

NOVEMBER 2024
The magazine of St. Paul Lutheran Church

journey



Gracious rest



ON THE COVER:

Left to right: Everett Clark, Abigail Spencer, Micah Sanyi

journey

NOVEMBER 2024

Volume 12 | Issue 9

EDITOR Jessica Taylor

DESIGNER Lauren Brown

ADDRESS

St. Paul Lutheran Church
2136 Brady Street,
Davenport, Iowa 52803

CONTACT

Email journey@stpaulqc.org
Phone 563.326.3547

MISSION

St. Paul Lutheran Church is a faith community, shaped around five core values: radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith formation, courageous service, extravagant generosity.

Journey (USPS 8314) is published monthly by St. Paul Lutheran Church ELCA, 2136 Brady St., Davenport, IA, 52803. Periodicals Postage Paid at Davenport, IA.

POSTMASTER

Send address changes to *Journey*, 2136 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803

“What did you do on your vacation?” can be an awkward question. Particularly when the answer is boring: “Not much.” It’s been over a year since I last saw my mom, and I was blessed to have her spend a week with me here in Iowa. We’re both in new phases in our lives. My career is in full swing with a job that keeps me at home for major holidays. She is just a few years away from retirement as a civil servant. This is to say, we both needed a break.

We had no big sweeping plans for this visit. A trip to Iowa City to browse Prairie Lights. Some plant shopping. Lots of cooking together. But mostly, we sat on the couch with cups of coffee to chat or read books. This was not the kind of vacation where we had every minute planned out, where reservations were made in advance, or where we were up at dawn for the next adventure. This vacation was for rest; it was a Sabbath that we both needed.

Jesus has this famous line where he says, “The Sabbath was made for humankind, not humankind for the Sabbath.” God set the expectation for one day of rest because God knew we would need it. Though jobs and labor look a lot different than they did in Jesus’ day, even today we still need rest. But there is a lot of pressure for even our rest to be productive.

Our precious few hours between work and sleep are often filled with kid’s activities, visits to parents, scheduled time with friends, or tickets to sports or shows. Vacations or holidays can turn into marathon events: finding the perfect destination, making sure everything is booked months in advance, ensuring not a single iota of fun is missed from the moment we walk out the door until we return home. Even rest has become something that needs to look good for a Facebook or Instagram post. I feel awkward to say I did nothing on my vacation because that’s time wasted. Rest all too quickly turns into more work.

I wonder what we miss when we can’t ever rest. Our minds have been trained to focus on the next task or make sure the photo is edited just right for posting. How much of the world passes us by because we’re not slowing down? I think this is why

Jesus’ words are on my mind. I want to see and experience grace as much as I can. Sometimes, that means stopping and slowing down. Sometimes, that means reading a book with my mom is far more important than having a packed schedule. It is okay to take a break. Even God needed one. I think it’s when we stop for a while and take the chance to enjoy stillness and togetherness that we end up encountering true rest, for our bodies and for our souls.

MAC MULLINS
pastor in residency



A community oasis

St. Paul holds fast to a core conviction: Hungry people must be fed. From local meals to global relief, food expresses love for neighbors. St. Paul provides food, financial, and volunteer support to help feed the Quad Cities community.

Food Oasis

In the Library Commons, bright circles carry messages of need and hope from the Food Oasis. What is a food desert or a food oasis? A food desert is an area that has limited access to food that is plentiful, affordable, or nutritious especially fresh fruits and vegetables. Conversely, a food oasis is an area with greater access to healthy food options and stores with fresh foods.

St. Paul helps gather these healthy food options for the Friendly House in Davenport through larger grocery gatherings three times each year, but food can be dropped off all year round. Previously less accessible, this food dropoff location contains pictures, notes of need, facts about food and food insecurity, and more.

Food and care ingathering to mark Thanksgiving

Fill a bag with nonperishable food items and toiletries and bring it to church for St. Paul's annual Thanksgiving ingathering. Items may be brought to the church any time in November, especially Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m. and the weekend of Nov. 30 & Dec. 1. Or, write a check to St. Paul, put Food Pantry in the memo line, and drop it off or mail it to church.

What's needed? Soups, mac & cheese, canned meat (chicken & tuna), cereal, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry soap, diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads).



Interested in helping to sort the food received? The ingathering food sorting will be Sunday, Dec. 1 at 12 noon. Questions? Contact: Jessica Taylor, jessica@stpaulqc.org. The items collected go to the Friendly House Food Pantry in Davenport.

