

## PASTOR'S column

# **Traffic light reflections**



**ON THE COVER:** Suzy Schindler

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#### MISSION

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#### POSTMASTER

Send address changes to Journey, 2136 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803 On September 14, 1991, a rather solemn funeral procession made its way through downtown Wallace, Idaho. It was a service that seemed suited for royalty—including a horse-drawn hearse, bagpipes, and more than 1,000 people lining the streets. If you happened to be driving by that day and wondered what dignitary was being honored, you'd likely be surprised to learn it wasn't actually a person at all.

Lying in a coffin filled with artificial flowers was, of all things, a stoplight. This particular traffic signal had, for years, been known as the last stoplight on Interstate 90. Stretching more than 3,100 miles, from Seattle to Boston, it was Wallace's great claim to fame as the one and only stop along the entire interstate. Every car would have to slow their speed to watch for a red light at Seventh and Bank Streets before continuing on their way toward Coeur d'Alene.

For years, the Idaho Transportation Department attempted, with no success, to persuade county officials to remove the light, saying it was a nuisance and unneeded. That is, until a \$40 million dollar bypass diverted traffic around the northern-Idaho town, making the stoplight obsolete and granting motorists unimpeded cross-continent travel.

For residents of Wallace, the time of mourning that September day included a wreath made of old tires and a casket that still lies in state at the Wallace Mining Museum. To this day, you can visit (after paying a modest museum entry fee) and pay your respects.

The disappearance of Wallace's stoplight clearly brought about a range of emotions. Of course, the funeral procession and bagpipes were partially a publicity stunt. But there was some real grief expressed in the midst of this loss. Mike Aldredge, a city councilman at the time, offered a eulogy of sorts saying, "Like the whippet and the buttonhook, the iceman and the lamp lighter, the livery stable and the company store, cruel progress has eliminated the need for the services of our old friend."

The town wasn't *only* losing some significant traffic. Numbers of people expressed similar sentiments that they also felt as though a certain way

of life was falling by the wayside. For many, the traffic light didn't only tell people whether to stop or go. It forced people to slow down, to notice the historic downtown around them, to perhaps take even a few moments for sightseeing.



I doubt the peo-

ple who participated in that funeral some 32 years ago could have imagined how fast-paced life would be in the digital age. But their hopes for opportunities to slow down are no less warranted. In fact, it seems it's been a hope for thousands of years.

Throughout scripture, there is a kind of longing for a chance to reflect, to contemplate, or to slow down just enough to notice God's presence all around us. From the early prophets who take time away so they can clearly decipher God's message, to Jesus and his disciples frequently pausing to pray or take a walk beside the water or sit quietly in the garden. Or the well-known command from Psalm 46: "Be *still* and know that I am God."

We can spend a good majority of our lives in a hurry. Ready to quickly move from one activity or event to the next. We might all wish to avoid as many stoplights as possible. But maybe we could take a small cue from the town of Wallace (as well as the Bible). Take the long way or the scenic route. Slow down just a bit. You might be surprised at how your perspective can change in just the time it takes to sit at a red light.

Laty Warren

**KATY WARREN** associate pastor

# **Flipping through time**

St. Paul member Ann Quist looks back at past St. Paul directories, while looking forward to the upcoming online version, which launches late October.

In a drawer in Ann Quist's family room sit 10 books documenting the passage of time at St. Paul. Spanning 50 years, from 1972 to 2011, from tiny black and white family photos to bright and shiny colored ones, hundreds of faces smile back, from the pages of membership directories. The addresses have changed, children have grown, and hairs have grayed but the feelings of home have remained the same over the years for Ann.



Ann Quist

About a year after Ann and her family joined St. Paul in 1971, she was handed a black and white book filled with the photos of St. Paul people. And while she didn't intend to begin collecting the directories as a hobby, slowly her collection grew. As the years passed, the stack of volumes continued to expand.

