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There's a two-word phrase that is a staple expression in my life. You may also use it in a regular way, though I happen to rely heavily on it. Were it banned from my lexicon, I'm not certain I'd handle the loss well.

Almost done. Those two words are integral to my every day. They typically appear in optimistic fashion as I inform myself and others that I am nearly finished doing, enjoying, or accomplishing whatever is at hand. All but a little bit to go. Virtually complete. Please don't laugh at me, but I'm pretty certain that if our day cycle had one more hour added to it – 25 hours instead of 24 – I'd successfully complete every task, assignment, and intention I have. Wish there were a way to prove that, but there's not.

As soon as I begin something, be it large or small, I start telling myself that it's almost done, and then believe that. If I could become pregnant, I'd probably tell my friends halfway through the first trimester that "I'm almost done." A young mother editing this essay would swiftly correct me by saying, "No, you wouldn't." A linguistic critic would probably tell me that almost done is merely a euphemism for not done at all. A therapist would probably tell me that I'm just misleading myself, when something I've started is barely underway.

We actually deploy the *almost done* expression in a range of different ways. A baker who keeps checking a cake in the oven with the toothpick test is only requesting patience from hungry onlookers whenever he says it's almost done. A worshiper depleted by a sermon that takes her nowhere is only expressing impatience as she wonders if it's almost done. A student who's only two credit hours shy of being able to graduate uses the almost done phrase to share unbounded excitement.

My favorite use of the almost done phrase occurs when I don't want something to end. Stretching out a good thing allows us to know it's almost done, while at the same time hoping it isn't. Friends enjoying a rich dinner conversation late into the evening may well think their fun is almost done, but nobody is willing to end the laughter and initiate the act of going home. A splendid symphony concert with a

stellar performance by a renown soloist isn't done once the program concludes. It's almost done. The audience hopes for an encore, and then another encore. Have you ever been glued to a really compelling book that causes you to ignore everything else on your schedule? When your annoyed housemate asks you how much longer the read will be, you reply, "I'm almost done."

When a full day of engagement with people ends, and evening meetings or office sessions at the church have concluded, my wife Susan and I typically check in with each other by phone. It's late, and her second sentence (post greeting) is always the same: "When do you think you'll be coming home tonight?" My response, which is also identical from day-to-day: "I'm almost done. Just a few last emails to send and some small things to wrap up." That's shorthand for "at least another hour."

Ministry never ends. I know the truth of that well because I'm convinced that ministry is nothing less than loving people deeply, personally, and with everything one has. And, because love never ends, to quote a famous New Testament writer, 25 hours in a day wouldn't alter that reality. That truth tells me that when my final day at St. Paul Lutheran Church eventually arrives, and I must turn in my key for good, I'll still be telling myself, *I'm almost done*.

PETER W. MARTY
senior pastor





HOLY WEEK & EASTER

These are days central to our faith. We wave palms. We recount Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We travel to the cross where Jesus suffered and died. And we rejoice on Easter: He is risen!

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 23 | Saturday worship at 5 p.m.

March 24 | Worship at 8, 9, & 11:15 a.m.

With festive palm branches waving, the mood turns somber as we come to terms with the death of Jesus. Peter W. Marty preaches at 5 p.m./9 a.m., Katy Warren preaches at 8/11:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

March 28 | Worship at 12 noon & 7 p.m.

In scripture, liturgy, and song, we mark Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Mac Mullins preaches. Fourth graders culminate a period of preparation with their First Communion at the 7 p.m. service.

Good Friday

March 29 | Worship at 12 noon, 4, & 8 p.m.

12 noon: A 45-minute contemplative service. Sara Olson-Smith preaches.

3 p.m. Pretzel-making: Craft and eat cross-shaped creations in Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome.

4 p.m. Children's service: Featuring a reflective children's message; Children's choirs sing.

8 p.m. Tenebrae service of darkness: Peter W. Marty preaches for this somber and meditative service of readings and music. The Chorale sings.

Easter Sunday

March 31 | Worship at 6, 8, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

No Saturday service

With shouts of Alleluia, rumbling timpani, triumphant brass, choirs, and a dynamic ensemble (leading the contemporary service), we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Holy Communion is included in all services. Childcare offered at 8, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

6 a.m. sunrise: Begin outside around a fire in the Memorial Garden, with a procession into the Sanctuary. Candlelight transforms the dark early hours. Katy Warren preaches.

8 & 9:30 a.m. festive services: Choirs, brass, and organ fanfare mark these services. Peter W. Marty preaches.