About the Friendly House Food Pantry

Located on Myrtle Street on the west side of Davenport, the Friendly House responds to the needs of children, families, and seniors by providing programs and services to improve their lives. Preschool, childcare, and afterschool care, emergency assistance with vouchers and bus tokens, and senior programming are just a small part of their mission. Their food pantry is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and serves a large subset of west/central Davenport residents.

World Food Day Celebration

In October, the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) celebrated the impact of 50 years of ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger works with and through congregations to support communities in need. Attendees of the online celebration heard stories from World Hunger partners including the Quad Cities' own Tapestry Farms, a Midwestern urban-farm system in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois with Fidele Muragara sharing his story.

Fidele's family came to the United States as Congolese refugees from Burundi, and they have been supported by ELCA World Hunger partner Tapestry Farms.

"It's helping us with going to the hospital, paying bills, food, applying for identification. From my perspective, I think they're the most important things we have received access to [through] Tapestry Farms," Fidele said. "And we are not the only ones — multiple people, multiple families, rely on Tapestry Farms for those resources. And we are really grateful for that."

St. Paul provides mission support for the local efforts of Tapestry Farms and the important work they do with families just like Fidele's. Last year, St. Paul provided \$21,000 in mission support to the global outreach of ELCA World Hunger through Lenten giving.



november

HAPPENINGS

Appalachian Service Trip

Once a year, St. Paul mission teams travel to rural Appalachia to make homes safer, warmer, and drier for low-income families. The church's years-long partnership with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) translates into serving experiences for adults and teenagers.

This year, a crew of 12 St. Paul people spent a week in rural Appalachia from Oct. 26-Nov. 2. Every year, ASP brings thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. Watch for photos from their trip on the St. Paul Facebook page at facebook.com/stpaulquadcities.



Camp Shalom Open House

Take a trip to Maquoketa, Iowa on Sunday, Nov. 3, 1-3 p.m., as Camp Shalom hosts an open house. Explore the beautiful grounds, witness the progress of construction on the new building (see July 2024 edition of *Journey* for information on the project), and enjoy a fun scavenger hunt, human foosball, and a variety of activities for both adults and children. Come connect with the Camp Shalom community and experience all the wonder of camp firsthand! Camp Shalom is a Christ-centered outdoor ministry, formerly owned by St. Paul. Contact: Natalie Sheers, natalie.campshalom@gmail.com, or visit campshalomia.org.

Be part of the Little Bird and Jesus podcast!

Tune in to the St. Paul children's podcast, *Little Bird & Jesus*, to hear Pastor Sara Olson-Smith and others share little bird stories just for kids...or kids at heart. Take a journey through the Bible with the little bird who was a witness to Jesus and his life. Through her lens, we get a glimpse into the life, work, and love of Jesus.

Hey kids, Little Bird needs your help! We would love to hear your voices added to the weekly stories. Each month, we'll send out an email for sound effects. Email Jessica Taylor, jessica@stpaulqc.org, to get on the sound effects email list. And don't forget to listen to the journey of Little Bird wherever you find podcasts, on the St. Paul website at stpaulqc.org/children, and social media.



10th Grade faith milestone: Share, Save, Spend

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, Nov. 10, 10:15-11 a.m., tenth-graders and their families will gather in Fellowship Hall for the Share, Save, Spend milestone. This is a moment to pause to talk about money intentionally and examine our hopes and values. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/sign-ups. Contact: Ellie Lindmark, ellie@stpaulqc.org.

Soil Stewards Winter Prep

Interested in caring for the grounds of St. Paul while finding fellowship with others? Do you have a love for the outdoors, a passion for landscaping, or are looking to volunteer in new ways? The Soil Stewards are looking for earth-minded individuals open to making connections with others. Help plant, transplant, weed, trim, and keep the grounds looking beautiful. Open to anyone. If you're interested in lending a hand, contact: Peg Iglehart, peg.iglehart@gmail.com.

Guys Coffee Group continues to connect for fellowship

Grab a cup of coffee and settle in to connect with fellow St. Paul men. This group meets twice a month with November gatherings on Mondays, Nov. 11 and 25, 10 a.m., in the Library Commons. The idea is to strengthen guys in faith and friendship. Contact: Dave McPherson, davemcph@msn.com.