"I just couldn't throw them away. They're precious books to me. When we were still fairly new members, I would refer to the photos often. There was a couple, when we were first joining, that took us under their wing and helped us out a lot. Hold on! I bet they're in here," Ann says as she reaches for her 1972 directory, flipping through pages of Bs,

and Js and Ns, until... "There they are! Herman and Margaret Palmquist. That's them. That's why I love having these directories."

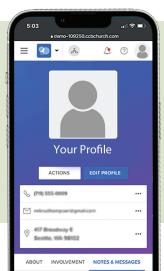
Occasionally Ann pulls out her directories to flip through with friends, a familiar face or family sparks a memory, and these memories turn into stories, laughter, and joy.

"When I have company over and we pull out the directories and reminisce, that's when the memories really come back. I recently had friends over and I can't tell you how long we looked through these. Hours," Ann recalled. "Then we really start sharing stories. 'Do you remember them?' 'Of course, but what about so-and-so?' Many things have changed. A lot of the people in these older books aren't with us anymore. Kids have grown up and have families of their own, but having this kind of connection through the years, it's special."

Just as the pages of the first directories turned from black and white to color, now those spiral-bound books turn digital as St. Paul steps into a new era.

"Making the change to an online membership photo directory will be different but it will be helpful. I imagine I'll use it with a different purpose than I use the printed editions. Rather than flipping (or scrolling) page by page like I have with the printed copies, I'll go in looking for someone specific, but I'll be glad to have one again."





# Bring your questions on Sunday, Oct. 22

The exciting roll-out of new technology to support ministry and community at St. Paul is nearly complete. On Sunday, Oct. 22 during adult learning (10:15-11 a.m.), Jessica Taylor and Miles Thompson will offer insights, tips, and an overview of how St. Paul folks can use these resources most effectively. If you're not sure how to get started or need help downloading or navigating the app, bring your questions to this session. One-on-one time will be given near the end for personalized assistance.

**Update your photo for the directory:** Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21/22, put on your Sunday best and come get your picture taken for the online membership photo directory. Have a recent photo you already love? You can submit that to Lauren Brown, lauren@stpaulqc.org. Landscape orientation is preferred.

# HAPPENINGS



## Golden Agers worship planned for Oct. 11

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. 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for worship, music from the staff choir, and refreshments. Pastor Mac Mullins will preach. 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.

# 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. 25, 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**. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

# Walking the Grief Journey begins Oct. 15

Gather on five Sundays, Oct. 15-Nov. 12, 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**. Contact: Pastor Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

### **Nova Singers fall concert**

Nova Singers will be in concert at St. Paul on Sunday, Oct. 22, 4 p.m. They will perform *When We Love*, featuring pianist Polly Brecht.

Led by conductor Laura Lane, Nova Singers is a 20-voice ensemble with a national reputation for expressiveness, virtuosity and innovative programming. Tickets are available online at **novasingers.com** or at the door.

# Faith BasiX meets Oct. 17

The basics of the Christian faith, St. Paul style, for anyone — really, anyone! On Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. in the Luther Loft, explore some of the keywords that float around the Christian life. How do they relate to the lives we live every day? Faith. Grace. Forgiveness. Salvation. Devotion. Worship. And we'll add to the list as we go. Contact: Peter Pettit, **ppettit@stpaulqc.org**.

# **Occasional Tuesdays Book Group**

Gather for discussion centered around a good book on Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, and 17, 7-7:45 a.m. in the Library Commons. In *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life*, author Harold Kushner distills his experiences as a twenty-first-century rabbi into nine essential takeaways. Offering readers a lifetime's worth of spiritual food for thought, pragmatic advice, and strength for trying times, he gives fresh, vital insight into belief, conscience, mercy, and more.

The book is available in the Book Corner. Sign up online at **stpaulqc.org/signups**. Contact: Katy Warren, **katy@stpaulqc.org**.

