023 budget and review of 2022 financials and annual report. Pastor Peter Marty will report on the state of the church. The church leadership candidates to be considered at the annual meeting are:

- **Church Council:** Pat Baldwin, Ann Bush, Jenny Gosse
- **Mission Board:** Steve Evans, Heather McCollough, Cindy Walls
- **Endowment Committee:** Steve Horan, Pat Ferrell
- **Memorial Gifts Committee:** Kathy Tomsha, Myrna Miller
- **Nominating Committee:** Cathy Anderson, Eric Engstrom

Faith milestones in February

Faith milestones are special markers along the growing-up journey.

First grade | Lord's Prayer Milestone: Children and parents learn together about the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. This milestone is set for Sunday, Feb. 19, 10:15-11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

Second grade | 10 Commandments Milestone: Kids discover this gift of God's love, which provides guidance for navigating life. Sunday, Feb. 12, 10:15-11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

Fourth grade | First Communion: Lessons, discussions, and an art project culminate in First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Meet Sundays, Feb. 26, March 5, 19, 26, & April 2, 10:15-11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

Sign up online for milestones at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Maddy Carroll, maddy@stpaulqc.org.



The Great Pastors' Bake-Off: Breakfast for Current & Future Ushers

On your mark, get set... bake! All current ushers, and those interested or considering this valuable way of serving, are invited to the breakfast competition of the year on Saturday, Feb. 11, 9-10:30 a.m. Peter Marty, Sara Olson-Smith, and Katy Warren go head-to-head to see whose breakfast casserole will come out on top. Be there to cast your vote, compete in some St. Paul-related trivia, and enjoy breakfast with other St. Paul people. The morning will wrap up with a brief time for Q&A about usher duties.

Whether you are a current usher or are open to ushering in the future, sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.



Camp Shalom registration now underway

Summer camp registration for kids, youth, and families is now underway. Camp Shalom is a Christian camp, founded by the St. Paul congregation, which offers outdoor experiences in faith community for children, entering grade two, through high school youth. For all the details, visit the camp website: campshalomia.org.

Wartburg Castle Singers & Kammerstreicher chamber orchestra coming to St. Paul

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m., the Wartburg College Castle Singers and Kammerstreicher chamber orchestra will perform an eclectic mix of music in the St. Paul Sanctuary.

Under the direction of Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, the Wartburg Castle Singers perform a wide repertoire from Byrd to The Beatles and beyond. Comprised of advanced vocalists, they have a noteworthy reputation for their vocal jazz arrangements.

Kammerstreicher is led by Dr. Rebecca Nenderhiser. The name is a nod to Wartburg's German heritage — Kammerstreicher means “chamber strings” — and is comprised of Wartburg's top string students. Contact Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.

February events planned 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 one of the upcoming events planned for February:

Friday, Feb. 10, 7-10 p.m., bring your pj's, pillows, and blankets, and meet at St. Paul for a movie night (film TBD- by attendees!). Snacks and hot chocolate provided.

Thursday, Feb. 23, 3-7 p.m., help prep and serve a meal to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Shop for ingredients, prep food, and serve the meal. Sign up for the shift(s) and role(s) that work best for you.

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

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, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m., in the Library Commons. Anyone is welcome. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

youth news

Sledding fun for youth and families

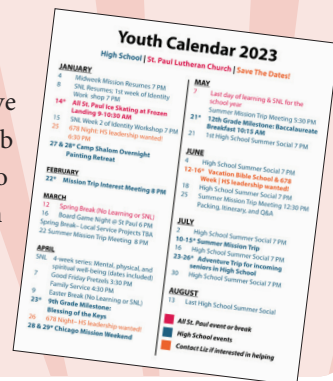
Come slide into the new year with middle schoolers and their families. Meet at the church on Sunday, Feb. 19 to caravan to a local sledding spot for an afternoon of fun, 2-5 p.m. We'll meet back at the church for hot cocoa afterwards. Event is dependent on weather. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Questions? Contact Liz Franks, liz@stpaulqc.org.

Summer mission trip informational meeting

Students in grades 8-12 are invited to participate in a summer mission trip to Kansas City, July 10-15. The trip, which will include a service and worship component, calls youth into community and creates memories for faith and life. An informational meeting for youth and parents will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. Contact Liz Franks, liz@stpaulqc.org.

2023 calendars available

Events for youth in grades 6-12 have been planned through the summer. Grab a calendar at the Info Center at church to stay up-to-date on youth happenings. From game nights to serving opportunities, there's something for everyone! Contact Liz Franks, liz@stpaulqc.org.