11:30 a.m. contemporary: With the Open Spirit ensemble leading, Peter W. Marty brings the message of resurrection joy.

Parking: Besides St. Paul parking lots & side streets, Madison School, Vander Veer Park, and St. Ambrose lots are available.

Crowds: The largest crowds are at the 8/9:30 a.m. services on Easter Sunday. Consider worshipping at an alternative service. Easter overflow will be in the Chapel with services livestreamed.

Sunday learning for all will not be held on Easter Sunday. Regular adult learning and a special Lenten family learning will take place on Palm Sunday. The regular learning schedule resumes Sunday, April 7, 10:15-11 a.m.

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HAPPENINGS



Preschool registration set for 2024-2025

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool provides a rich variety of age-appropriate developmental activities in a Christian atmosphere.

Fall 2024 registration is now underway for St. Paul Preschool with openings for 2- and 4-year-olds. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Karen Strusz, 326-3547, ext. 219, or karen-strusz@stpaulqc.org.

It's just about time!

When the sun rises on Sunday, March 10, we'll be on Daylight Saving Time. If you turn in at 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, be sure to set your clocks ahead to 11. See you in church!

Gather for CC Conversations on March 7

CC Conversations is a monthly opportunity to discuss religion, culture, and social issues using news and articles from the *Christian Century* magazine. On Thursday, March 7, 6-7:15 p.m., bring personal perspective, passion, and openness to others. See the church website calendar 10 days prior for advance reading assignments. Those without a print or online magazine subscription can pick-up onsite copies of the articles on a rack in the church library. CC Conversations will be in recess for April. Pastor Peter Marty facilitates discussion. Contact: Peter Marty, peter@stpaulqc.org.

World-renowned physician and activist Dr. Jim O'Connell to speak at St. Paul

St. Paul is delighted to welcome Dr. Jim O'Connell, M.D. to speak on Sunday, April 21, 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Dr. O'Connell, a Harvard educated physician, has devoted 40 years of his life, between 80 and 100 hours per week, serving Boston's homeless population. Last year, Pulitzer-prize-winning author Tracy Kidder chronicled the unparalleled work of Dr. O'Connell and his mobile outreach clinic in his book *Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People*. *Rough Sleepers* is available in the Book Corner for \$17.50.



Faithful pledging

St. Paul's ministry is built on every household in the congregation making a pledge commitment. These commitments create a collective sense of sharing in the demands of an active ministry while enjoying the blessings and benefits that come with anchoring oneself in a faithful community. Household pledges are what allow St. Paul to craft a budget.

2024 pledge commitments arrived from 1,001 households, totaling \$2,673,931. Sixty of those pledges are new. Of the total number of pledges, 286 people managed to increase their commitment over the prior year. The average pledge amount for a St. Paul household this year is \$2,671. "When everybody gives what they're truly capable of, and when faith motivates them to do their best, things happen," said Pastor Marty. "Things are happening at St. Paul."



Give Easter flowers to remember loved ones

Easter lilies and spring flowers will decorate the front of the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31. If you would like to donate a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please place your order by March 17. The cost is \$20.

Forms are available in the church office. Please return the form with payment attached in the lock box marked by an Easter lily across from the receptionist's desk. Make checks payable to St. Paul and indicate on the form if you would be willing to deliver a plant to a homebound member after Easter. Contact: MacKenzie Griffin, mackenzie@stpaulqc.org.

Faith BasiX: Exploring worship

The basics of the Christian faith — St. Paul style! Meet on Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m., in the Luther Loft. Explore some of the keywords that float around the Christian life in this once-a-month-series. In March, we'll explore holiness and sanctification. No background needed; all questions welcome! Contact: Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org.

Daily bread for hungry people

The ELCA World Hunger Appeal responds to our neighbors all around the world — with relief, development, education, and advocacy. All midweek Lenten offerings at St. Paul will respond to Christ's call to open our hearts with compassion for the world's most vulnerable people.

If you would like to make a Lenten offering, earmark your check memo line with "Lent — World Hunger." Scan the QR code to give online.



2024 budget, slate of candidates approved

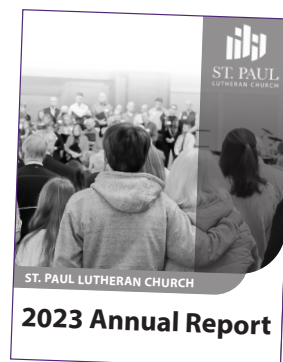
The congregation approved the 2024 budget, as well as a slate of candidates for church council, mission board, and three committees, at the annual meeting in February.