## Third Grade milestone explores the Bible

Milestones are foundational faith moments that shape our spiritual lives. Families gather for these celebrations; they mark moments in the rhythm of the congregation. On Sunday, Oct. 15, 10:15-11:00 a.m., third-graders and the adults who accompany them learn together about the written word of God. Each child will receive a personal Bible and a blessing from the congregation at 9 a.m. worship. Sign up at **stpaulqc.org/signups**. Contact: Maddy Carroll, **maddy@stpaulqc.org**.

## **St. Paul Vets on a Mission**

A gathering of St. Paul Vets on a Mission is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m. at the church. All St. Paul Veterans are welcome to attend. Contact Lyle Peterson, **petedav72@gmail.com**, 563-343-1817.

# **Book Corner to offer Sample Sunday on Oct. 8**

Stop into the Book Corner on Sunday, Oct. 8 to sample fair trade coffee and Out of the Blue granola. While there, browse books carefully selected by St. Paul pastors, staff, and avid St. Paul readers. Books are priced below retail, without sales tax. The Book Corner also stocks greeting cards and fair trade gifts galore.

Starting in October, the Book Corner will be open on the first Wednesday of the month, 5:30-7 p.m., in addition to the first Saturday of the month, 4:30-5:45 p.m., and Sundays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact: Andrea Spencer, **andrea@stpaulqc.org**.



# Join the Big Band on Oct. 8

Proudly proclaim "I'm with the band" on Sunday, Oct. 8, 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 create beauty with instruments of all kinds.

One rehearsal will happen on Saturday morning, Oct. 7. Music available in advance. Sign up at **stpaulqc.org/signups**. Contact Chris Nelson, **chris@stpaulqc.org**.

# Parent Conversation: The Emotional Lives of Teenagers

Once a month, beginning Sunday, Oct. 8, gather with other parents during the learning hour (10:15-11 a.m.) and discuss the challenges and joys of parenting teens through the lens of the book *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers: Raising Connected, Capable, and Compassionate Adolescents.* 

In teenagers, powerful emotions come with the territory. And as teens contend with academic pressure, social media stress, worries about the future, and concerns about their own mental health, it's easy for them—and their parents—to feel anxious and overwhelmed. But it doesn't have to be that way. Gather for some strategies, support, and mutual understanding. Reading the book (chapters 1-2) is a bonus, but not necessary! Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.



## The St. Paul app is here!

The St. Paul app is a mobile-optimized extension of the current website so you can stay connected. Access the calendar, manage your online giving, connect with small groups, sign up for your favorite events, listen to the podcast, and so much more. Download the St. Paul app today by scanning the QR code, texting "APP" to (833) 223-4745, or search "St. Paul QC" in the Apple App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids.

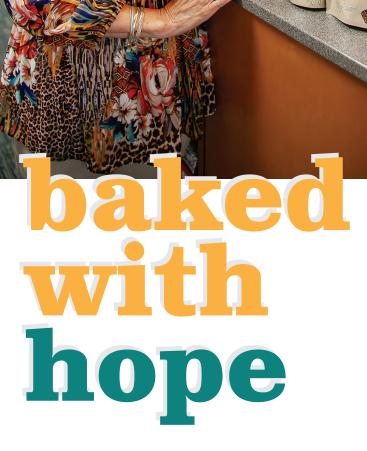
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Volunteers celebrate and lift up fair trade vendors in the Book Corner. ut of the Blue granola is tasty, natural, and handmade but it's the women who bake this granola who are truly exceptional. Mixed into every bag, beyond dark chocolate and honey, are stories of redemption, recovery,

stability, security, and hope. And it was Book Corner volunteer Suzy Schindler that knew this purposeful granola was meant for the Book Corner.

Since joining St. Paul 15 years ago, Suzy Schindler is often found behind the marble countertop as a volunteer in the Book Corner. (Suzy, in her pre-retirement job, also designed many of the marble countertops you see around St. Paul.) In addition to being a smiling face in the Book Corner on Sundays, she keeps the shelves stocked full of her favorite granola.