Accessibility in the Sanctuary

St. Paul is excited to now offer a variety of additional accessibility tools in the Sanctuary. Adult and child-sized noise reduction headphones, weighted lap pads, laminated visual bulletins, and “calming fidgets” for individuals with sensory processing needs are available at the usher station in the back of the Sanctuary. As always, hearing enhancement device options are available at the usher station for those who need them. Ask an usher for assistance.

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 Luther Loft. No need to sign up, just come! In February, Pastor Katy Warren will present on the topic *Simpler Living, Compassionate Life*. Contact: Dave and Dortha DeWit, dorthamdw@aol.com.





So All May Eat

Throughout the year, a group of St. Paul people come together to help feed the hungry in our community.

At 5:30 p.m., the doors swing open. The line of more than a dozen people files in. More people will follow soon. Signs with arrows point you through the two turns to find the Zion Meal Site. The guests line up and wait for the evening's announcements.

Betsy Vanausdeln welcomes guests, provides a few housekeeping reminders, and introduces the meal of the evening, sponsored by a local church or organization. And then the meal begins. Volunteers talk with guests, scoop food, and chat about how good the food smells and how nice it is to be inside on that rainy evening. The guests pass Betsy on their way to their tables, each saying 'hello' or updating her on what's new in their lives. And just a few give her grief about the Buffalo Bills jersey she's wearing. Betsy is the Associate Director of Churches United of the Quad Cities Area, an organization of more than 140 churches representing about 20 Christian faith traditions in the QC area. She is the main coordinator of the meal site at Zion.

Every few months, a dedicated group of St. Paul volunteers, some veteran cooks and servers, others newcomers, come together to make So All May Eat happen. So

All May Eat is the St. Paul program that supports food insecurity in the Quad Cities by providing meals and volunteers to the Zion meal site every few months.

St. Paul member Kathy Schutman and her husband Larry have been serving at the meal site for many years. They are passionate about serving the Quad City community. Kathy, a retired social worker of more than 20 years, is no stranger to volunteering for programs that support food insecurity in the community.

"When I joined St. Paul several years ago, I knew I wanted to put my efforts somewhere within the food ministries. We got involved in serving meals ages ago when the meal site was still at the former Salvation Army location," Kathy said. "When the meal site moved to Zion Lutheran Church, we made the move with it."

More recently, Kathy and Larry became the regular grocery shopping duo responsible for finding and purchasing the items each time St. Paul serves. Every few months, Pastor Katy Warren selects a meal from a rotation of menu ideas. One main entrée, often a casserole or other hearty and filling meal, with sides of



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Kathy Schutman

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St. Paul offerings provide around \$1,500 in annual funding to So All May Eat, ensuring that healthy meals are provided at least a handful of times per year.

fruits, vegetables, dessert, and drinks. A few days prior to the meal serving, Kathy and Larry head out to the store, grocery list in hand. Their car, loaded with groceries, then makes its way to St. Paul to deliver the food that will soon be chopped, diced, cooked, served, and enjoyed.

“We love doing the shopping. We treat it like we would do grocery shopping for ourselves. We try to be price-conscious and get healthy, quality items. We want people to have a good feeling about the food they’re eating; we want them to feel thought of and cared for.”

The Monday-Friday meal site once saw guests coming together to sit around tables and share in community, but during the pandemic the meals turned into to-go style, with bags of food handed to guests. In January, the meal site returned to its roots – round tables filled with people, plates of food, conversation, connection, and camaraderie.

“I think there’s a lot of positive things associated with the sit-down dinners. The camaraderie is such a good thing. It’s always interesting when you connect with people going through the food lines. I enjoy that time together and that feeling of being with people. Everyone is so grateful. The human interaction and connection is powerful. Meeting people where they’re at, making sure they know that people care about them, respecting them without judgement...that is so important. We be-

lieve very strongly in caring for the people in our community who need it. St. Paul is part of this community and gets involved in so many ways. That’s part of the reason I love St. Paul. We get as much or more out of it as the people who receive the food. I get excited and look ahead to see when the next meal date is.”

It takes a village to make this meal site run smoothly. Zion Lutheran Church is the physical location for the meal and Churches United is the group that coordinates. To express interest in volunteering contact Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.