Christmas Pageant auditions on Nov. 10

Calling all stars, angels, shepherds, and sheep! Children delight in sharing the story of Jesus' birth through the singing of traditional Christmas carols and speaking parts. Auditions for speaking roles take place on Sunday, Nov. 10, during the learning hour, 10:15-11 a.m. Pageant rehearsals are Wednesdays, Nov. 13, 20, and Dec. 4 & 11, at 5:30 p.m. for speaking parts and 6:45 p.m. for all kids, with one Saturday rehearsal, Dec. 14, 8-11 a.m. The pageant takes place on Sunday, Dec. 15, 10:15-11 a.m. Contact: Maddy Carroll, maddy@stpaulqc.org.

Join "Tee Time Golfers" at St. Paul!

Do you love playing golf and want to connect with fellow enthusiasts? Tee Time Golfers is looking "FORE" you! This group of St. Paul golfers, of all ages and skill levels, meets for casual games and socializing on the greens. This is a relaxed opportunity to enjoy golf and build community, with no pressure to attend every outing. This group is currently booking tee times. To learn more or to get on the list to play, contact: Miles Thompson, miles@stpaulqc.org.

Family Dinner and Parenting Conversations

On Tuesdays, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10, gather with other families for food, play, and conversation. After sharing a meal, parents discuss a recent podcast episode, book chapter, or other parenting topic while the kids are in the capable hands of our childcare and children's ministry staff. What could be better than connecting with parents for mutual support while the kids play?

Family dinner starts at 5 p.m. in the Library Commons with discussion around a parenting topic at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

Heading south for the winter?

Are you a St. Paul snowbird? If you plan to be elsewhere this winter, please let our business office know so we can stay in touch. Send us your mailing address and dates you plan to be gone. Contact Allison Winter, allison@stpaulqc.org, 563-326-3547.

St. Paul counselor available for appointments

Steve Kalber is St. Paul's onsite counselor. His services are available to the St. Paul community, at no cost. He can assist and support with difficult transitions, relationships, depression or anxiety, working through trauma, or simply be a listening ear.

Steve is available for appointments. Call 563-326-3547, ext. 312 to schedule, or email him at steve@stpaulqc.org.

Advent by Candlelight for Women of the ELCA

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m., begin your Advent experience by singing Christmas carols in community with the women of WELCA. Individual tables will be set in holiday attire with special desserts featured at each table.

All women of St. Paul are welcome to attend and bring guests. Childcare is available upon request. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups or at the Info Center. Contact: Dixie Kutzbach, kdkutzbach@gmail.com or Linda Kern, lindak12@hotmail.com.



All St. Paul Reads moves to fall for 2025

Typically held in February, All St. Paul Reads is an annual event in reading and community sponsored by the St. Paul Book Corner. In 2025, All St. Paul Reads moves to the fall with an anticipated Sunday in September as the new gathering date. A book title will be released in May to provide ample notice for some summertime reading for all. Contact Book Corner manager Andrea Spencer, bookcorner@stpaulqc.org.

GO OUT WITH joy

Autumn is the season when every St. Paul member is asked to make a financial commitment for the life and work of St. Paul in the coming year. The vitality of the church depends on the involvement and generous giving of every household. The pledges of St. Paul people are what fund our entire ministry. Each and every pledge adds up for strong ministry and mission. Please count yourself among the faithful with your financial pledge for Daily Ministry in 2025.

Finding peace

"I love the idea that joy can be found in simple moments. Joy is ever-present. Joy is connection. I feel it when my kids look at the sky and question why the moon looks broken. It's in the classroom when students sing "I am Yoga" in unison or hold hands during their yoga nap.

I found yoga while grieving. I was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after my brother died when he was 35 years old. I was the one who found him. Yoga helped me heal, and find peace and stability. The yoga community is full of beautiful beings and those connections were imperative to my healing journey.

I took Youth Yoga Training through Challenge to Change to learn breathing techniques to share with my kids at home but found the training to be transformative in my healing. I was inspired by the CEO of Challenge to Change, Molly Schreiber, who shared her grief journey. Molly's husband died in a car accident, leaving her widowed with three small children at the age of 30.

Through gratitude and optimism, I hope to radiate joy into the world. It's a lifelong practice that I continue to work on. Surrounding myself with kids is the best way to radiate joy. I find it impossible not to smile and laugh when I'm around our youth."