The \$3.08 million budget represents a 1.2 percent increase from the 2023 budget. Proposed benevolence and mission giving — money given to outside organizations to support work locally, nationally, and internationally — grows to \$638,100, almost 21 percent of the budget.

Approved candidates for leadership positions are:

- **Church Council:** Deb Kretschmer, Matt Lee, Ron Mullen
- **Mission Board:** Steve Evans, Kelly Janoski
- **Endowment Committee:** Christa Orfitelli, Marcia Willi
- **Memorial Gifts Committee:** Nancy Hoppes, Cheryl Seyb
- **Nominating Committee:** Jeff Bass, Aryn Lloyd

To see the year-end video, recapping 2023, visit youtube.com/stpaulquadcities. A copy of the Annual Report is available at the Information Center.



Save the date for VBS!

St. Paul kids and youth will experience God's love and learn how to live life with God by their side, at Vacation Bible School 2024 — Monday, June 10-Friday, June 14, 8:30-11:30 a.m. This year's theme will be *Camp Firelight*. Registration is \$15 per student. Parents, adults, and high school youth are invited to join in the experience by volunteering. Sign up online starting April 2 at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Maddy Carroll, maddy@stpaulqc.org.

tech tips

As St. Paul continues to expand its digital footprint, look here for tips, tricks, and updates to help you navigate the changing technological landscape. Exciting new features continue to appear on the St. Paul app! The app has expanded to include serving opportunities, small group connections, and public needs alongside the calendar and sign-ups, online giving, podcast, and much more.

Download the St. Paul app today by scanning the QR code here or search 'St. Paul QC' in the Apple App Store for iPhones, or Google Play for Androids. Having trouble downloading or not sure how to get started? Visit the Info Center any Sunday to receive one-on-one support. Questions? Contact Jessica Taylor, jessica@stpaulqc.org or (563) 326-3547 ext. 239.



PLAY AND PURPOSE

Three St. Paul athletes reflect on how play and purpose intersect in their lives.

Ramsey Vens

St. Ambrose University Men's and Women's Swim Coach

Ramsey Vens isn't just showing her college and club swimmers proper technique, she actively guides these athletes during the formative years of their lives, showing up as a positive emotional support and demonstrating how to walk through adult life.

Ramsey showed an aptitude for swimming at a young age and quickly passed through swim lessons and onto club swimming. During her senior year of college, she was hired to coach a high school swim club and has gone on to coach at both the club and collegiate level. Ramsey is currently the head coach of the Men's and Women's Swim teams at St. Ambrose University, and she runs a swimming program with her wife Connie right out of their home pool.

"When I was just starting, did I imagine being a swim coach would be my profession? No, but I love it and couldn't imagine doing anything else. Finding your purpose is something a lot of people struggle with. I wouldn't be honest if I said I hadn't struggled with that many times myself," Ramsey said. "We often ask ourselves 'Is the direction I'm going where I want to be in my life right now? Am I filling my cup?' What I come back to is God put me in this position to help these athletes, and not just for performance reasons. I'm here to be an emotional support in their lives, showing them that they are heard and that I relate to what they're going through. If there's anything they need to tackle in their lives, inside or outside of swimming, I'm there for them. Communication is important to me and when I struggle, I share my struggles with them as well."

Ramsey knows being an athlete and a swimmer are important and often identity-defining to younger athletes, but she encourages and challenges them to do more and be more.

"I always try to have compassion for every swimmer, both with the college kids and the younger club swimmers. Swimming is a part of them but it's not who they are. It's important for each swimmer to have other passions to be involved with," she said. "If we have a goal to be super successful at the end of the season, there are sacrifices to be made but these swimmers shouldn't give up the other things they love. Being a multi-sport athlete builds character. They're still figuring out who they are so for me to pigeonhole them would be a disservice."

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RAMSEY VENS

Dave Juehring, *Olympic bobsled coach and team leader*

Dave Juehring's passion for sports is in his blood. In high school, at Davenport West, Dave was an All-American shot put and discus thrower, attending Iowa State University on a track scholarship. He later found his way onto the ice, first competing in inline skating before moving to bobsled and skeleton.

For more than 12 years, Dave was active with the U.S. Olympic Bobsled Program as a driving coach and team leader. In 2002, he helped lead the first-ever women's bobsled team to gold and men's teams to silver and bronze (the first men's win in 50 years) at the Salt Lake City Olympics.