Suzy and her husband Rudy often travel to Tennessee, a home away from home, where Rudy's aunt and uncle lived. This aunt and Suzy shared a special bond, and it was this close connection that led her to a certain granola with a special purpose.

"My aunt knew how much I loved the social aspect of Nashville so when she knew we were coming to visit, she'd saved interesting publications for me," Suzy said. "While flipping through one of those publications, I was introduced to Out of the Blue Granola and their partnership with Blue Monarch. I clipped it out and brought it to then-Book Corner manager, Jan Aplin, and said this seems like something that would be a good match for us."

At the time the first order was placed 12 years ago, Rudy and Suzy were once again headed down to Tennessee to visit family and offered to pick up the order during their travels. After their third visit for a refill of more bags of granola, the Schindlers were invited to the farm where the granola is made and it's here that Suzy learned even more about the long-term impact a little granola has on the lives of many women and children.

All the women who lovingly hand bake Out of the Blue Granola are graduates or residents of Blue Monarch, a long-term, residential, and therapeutic Christian community for women and their children to break adverse cycles of addiction and/or abuse and rebuild their families.

"Helping these women and children who don't know any other way of living speaks to me," Suzy says with passion in her voice. "I've been lucky to not have those kinds of struggles myself. I don't know those demons; I don't know those pitfalls. But we often don't know each other's struggles and this opportunity to draw these individuals out of their trauma, to give them and their children a new life, it's a lovely cause."



Blue Monarch sits peacefully on more than 50 acres (or the equivalent of 39 football fields) of farmland near Monteagle Mountain in Middle Tennessee and continues to expand, adding additional housing to include more residents. This nonprofit organization serves women who are recovering from physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse, alcohol or drug addictions, poverty, and mental health issues. While many mothers recovering from addiction or abuse must make the difficult decision to be separated from their children during their recovery time, one of the most unique parts of Blue Monarch's process is the inclusion of the children in the recovery process.

A program of healing for the young in the family is included in this journey along with on-site education services. Together, mothers and children learn and grow, creating a community of healing and support. Over the past 20 years, Blue Monarch has served more than 900 women and children and close to 350 children have been reunited with their mothers who had previously lost custody.

During their time at Blue Monarch, the women are given employment through Out of the Blue Granola. Employment is an essential part of the recovery process. Many of the residents of Blue Monarch have incomplete work histories or struggled to earn income to support themselves and their families during their difficult years. This granola changes all that by offering job training, flexible employment opportunities, establishing positive work histories, and helping women to begin providing for their families.

Inside each bag of granola is a photo and recovery story from one of the residents. Blue Monarch resident Megan says she was able to overcome her addiction and co-dependency to become the super mom her three sons know her to be today. "Out of the Blue helped me to discover my independence and taught me valuable work skills. Today, I am confident and hopeful for the bright future that awaits."

It only took one outstanding volunteer to connect St. Paul with the loving mission of Blue Monarch more than 600 miles away in Tennessee.

# October is fair trade month

The St. Paul Book Corner is committed to stocking gifts and products that provide fair income for the world's poor. While fair trade is a commonly used phrase, what exactly does it mean and why is it important?

According to the Fair Trade Federation, "fair trade is an approach to business and to development based on dialogue, transparency, and respect that seeks to create greater equity in the international trading system. Fair trade businesses partner with farmers and craftspeople in developing countries who are socially and economically marginalized to find markets for their goods." The origins of fair trade and advocacy date back to the 1940s and since that time have grown into a global network of organizations known as the World Fair Trade Organization.