— Chelsea Robinson, Challenge to Change yoga instructor for Madison Elementary



Pledge in print

During the week of Nov. 4, watch for a letter from Pastor Mark. The envelope will include your financial pledge card for Daily Ministry 2025. Take some time to consider, and if you can, grow your pledge. Return your cards on Joy Weekend, Nov. 9 & 10.

Pledge online

Complete your pledge online. Scan the QR code below, pledge through the St. Paul app, or visit stpaulqc.org/pledge-2025.



Sing for joy

“Joy is more of a feeling and it’s hard to put into words. Joy is being able to look around and find the good amidst the bad or the negative. You’ve got to pick things out and concentrate on the beautiful things to get you through.

Six years ago I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. I was devastated, to say the least. Leading up to surgery, I knew I had to sing as much as possible because I didn’t know if I’d ever be able to sing again. The night before surgery, I recorded myself singing because I wanted to have that recording just in case.

Now, there are moments I have to pinch myself that I get to be a professional performer. I still get to sing, and I’m singing more than ever; that’s God’s gift and I get to share it with the world. I get into a flow state where I forget everything else that’s happening and just connect with the audience. On Sundays, when Open Spirit melds together, you just get this feeling of joy and I can feel God’s presence in those moments.”

— Laura Hammes, vocalist, teacher, Open Spirit ensemble member



Focus on what matters most

“Joy is a feeling of wellness that comes from inside; from knowing you have a purpose and doing your best to fulfill that purpose.

My wife Ann and I always had a lot of fun together. It didn’t matter what we were doing, we enjoyed each other and did everything together. When she died last year, that loss was hard. But you endure. You focus on your kids and grandkids because that’s exactly what she’d want me to do.

My purpose is my family. I have four children, their spouses, and nine grandchildren. They make me want to get up every single day. I enjoy following my grandchildren’s lives and watching them find their paths in life as they become adults. Their curiosity about the world and their positivity are what bring me the most joy.

I try to radiate joy into the world by engaging deeply with people. The church is a huge place of socialization for me because I’m not a naturally gregarious person. I have to force myself to be more sociable, but we all need that feeling of community in our lives.”

— Ted Harris, St. Paul member, retired business professor

It’s a promise

A financial pledge to your congregation is a financial promise. It’s your best indication of what you would like to give during the coming year. It’s possible that one could give whenever one feels like it, absent of a pledge. But that does little to help the church plan its ministries and mission, locally and globally. It also turns giving into an ad-hoc exercise instead of a long-range spiritual practice that reflects and keeps your life priorities. So pledge, please!

It’s a building block

Every St. Paul member is asked to complete a pledge commitment. It’s one of the expectations of belonging to a congregation that is moving in the same direction. Our Daily Ministry Budget is shaped entirely on the up-front generosity of member pledges. Without them, we have no operating budget.

It’s first fruits

The Bible calls this kind of considerate giving *first fruits* giving. As an ancient farmer would have pulled the best vegetables and fruits to make an offering to God, we aim not to give what’s left over from our living. As unselfishly as possible, we pledge to God ahead of other financial responsibilities. Challenge your giving to grow each year. That’s how our church grows its impact. Remember, it’s all a faith-based estimate of your personal desire and potential.



Welcome Maddy Tyler

St. Paul's new Resident Pastor begins her 18-month residency in January.

The background basics.

I was born and raised in Chicago. I've always been a city person. In the family home, it was my mom and dad, my younger sibling, Charlie, and two cats.

I come from a family of musicians with a focus on folk music. My parents both work at Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago, one of the largest independent music schools in the country. My mom is in administration and my dad is on the fiddle faculty. I grew up at Old Town. I took classes, worked in the operations department, and was one of many site managers.

For undergraduate school, I went to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, double majoring in history and Nordic studies with a minor in museum studies. I planned to attend graduate school to be a museum exhibit designer.

During my time in college, I lived abroad in a small town in Norway for six months and later, after graduation, took a gap year and served with Young Adults in Global Mission with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). During that year, I lived in Cambodia. Being able to walk alongside people, build relationships, and learn more about Christianity in a prominently Buddhist community had a huge impact on my life and my call to ministry.

What is at the heart of who you are?

I'm very adaptable. When I enter a new place, I take the time to observe, learn, and get actively involved. I love to laugh with people and share stories of incredible moments in my life and in others' lives that have brought joy to faith.