Zion Lutheran Church

Janine Johnson

Janine Johnson is a social worker and long-time member at Zion. She is also the Director of outreach ministries for Zion Lutheran Church in downtown Davenport, overseeing their food pantry, meal site partnership, and many other community projects.

“My call is to work with folks on the margins. It’s about the folks who have no voice. The folks at the meal site are so gracious and kind. People are just trying to find a place to be. For us, it’s making Zion available to people and the community to help serve and meet needs.”

When the Salvation Army meal site closed, Churches United was searching for a new location for that meal site to call

home. And Zion answered the call.

“Churches United decided to brainstorm with Zion about how this location could work. We’re always looking for ways to use our space or allow other people to use our space. There were some great reasons to bring the site here. Zion is on a bus route; we’re centrally located in the city of Davenport. People can walk here. We provide the space, Churches United coordinates the rest.”

Churches United

Betsy Vanausdeln

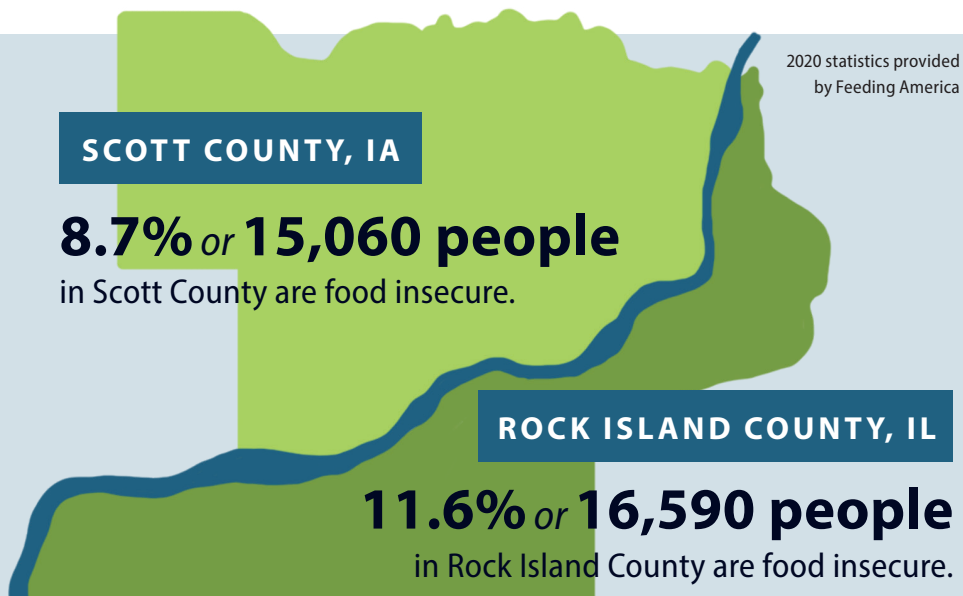
Serving meals five nights a week can be challenging. Slots must be filled by volunteer groups or the meal site is canceled for that evening. And more often, the community comes through for each other.

According to Betsy and Churches United, nearly 100 congregations and other groups serve meals to more than 20,000 hungry people each year. Churches United coordinates the event, providing plates, bowls, and other necessities each day. Individuals and families can visit the Zion meal site as often as every night if necessary.

Churches United Meal Site is located at Zion Lutheran Church
1216 W. 8th Street, Davenport, Iowa
Monday-Friday: 5:30-6:15

What is food insecurity?

Food insecurity is defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as the lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life. Food insecurity is associated with numerous adverse social and health outcomes and is increasingly considered a critical public health issue. Key drivers of food insecurity include unemployment, poverty, and income shocks, all of which can prevent adequate access to food.



ST. PAUL *farewell*

After 26 years of combined service, two long-time St. Paul staff members plan for retirement in February.

Paula Durham, *business office manager*

Paula started her career in Information Technology as a systems/project manager designing computer systems. She eventually found her way into the income tax and accounting world where her knowledge in human resources, payroll, and administration would marry the IT skills needed for her business manager role at St. Paul.

"I mean it sincerely when I say that I think St. Paul is, for me, the best place to work and this has been the best job ever. It draws on my varied skills in an environment where people truly care about each other. I really felt called to work here."

When Paula thinks back on her time at St. Paul, she thinks about the people she was fortunate to meet and create close friendships with.

"The relationships and friendships I've developed at St. Paul are important to me. When I'm at an event or ushering at the Adler Theater and I see people that I know from St. Paul, it makes me happy. It brings me joy. I have been able to develop some friendships with people on staff and with members that I hope can continue."