"Not only is fair trade about equal employment and the rights of workers including children, it's about the celebration of all cultures and traditions, and the people that make the products. Practically everything in the Book Corner is fair trade," Book Corner manager Andrea Spencer said. "There is a story behind each product which makes the giving of that gift so much more special and meaningful. Not only are you thinking of the person receiving the gift, you are contributing to a much larger cause that provides long-term stability in people's lives."

# **Fair Trade Principles**

Create opportunity for artisans and farmers who live in poverty and lack access to long term, well-paying jobs.

Develop transparent and accountable relationships with artisans and farmers to ensure that they have long term jobs.

Build capacity of farmers, artisans, and their communities. Invest time and resources to help their business and improve their communities.

Promote fair trade by raising awareness, educating customers and producers, and inspiring other businesses to adopt fair trade practices.

Pay promptly and fairly and discuss prices openly and honestly so that producers understand their costs and earn a fair wage.

Support safe working conditions that are healthy and free of discrimination. Producers have a voice in decisions that affect them most.

Ensure the rights of children by never using exploitative child labor. Members support children's rights to security, education, and play.

Cultivate environmental stewardship by encouraging responsible use of resources and eco-friendly production.

Respect cultural identity of farmer and artisan communities. Fair trade products reflect the history and traditions of artisans and farmers.

\*Published by the Fair Trade Federation. Additional resources are available in the Book Corner.

# GETTING TO KNOW COUNCIL PRESIDENT Patty Herzberg

Patty Herzberg is just the person you want in a leadership position during a time of change. Her highly organized but compassionate spirit makes Patty an effective leader as she helps to guide the transition to a new senior pastor in 2024, offering support and invigoration throughout the process. While some may know Patty from her 28 years here at St. Paul, others don't; so let's get to know her a little better.

Patty Herzberg believes in getting involved and supporting the organizations you most cherish. She practices that belief with fervor.

Patty's professional career centered in the advertising world. The job she occupied most recently was manager of marketing and public relations for Genesis Health System. Patty's years of work, for companies both large and small, have given her the experience and the understanding to navigate some of the changes coming to St. Paul over the next year.

Since her retirement, Patty has been working part-time as an office assistant at Watermark Corners and surrounds herself with volunteer work. At St. Paul alone, Patty can be found volunteering in the Book Corner, serving on the youth director and senior pastor search committees, and leading the church council as president.

#### In the spare time you have, what do you enjoy doing?

I enjoy playing tennis and pickleball. I love anything that gets me outside. More recently, I'm always looking for hiking opportunities to fold into wherever it is we are. My mantra for the last few years has been "Just say yes!" So, I'm open to new adventures. I work at Watermark Corners as an office assistant. It's a part-time job that fell into my lap at a perfect time in my life. I love seeing things come full circle from the buying and ordering aspect to the in-store customer experience.

#### What are you most passionate about?

Beyond my family, I've always felt it's important to be an integral part of your community. If you're going to be involved in something, don't just be a member of something, be truly involved. You don't always have to be a leader, but offering your time and talents to improve the places you're passionate about, sometimes that's all it takes. Whether it be your church, your work environment, your neighborhood, your child's school. All organizations that are worth your time as a participant or a member are worth the investment of your time to make them a better place for everybody. Like here at St. Paul, don't just come to services but immerse yourself by offering your time and talents, offering the things you love and are passionate about. It makes the St. Paul community a better place.



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PATTY HERZBERG

# What brought you to St. Paul and what still excites you about this congregation?

28 years ago, we found our church home here at St. Paul. At that time, it was all about young families and finding a place for our kids to grow up in this church home. That's still what excites me. Being around young families and watching their kids grow up with all that is offered for them at St. Paul.

The other thing that excites me is that I continue to learn and enjoy learning about my faith. You can hear the same story every year and hear it in a different way every time. There are so many different avenues for learning. I'm a huge believer in life-long learning.

I've recently started listening to Peter Pettit's *Bible for Worship*. I listen to the *Little Bird* podcast. If you can, as a child, understand those messages and incorporate those stories into your lives. It's phenomenal. We have the full range of opportunities here for people who are open to learning.