Music is such a huge part of who I am. The music community

I grew up in helped raise me. I say I was raised by my parents and by a string band. My dad played music in a string band and his bandmates became my uncles and taught me from an early age what community means. Old-time folk music is about what it means to be part of a community and to live in communion with others. It's about music that was passed on to us and now we're passing it forward, often without writing it down.

Why did you want to become a pastor?

It was a journey of little moments. My aunt was the first person to say, "Maddy, I think you'd make a good minister." I moved away from that thought for a while but it came back again and again. I was moved by how much the Lutheran church in Cambodia equipped youth to be leaders. I've been given the tools so many times throughout my life, and I started wondering how it would look if I were to equip others and walk alongside them as they wrestle with faith. That called me to enroll at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

I'm currently working as a synod-authorized minister. The moment I knew I had affirmed my call was the first Sunday I gave communion. I was overcome with emotion when I broke the bread for the first time and distributed communion to the congregation.

What draws you to St. Paul?

The way the St. Paul Pastoral Residency Program came into my life felt like a God moment. While awaiting my first call, it was suggested I look into the residency program. When I looked at the St. Paul website, I got excited by the community outreach,



Habitat for Humanity, service trips, youth ministry, and more. There are so many ways to get involved, and opportunities to ask questions, learn, and grow. St. Paul seemed like the right place to ask any question and be honest.

I can't wait to learn from others and wonder where God will lead me next. The pastoral residency program is ingrained in the identity of St. Paul and that's unique. This is a congregation that wants to walk with new ministers and pastors to be part of their formation and journey.

One year with Mac Mullins

"My first year of ministry as a pastor has been nothing short of spectacular. I didn't know what to expect when moving to the Quad Cities to start life at St. Paul but what I discovered was a community of people eager to love, generous with their hearts and time, and wanting to help me succeed as I grew in my role as one of their pastors.

I've had so many new experiences with worship, teaching, and working with our community this past year that have given me unexpected new perspectives. The residency program is less about following a handbook on how to be the best pastor possible, and instead throws us newbies into a world of new imaginings and experiences that shape how we think and respond to life together and life with God.

The greatest gift so far is a new way of thinking: how is what I'm saying, what I'm writing, what I'm doing going to impact this congregation in a way that helps them live more dynamic lives of faith? My pastor colleagues and each of the staff members all bring their own generous interpretations to that question, and after a year it just begins to rub off on you!

The second year of residency looks much the same as the first, except now I know (mostly) what I'm doing! Every pastor needs at least one year under their belt to fully understand the uniqueness of a congregation. The one major difference is that, as my residency is only a two-year program, I will begin the process of looking for my second call come the beginning of the new year."

— Pastor Mac Mullins

Congregational Meeting on Nov. 10

A brief congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10, 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The singular purpose of this brief meeting will be to call Maddy Tyler as the next pastoral resident to St. Paul. This call will be for an 18-month term beginning January 2025.



Welcome to Pam Garrett

PASTORAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Near the end of October, St. Paul member Pam Garrett assumed the role of the Pastoral Residency Program Administrator. This role oversees all administrative aspects of the pastoral residency program at St. Paul, fosters a rich learning experience for residents, and provides leadership that continues to inspire the congregation to be a training center for ministry. Pam takes an active role in supporting the pastoral residents during their transition to St. Paul and throughout their two-year residency.

Pam's educational and career background makes her uniquely suited for this role. Pam is a Bettendorf, Iowa native. She graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with an accounting degree.

"After finishing college, I assumed I would move far away and conquer the world, but I happened to get my first job back here in the Quad Cities," Pam laughed. "I worked in public accounting for many years before working in the finance department for Von Maur's corporate office in Davenport. When I had my children, I was blessed to be a stay-at-home mom when they were little."

For the past 17 years, Pam has worked as a licensed real estate assistant. Pam and her husband Darren joined St. Paul in December 2023. The couple have two grown children.

"Being joyful and laughing are big parts of who I am. I tell everyone I married my husband because he makes me laugh a lot. Family time is extremely important, especially because our kids live so far away in Virginia and Florida, but we make the best of it," Pam said. "I am a big health and fitness person. Darren and I like to hike. Our empty nest project is hiking every county in Iowa. Out of 99 counties in Iowa, we only have 25 left. It's been really fun to see the state of Iowa from that perspective. We have a big map in our house that we put our pins in."

She's also very crafty. Pam enjoys chalk-painting furniture, creating beautiful artwork out of buttons, and organization.