Paula's family has grown during her tenure at St. Paul and she plans to spend more time with her six grandkids and focus on her

passions.

"I'll be spending more time with my grandchildren. I do want to learn to play the piano and I hope to have time to travel. In March, my partner and I are starting off my retirement with a trip to Austria and Croatia with plans to visit Germany and Slovenia."

Paula has been an active member at First Presbyterian Church in Muscatine for more than 30 years. She plans to dive into more volunteerism.

"First Presbyterian Church has a social justice committee and our current project is a house in conjunction with Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA). The church partners with them in their affordable housing initiative. I'll have time to do some hands-on work."



Karen Holden, *book corner manager*

The timing of Karen's start at St. Paul couldn't have worked out more serendipitously. She had just completed her English and Theology degrees at St. Ambrose University, and with her husband Mark, was looking for a new church home. St. Paul happened to be looking for a business office assistant.

"Mark and I were sitting in worship at St. Paul, looking for a

new church, and I saw the business office was looking for a part-time business assistant. I felt called here, so I applied." When Jan Aplin announced her retirement as the Book Corner manager in 2013, Karen had been working at St. Paul for three and a half years and knew the position was perfect for her.

"When Jan announced she was retiring, I knew this was why I had come to St. Paul. My degrees, my sense of justice, my faith, it all ties together. I felt very blessed to get this job here. And, really, it's

not a job, it's truly an answer to a call. I learned a lot about the value of justice efforts during my time working with the Master of Social Work program at St. Ambrose. It helped to form me, and it carried over to my work as Book Corner Manager."

"I've loved being on staff at St. Paul and managing the Book Corner. It has been the honor and privilege of my working life. It's been home to me and it's the best fit there's ever been with any work related to me. I am grateful for every volunteer who keeps our sweet store humming. The volunteers are the heart of this place. That includes the Book Corner team, book selection team, annual inventory helpers, and all of the Sunday volunteers. We couldn't do it without the St. Paul people shopping in our sweet store as well as our St. Paul pastors and staff, present and past. I'm so grateful to all of them."

Karen noted that as she and her husband age, they want to see what the next phase of life looks like for them. They plan to travel more, with a special focus on visiting national parks, while spending time with their kids and their families.

"These are things we are ready for now. I'll miss everything about this place."

welcome

LAURA SCOTT

Laura joins the staff as business manager after many years of serving St. Paul in numerous volunteer and leadership capacities including chairing the Finance Committee and Personnel Committees, WELCA Treasurer, and Book Corner volunteer. She is a certified public accountant, most recently working at Morgan Stanley.

Tell us about your family/where you grew up/went to college

I grew up in Muscatine and am an only child. After college, I worked in Des Moines for 4 years, then I spent 23 years in Northern California. I moved back to Iowa 11 years ago so that I could be closer to my parents as they got older. As things have played out over the last decade, it was the right decision. My dad died in early 2019 and my mom still lives in Muscatine and resides at Lutheran Living (a nursing home). She has Parkinson's Disease, so a lot of my free time is spent tending to her needs. My children have 4 paws — a Springer Spaniel dog, Miley, and a cat, Theo, that I adopted in late December.

What makes you, you?

I love to travel, play golf, read, and do crafty things. Two of my favorite places on earth are Africa and Yosemite National Park. For whatever reason, these places really “got under my skin”. Further exploring countries in Europe is something I want to do at some point — my trip to Germany last summer really whetted my appetite!

What are you looking forward to?

I'm looking forward to getting to know the St. Paul staff better, connecting with more members of the congregation, and making a difference in our church and its ministries.

What are you passionate about?

Learning. I always say I like to learn a little something in whatever I do. Providing support to students, especially women, to further their education is a passion of mine. I have been involved with the Scott Community College Foundation and my P.E.O. chapter to help further education for these students.

What drew you to working at St. Paul?

I wanted to work at St. Paul because I strongly believe in the mission of the church and have been really impressed by the caliber and supportiveness of the staff to each other and the members of the congregation.