# What is your role in the call committee as the council president?

I will serve as a liaison to the call committee, helping to navigate the intricacies of the search. I feel very strongly that no matter how you participate at St. Paul, no matter the role you play on any committee or team, you do not walk alone. I want the call committee to feel that togetherness throughout this process. I'll be there to help keep us focused, invigorated, and having fun. Communication is one of the biggest tasks. Whether it's with the congregation, the staff, or the Synod, it will be a very unique and confidential process. This type of process requires a delicate balance of confidentiality and transparency. Our congregation has a lot of trust in our people and we take that very seriously.

# Congregational Forum on Senior Pastor Search

Sunday, Oct. 8, 10:15-11 a.m., Fellowship Hall

The call committee for St. Paul's next senior pastor will listen carefully to discussion and questions in this wide-open forum for thinking about the future of the congregation and the leadership that will best serve it through our next senior pastor. This is a repeat session of the first two forums.



# **Senior Pastor Call Committee**

Back row from left to right – Amy Lovig (call committee chair), Jason Nickles, Mike Pettis, Cathy Anderson, Hans Schnekloth; front row: Patty Herzberg (council president), Jennie Barnds, Sara Harless, Dave Crowe

### The St. Paul core values guide your decision-making. How and why will those values be integrated into the search process?

The St. Paul core values were a prominent point of discussion in the two forums we've held. They came out strongly and were spoken about so passionately. So many people focus on our hospitality and without that welcoming atmosphere, you wouldn't get people in the door to experience all of our other values. Our core values will be central to the search process.

# What's already happened to get the ball rolling in the search process and what will be happening within the next few months?

In August, a team of St. Paul people including staff worked together to submit a ministry site profile to the ELCA. This profile provides "a limited snapshot" of who St. Paul is and what we're looking for in a senior pastor. That profile serves as the formal job posting within the ELCA. It's not a perfect document because it's difficult to experience and understand the complexities of St. Paul in paragraphs of 150 words or less, but it serves as a starting place. Especially in contrasting St. Paul with other churches around the country.

The Senior Pastor Call committee (*pictured above*) met for the first time in mid-September for introductions. The committee is hopeful to begin the interviewing phase during the winter time frame (December-February) and to call the next pastor this coming spring. It's a process we'll all watch unfold over the coming months. Appropriate updates will be communicated via *Journey* magazine.

# **AUGUST** 2023

# new members



**Erin & Roger Daniel** are parents to baby girl Piper. Erin works as a human resources manager with Nestle Purina. Roger is an electrician with IBEW. They're passionate about connecting with people and they find St. Paul to be a community they can raise their children in.



**Rhonda Fuller** is a retired systems analyst and program manager with the Army. She spends her free time caring for her parents, reading, crafting, and staying active. The opportunities to get involved is what drew her to St. Paul. She is the mother of Rachel Fuller, listed below and to the left.



**David Farr** is a project manager with Lincoln Electric Automation. He has three adult children and enjoys golf and woodworking projects.



**Rachel Fuller** is employed at John Deere as an accountant. She likes to be outdoors, cheer for the Hawkeyes, and spend time with friends and family – including her puppy, Winnie. The warm and welcoming community drew her to St. Paul, where she looks forward to getting involved in volunteering.



**Barb & Troy Muilenburg** work together as realtors in the community. Troy was also recently named head basketball coach for Davenport Central. They enjoy biking, being outdoors, and spending time with family. They have a blended family with five adult children.

## New to St. Paul life?

St. Paul Membership Inquiry Classes are offered monthly, with childcare provided on advance request. You can pick one class that matches your schedule:

- ► Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- ► Saturday, Nov. 18, 9-11 a.m.

Sign up online at **stpaulqc.org/signups** or contact Sara Olson-Smith, sara@ stpaulqc.org, 563-326-3547 ext. 248.