"My grandmother had this cabinet full of buttons. When she died, I got the buttons and I started making artwork out of them. In my house, I have the state of Iowa made out of buttons. It's fun to be creative in a different way," Pam said. "I also love to organize everything and anything. It can be overwhelming to look at the big project so I'm good at breaking down those large tasks into smaller, more manageable pieces."

Meeting people, especially those in different stages of their lives, excites Pam and the pastoral residency administrator position will allow her to do just that.

"I love to problem-solve. What excites me is that this program provides a solid background and foundation for these young pastors. They take the knowledge they learned from St. Paul and this congregation and bless their congregations and communities with it," said Pam. "It's such a unique program. My role will be to see what has made this program successful in the past and how I can continue with its successes and build on them. I'm here to listen and guide. It'll be neat to watch the full journey of these new pastors; from their first day when they're nervous and a little unsure to their last day as they leave with confidence to embrace this next call."



I'm here to listen and guide. It'll be neat to watch the full journey of these new pastors.

— PAM GARRETT

Council Notes

Council will seek nominations in the coming months for various committees leading up to the February Annual Meeting. These committees (memorial gifts, mission board, nominating, and others) are vitally important in the leadership of St. Paul. It takes many people with unique skills and talents to make these committees thrive.

The annual Golden Agers event, with a 50s theme, took place in early October and was well received by attendees. Gratitude was expressed to staff, Women of the ELCA, and other volunteers who made the event happen.

Steve Kalber has joined the St. Paul staff as the onsite counselor. He is currently accepting appointments. His services are available to the St. Paul community free of charge. The personnel committee extended an offer to Pam Gar-

rett to assume the role of Pastoral Residency Program Administration. Council voted unanimously to affirm that appointment. Pam begins her role at the end of October. *Read more about Pam on pg. 10.*

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10, 10:10 a.m., in the Sanctuary, to call Maddy Tyler as St. Paul's next pastoral resident. *See the Journey feature on Maddy Tyler on pgs. 8 & 9 to learn more.*

Council voted to move the Annual Meeting from the first Sunday in February to the second Sunday. This will allow for an additional week to craft a thorough budget to be reviewed at the annual meeting. With that change, this year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9 following the 9 a.m. service.

Adult learning *Sundays, 10:15-11 a.m., in the Chapel*

November

- **Nov. 3:** The mission of Family Resources
Bob Stone, Volunteer Relations
- **Nov. 10:** The work of Humility Homes and Services, *Megan Brown-Saldana, Chief Development Officer*
- **Nov. 17:** Christian Faith and Civic Life
Pastor Dianne Prichard, Hope Lutheran Church, Dixon, Iowa

- **Nov. 24:** The Year of Luke Ahead in Worship Readings
Mark Niethammer, senior pastor

December

- **Dec. 1:** Simply Living the Gospel Simply
Katy Warren, associate pastor
- **Dec. 8:** Women in Jesus' Genealogy
Judy Robinson, retired English professor

Gratitude for Dana Welser

For more than ten years, the radiant smile of Dana Welser has been shared with so many families, volunteers, and congregation members. As the St. Paul neighborhood partnership coordinator, Dana spearheaded the creation of Madison Market Food Pantry alongside a group of dedicated volunteers. In the last decade, that food pantry grew to serve upwards of 150 (or more) families twice a month. Dana's efforts have brought warmth, support, and nourishment to our community and countless Madison Market volunteers.

As she now retires from this position, we give thanks for Dana's years of dedicated service and commitment. She will continue to be active around St. Paul as a member and enthusiastic volunteer. Thank you, Dana, for your legacy of love and hospitality!



WORSHIP *at St. Paul*

► November 2 & 3

All Saints Weekend

Preaching:

5pm/9 am: Katy Warren
8/11:15 am: Sara Olson-Smith

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► November 9 & 10

Joy Weekend

Preaching:

All services: Mark Niethammer

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► November 16 & 17

Season after Pentecost

Preaching:

5pm/9 am: Mac Mullins
8/11:15 am: Katy Warren

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► November 23 & 24

Reign of Christ

Preaching:

5pm/9 am: Sara Olson-Smith
8/11:15 am: Mark Niethammer

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► November 22

Thanksgiving Eve worship

Preaching:

7 pm: Mac Mullins



ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

2136 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803

gratitude. groceries. reunion.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.

Grocery cart procession | Music by the Chorale