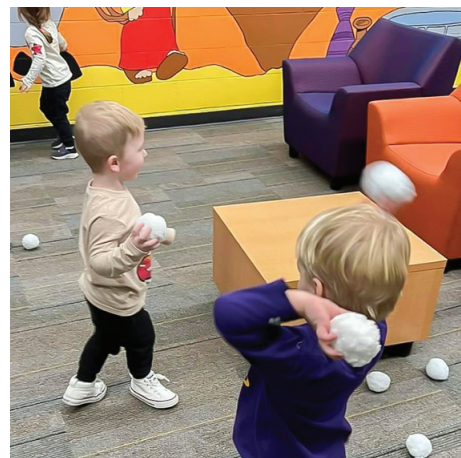
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

St. Paul Lutheran Church seeks a part-time bookstore manager to join the church's staff team. This individual will manage all aspects of the store from book and gift ordering to sales record-keeping and inventory oversight. The manager is also responsible for providing oversight and support to a cadre of bookstore volunteers. To see the job description for this position, visit stpaul-qc.org/employment. Employment would begin soon. Send a letter of interest, resume, and a list of at least three references to: bookstoremgrsearch@stpaulqc.org.

preschool happenings



Preschool registration set for 2023-24

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool provides a rich variety of age-appropriate developmental activities in a Christian atmosphere. Opportunities abound for growth and learning for kids ages 2-4.

Fall 2023 registration for St. Paul Preschool will take place February 6-7, 8 a.m.-12 noon, for currently enrolled students. New students may register the week of March 6. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Karen Strusz, 326-3547, ext. 219, or karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org.

Council Notes

Council expressed gratitude to all who put time and effort into Advent and Christmas festivities at St. Paul. People poured into one of the six services on a bitter cold Christmas Eve, 2,200 worshipers in all.

Under the leadership of Pastor Megan Eide, St. Paul is exploring possible design changes to an education wing space that would make it sensory-friendly and assist with some family learning. This space consideration is part of a larger effort to address worship and learning needs for neurodivergent individuals. The council signed off on a modest grant proposal to the ELCA's program for disability ministries.

Laura Scott was welcomed by the council as the new business office manager. She has spent January working alongside Paula Durham until

Paula's retirement in February.

The council gave thanks for the congregation's strong financial position at the end of 2022, and amazing household generosity. Council moved to recommend for the congregation's approval at its Feb. 5 annual meeting, a 2023 daily ministry budget of \$3,044,880, which includes a 21% commitment to mission giving.

Council appointed Martha Bakeris to serve on the Finance Committee, Ken Kerker to the Personnel Committee, and Eric Engstrom to the Nominating Committee, all for three-year terms. Deep gratitude was expressed to outgoing council members Amy Thoreson, Cathy Anderson, and Collin Carney, who all gave an extra year of service due to the pandemic.

Personal Lenten devotional available in the Book Corner



Water & Spirit: Devotions for Lent 2023 highlights readings from the gospel of John from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Explore Jesus' journey from baptism to the cross and the empty tomb. The pocket-sized book is available for \$3, large print for \$5.

The Book Corner will have additional hours during the Lenten season. Wednesdays in Lent, the Book Corner will be open 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. It will be open Maundy Thursday, April 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. and closed Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT:

St. Paul Vets on a Mission

In 2022, the St. Paul Vets on a Mission were involved in several community service projects. The group washed windows at St. Paul, visited homebound veterans, gave Madison School a makeover by updating outdoor wooden benches and trimming bushes around the property, and served lunch at Café on Vine. The group closed out the year by sending Christmas greetings to St. Paul family members currently serving in the military. The group has plans for many more community-minded projects in the future. If you would like more information on joining the group, contact Lyle Peterson at (563) 343-1817, petedav72@gmail.com.



WORSHIP at St. Paul

February 4 & 5

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Preaching:

All services: Peter W. Marty

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

February 11 & 12

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Preaching:

5pm/8 am: Sara Olson-Smith

9 & 11:15 am: Peter W. Marty

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

February 18 & 19

Transfiguration of our Lord

Preaching:

5pm/8 am: Max Franks

9 & 11:15 am: Sara Olson-Smith

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

February 22

Ash Wednesday

Preaching:

12/7 pm: Peter W. Marty

February 25 & 26

First Sunday of Lent

Preaching:

5pm/8 am: Megan Eide

9 & 11:15 am: Katy Warren

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am



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ALL ST. PAUL READS

EXPLORING AMERICA'S HOLY GROUND

February 12, 3-4 p.m., Library Commons

Gather for dessert and discussion centered around the book *America's Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections on Our National Parks* by Brad Lyons.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of All St. Paul Reads. At the event, Pastor Sara Olson-Smith will talk about God and nature. Please bring your book to the event. Tables will discuss reflection questions in the book for different national parks.

Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or outside the Book Corner.