"Athletics has always been a big part of my life. Going to the Olympics was an incredible experience but at the end of the day you're developing people; you're helping people get to a better destination in their lives and becoming the best they can be."

Dave may have spent some of his professional life on the world stage, but it was at home with his family that he saw the biggest impact.

"The crowning jewel of my athletics was working with our son Dane. He was a high school shot putter and helping him meant so much to me. It's about watching them grow and creating a community that supports and helps each other."

Dave is also the director of the Chiropractic Rehabilitation and Sports Injury Department at Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport.

"It's the same with my work. I enjoy what I do. Whether you're working with a patient or working with a student to become a doctor, it always comes back to helping people and improving the larger community."



Isabella Sels, *Rower*

Isabella grew up with a focus on creating art and playing piano, but taking a chance on a summer camp helped her find one of her deepest passions: rowing.

In the summer before she started eighth grade, Isabella, inspired by a friend's older brother, decided to sign up for a summer camp for beginning rowers. That summer, she found close friends, a love of being on the water, and a sport that stuck with her.

Rowing is a year-long sport. When not out on the water, training doesn't stop, stepping out of the boats and onto rowing machines. Last year, Isabella and her team qualified for the national rowing competition. During spring break, she and her teammates headed down to Sarasota, Florida to train on the national course. Now a sophomore at Pleasant Valley High School, Isabella continues to learn, grow, and challenge herself.

"Rowing has become my main activity. I practice nearly every day. I have goals to work toward and I strive to keep getting better. And our team has goals together."

Isabella believes persistence, resilience, a willingness to grow and challenge yourself as well as supporting your teammates are important attributes for athletes to have.

"It takes a lot of trust in each other to row and get through a race together, especially when you get into the bigger boats. You must trust that the other people are doing their job while you do yours. It's all about getting to know your teammates and being in sync with each other."

Isabella said her faith helps her work through pre-race nerves.

"Rowing isn't an easy sport. I rely on God to give me confidence and strength, especially when I'm nervous. Being out there, on the water, surrounded by nature, that's what God created."





moved by **WATERS**

Emmy award-winning documentarians bring new environmental documentary to St. Paul in March.

“What unites us is far more important than what divides us.” These opening lines of the new Fourth Wall Films documentary, *Moved by Water*, encapsulate the collaborative work of local organizations in the Quad Cities and surrounding areas to ensure safe and quality water.

didn’t know much about this topic and we’re still learning. The important part of this project was finding people and organizations who were setting aside differences to work together for a common good. This film features a diverse set of individuals with different backgrounds and talents that

“What unites us is far more important than what divides us.”

Though husband and wife filmmaking team Tammy and Kelly Rundle of Fourth Wall Films typically produce historical documentaries, they’ve recently been inspired to move into environmental subjects that are important to them.

“*Moved by Waters* was a year-long project that inspired us and motivated us to make changes in our own lives to help improve the water quality of the Upper Mississippi Watershed,” Tammy said. “We

all share the same passion: clean water.”

The Rundles worked with several Quad Cities organizations including Partners of Scott County Watersheds, River Action, Augustana College, local farmers, and the QCCA Wetlands.

Familiar St. Paul faces appear in the film including Mike Paustian of Paustian Farms (featured in the Nov. 2023 Journey) and Dick Riddell.

Dick currently serves as the Executive

Director of the QCCA Wetlands. In 2013, a 58-acre wetland property was donated to the Quad City Conservation Alliance for restoration and preservation. Throughout those 11 years, numerous projects have been undertaken to fulfill this restoration.

“We’re blessed with the most beautiful water out here you’ve ever seen. We have 500 diverse species of animals in the wetlands,” Dick said. “This is a no-politics zone. Everyone is here for a purpose they love. Our important goals are to protect and restore the wetlands, remove invasive species, and educate.”

Wetlands, like the QCCA Wetlands, are areas of land where water nearly or fully covers the soil all year.

Augustana College is where Tammy and Kelly first started their research. Students, led by Dr. Michael Reisner, director of the Upper Mississippi Studies Center and associate professor of Environmental Studies, are a large part of a community-based resource project in partnership with the City of Davenport and Partners of Scott County Watershed. The students have collected a large sampling of data through analysis of wildlife camera footage and water samples to share with their project partners. Students then produce a final report that guides their community partners’ restoration and conservation efforts of the watersheds.