**Tami & Bill Petsche** are parents to two high-schoolers: Parker and Dawson (*Bill* & Dawson not pictured). Tami works at the Quad Cities Chamber as vice president of business and economic growth. Bill is a middle school principal with the Central DeWitt Community School District. They like to camp and attend their kid's athletic activities. They find St. Paul to be welcoming and inclusive.



Jane & Kenny Wheeler have three girls – Maya, Brooklyn, and Skye. Jane teaches and coaches cross country at Pleasant Valley High School. Kenny is an academic advisor at WIU, and coaches girls track at PVHS. They take an interest in running, reading, and activities with friends and family. Inclusivity and community outreach are what attracted them to St. Paul.



**Michael & Becky Wiese** were married at St. Paul in 1976. Michael is a retired medical technologist. He enjoys gardening, woodworking, and currently drives for Milestones. Becky is a retired physician and spends her free time reading and gardening. They have three adult children.

### **Council Notes**

St. Paul is moving into the fall in exciting ways. September saw the return of full parking lots with children in Sunday morning learning, a full chapel for adult learning, six separate choirs rehearsing and leaning into worship, and many groups sharing study and happy community. Attendance is strong with 1,000+ people showing up some weekends.

Progress on developing the online membership photo directory continues with more and more households getting their photo taken at church or submitting photos of their own. The directory, to be released near the end of October, will allow participating households to enjoy a whole new level of connection and interaction.

The memorial gifts committee voted to purchase new instruments for the children's choir program. By owning these instruments, choir directors and children will have greater possibilities for music selections and fun.

The Senior Pastor Call Committee met

for the first time in mid-September (see pg. 9). Committee members became acquainted, reviewed the position description and search process ahead, and finalized the church's ministry site profile. The committee's work will be commissioned or blessed during the 9:00 service on Sunday, Oct. 8.

Council received a report from the personnel committee announcing a change in title and position responsibilities for what was the Neighborhood School Coordinator. Now, renamed the Madison Market Coordinator, Dana Welser (who holds the position) will prioritize the success of 24 Madison Market events held each year while remaining a liaison with school staff. Each individual Market serves upwards of 650 people, most of them associated with Madison School.

If all goes as planned, the revitalization of the campus will continue this fall with the planting of at least three canopy trees – varieties that promise decades of shade and beauty.

# **WORSHIP** *at St. Paul*

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1

Season after Pentecost

Preaching:

5pm & 11:15am: Sara Olson-Smith 8/9am: Mac Mullins Liturgical tradition: 5pm/8 & 9am Contemporary Open Spirit: 11:15am

#### October 7 & 8

Season after Pentecost

#### Preaching:

5pm, 9am: Katy Warren 8/11:15am: Peter W. Marty Liturgical tradition: 5pm/8 & 9am Contemporary Open Spirit: 11:15am

#### October 14 & 15

Season after Pentecost

#### Preaching:

5pm & 9am: Sara Olson-Smith 8/11:15am: Katy Warren Liturgical tradition: 5pm/8 & 9am Contemporary Open Spirit: 11:15am

#### • October 21 & 22

Season after Pentecost

#### Preaching: 5pm, 8am: Max Franks 9/11:15am: Peter W. Marty

Liturgical tradition: 5pm/8 & 9am Contemporary Open Spirit: 11:15am

#### October 28 & 29

Season after Pentecost

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

# Preschool is back in session

The sounds of little feet, little voices, and joyful laughter returned to the halls of St. Paul Preschool last month. The kids are settling back in with lots of playtime and smiles, new routines and new teachers, making new friends and playing with old ones, too. Welcome back, preschoolers! An extra special treat for the preschoolers this year was the completion of the new playground. The kids just couldn't wait to take turns on the new and improved play area!







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# TRUNK OF TREAT SUNDAY, OCT. 29, 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 at

stpaulqc.org/signups.