Three years ago, Kelly and Tammy created a local non-profit, Truth First Film Alliance, to promote, support, and encourage the production and exhibition of documentary films, and narrative films based on true stories, through public presentations and educational programs in the Quad Cities region. *Moved by Waters* is one of the many projects supported by this non-profit work.

sunday morning **learning**

In Sunday-morning learning, 10:15-11 a.m. in the Chapel, we seek to grow curiosity about the stuff of faith. You'll find an array of top-notch options for adult classes. Grab your cup of coffee and come on in.

▶ **March 3: Not Just a Race: The Bix 7**

Michelle Juehring, Bix 7 Race Director

St. Paul member Michelle Juehring is leading the team that is preparing for the 50th celebration of the Quad City Times Bix 7 Race. A runner herself, Michelle finds a lot in the sport that goes beyond competition. It offers community, health, and spiritual refreshment, among other things. Together with some of her own community of runners, Michelle will reflect on those benefits and help us look forward to this year's historic Bix 7.

▶ **March 10: Moved by Waters**

Tammy and Kelly Rundle, Fourth Wall Films

The Quad Cities region has a number of collaborative projects underway to improve the quality of water in this region of the Upper Mississippi Watershed. The 27-minute documentary, *Moved by Waters*, tells the story of the students, teachers, artists, farmers, and volunteers who are engaged in the effort. Filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle will present the film and discuss it with forum participants.

▶ **March 17: Water Movers of St. Paul**

Mike Paustian and Dick Riddell, St. Paul members

Local efforts to improve water quality in this region of the Upper Mississippi Watershed are led in part by St. Paul members Mike Paustian and Dick Riddell. Both are featured in the new documentary, *Moved by Waters*, and will share their experience and perspectives on this crucial quality-of-life issue.

▶ **March 24: Bach's St. John Passion**

Teaching pastor Peter A. Pettit and Chorale director, Nathan Windt

The Gospel of John tells the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, torture, and death in a distinctive way, and J. S. Bach sharpened the focus on it when he set the story to music. St. Ambrose professor and St. Paul Chorale director Nathan Windt leads the discussion, with teaching pastor Peter A. Pettit bringing additional insights from biblical analysis and the history of Christian-Jewish relations.

Please note: Sunday morning learning for adults will not be held on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Adult learning on Wednesday evenings in Lent

Where do we find hope when our lives get turned upside-down in what can be called an "apocalyptic" moment? Episcopal bishop and Native American writer Steven Charleston draws on tribal experience to help Christians reflect on ways to move through an apocalypse and emerge with hope and stability.

His book, *We Survived the End of the World: Lessons from Native America on Apocalypse and Hope*, will be the focus of discussion on Lenten Wednesdays (March 6, 13, 20), 5:30-6:15 p.m., in Lower Commons.

The book is available in the St. Paul Book Corner for \$21. Do you see big changes underway? Join Peter A. Pettit and other St. Paul folks to reflect on what it will mean.



Welcome MacKenzie Griffin

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St. Paul welcomes MacKenzie Griffin as the new administrative assistant. She takes the lead in producing *Connections*, St. Paul's weekly newsletter, and worship bulletins, as well as coordination of funerals, weddings, baptisms, and more. She began her role in mid-January.

Tell us about you and your family.

I grew up in and around the Quad Cities area. Growing up I played tennis and volleyball and was also involved in band and choir. In college, I played rugby for a few years. I met my husband Kyle at Western Illinois University. We later moved to Loveland, Colorado, where we stayed for 13 years, to start a family. We had our two oldest kids while in Colorado. During my time there I worked as an interior designer.

Our family moved back to the Quad Cities and started a family home inspection business. My husband Kyle and I still manage the business. I am commercially licensed to conduct radon testing. After returning to the area, we added our youngest child to the family.

What makes you, you?

More than anything, I am a mom. We have three children. Two are away at college. Our oldest attends school in Denver and is studying to be a journalist. Our middle attends the University of Iowa and is pursuing her passion to be an arts educator. Our middle schooler is an exceptionally talented pianist. I often take in my kids' friends and give unsolicited advice.

We have always had Sunday hiking days since the kids were babies. When living in Colorado, it was our tradition to finish these family hikes with cherry juice from the cherry store. We don't do that every Sunday now that the kids are spread out but that's what we do when we're all together. We also love to see live music. You'll often find us at outdoor shows.

What intrigues you about St. Paul?

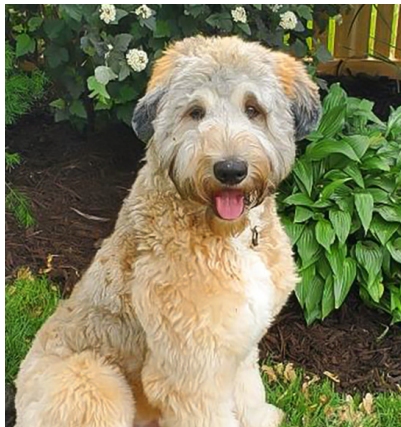
I am intrigued by St. Paul because it isn't like any church I have ever experienced. The genuine openness and warmth from everyone on the team here is so amazing.

What are you passionate about?

My passions are all about my huge family. I have three sisters, two brothers, and four parents with 22 nieces and nephews and ten grand-nieces and nephews. Nearly all of us get together every year as a big family. My motto with my kids is that I'm raising adults and I want them to be happy, healthy, and secure. You can't have happiness and health without security.



"The genuine openness and warmth at St. Paul is amazing."



Council Notes

Preschool director Karen Strusz and assistant director Kathy Becker opened the meeting with an update on the St. Paul Preschool staff, enrollment, licensing, and general operational details. The St. Paul preschool is one of the few preschools in the area with a dedicated music teacher. The administrators also shared word on all of the updated security systems in place.

New council members, Deb Kretschmer, Matt Lee, and Ron Mullen, were welcomed to their first meeting. Council elected four of its own to serve as the 2024 executive committee (see below).

Nearly 700 people attended the two Ash Wednesday services on Valentine's Day. MacKenzie Griffin started her position as administrative assistant in mid-January (see p. 10). Council received news of Harris Schneekloth's retirement as campus grounds supervisor, whom the congregation will have an opportunity to recog-

nize this spring. The personnel committee will be working to fill this part-time position in the weeks ahead.

The senior pastor search call committee continues to receive candidate suggestions and inquiries for the senior pastor position from a range of sources. The call committee welcomes questions and inquiries from the congregation. Please send to the direction of committee chair, Amy Lovig: StPaulQCCallCommittee@stpaulqc.org.

Residents of the church's 2025 Main Street house will relocate to the 2205 Carey Ave house on Feb. 20, allowing much needed renovations to begin on the 2025 Main Street house. Case managers from Vera French will continue to oversee the residents at the new address. Council concluded their meeting with a tour of the 2205 Carey Ave property, which is part of St. Paul's affordable housing ministry.



Congregational Council 2024

The council, with its newly elected members. Meet (back, left to right) Patty Herzberg (president), Jenny Gosse (treasurer), Matt Lee, Ron Mullen, Adrian Blackwell, Scott Dickman (vice president); (front, left to right) Deb Kretschmer (secretary), Pat Baldwin, and Ann Bush.

The St. Paul Worship Podcast

Couldn't make it to worship this past weekend? Check out the weekly St. Paul worship podcast featuring elements of our Sunday worship and a reflection and prayer from a St. Paul pastor. Look for the podcast on Thursdays in eNews or on the St. Paul website at stpaulqc.org/worship.



WORSHIP at St. Paul

► March 2 & 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Preaching:

5pm/11:15 am: Katy Warren
8/9 am: Max Franks

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► Wednesday, March 6

Worship: 12 noon & 7pm

► March 9 & 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preaching:

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

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► Wednesday, March 13

Worship: 12 noon & 7pm

► March 16 & 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preaching:

5pm/9am: Mac Mullins
8/11:15am: Max Franks

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► Wednesday, March 20

Worship: 12 noon & 7pm

► March 23 & 24

Palm/Passion Sunday

Preaching:

5pm/9am: Peter W. Marty
8/11:15am: Katy Warren

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► Holy Week Schedule

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Lenten Wednesdays in March: Come share the lively spirit!

Chapel Worship

12-12:30 p.m.

Breathe deeply in the midst of your workday for these contemplative noontime gatherings. Half-hour services include music, silence, a pastoral reflection, and Holy Communion.

Lenten Meals

5:30-6:55 p.m.

A strong community gathers in Fellowship Hall for catered suppers, planned with busy folks in mind. You won't need a reservation. Just bring your free-will donation to help cover the per-plate cost.

Sanctuary Worship

7-7:35 p.m.

The beautiful *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy fills the Sanctuary. *Rings of Faith: Connections Between Play and Purpose* is the unifying theme. Children and youth encouraged to worship; childcare also available.