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"Yes, and..."

I tried improvisational comedy exactly one time in my life. It didn't go well. The setting was comfortable enough – a church leadership retreat. What was missing was talent. My talent.



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My mind simply isn't nimble enough to think with the kind of speed that spontaneous, unplanned, and unscripted performance requires. Improv comedy is fast stuff.

The room of colleagues pitched our little performing ensemble five different ideas and objects that we were to string together into a fun theatrical plot. We had all of 30 seconds to absorb these divergent nouns and expressions before one person was to lead off. Once that lead actor opened the plot, the rest of us who were performing were to successively connect our sentences with his, such that the movement of the scene would cohere. But spontaneity and coherence don't go easily together for me. I found myself constantly wanting to stop the flow of our little scene. I needed to think about what I was going to utter. Processing what was just said – very quickly – with what I might add as a worthwhile contribution to the plot brought on a kind of mental paralysis. I found myself over-analyzing the previous actor's line, all for the sake of trying to connect with it. My mind kept wanting to say, "Yes, but [that doesn't make sense]..."

Well, a lot of it didn't make sense. That's the nature of improv comedy. My "Yes, but ..." instinct was little more than an attempt to control or manage the moment with sane, prudent, and competent responses, all at the expense of a more vigorous imagination and creativity. We all engage in this stifling behavior at different points in life. "Yes, but I can't fix this relationship if you don't ..." "Yes, but I can't come until I finish ..." "Yes, but I'll never be completely happy until I get to see ..." "Yes, but as long as there are kooks in the world, I'm not traveling ..." Luke 9:57-62 has some biblical examples of "Yes, but ..."

When it comes to "Yes, but ..." language, I think of my friend in the hospital. He's used to running a company and now can't even use the bathroom unassisted. I think of the mom I know who gave everything for her son's well-being and he, as a grown young man now, hasn't communicated with her in two years. I think of Anne Lamott's famous line about the three most terrible truths of our existence, that "we are so ruined, and so loved, and in charge of so little." It's being in charge of so little that's especially hard.

The secret of really good improv comedy actors working in tandem is that they have a way of saying, "Yes, and ..." The yes is an immediate acceptance or affirmation of what was just said, and the and instantly opens up their own words to imagining whole new worlds. The mind doesn't have time to worry about what it can't control or manage when we say, "Yes, and ..."

Jesus looks at our lives that are both so ruined and so loved and says: "Yes, and I've been waiting for you to come home so that I could throw a party." "Yes, and when I say don't be anxious about tomorrow, I mean it." "Yes, and why would you do anything to others except what you would want them to do to you?" "Yes, and when a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it will ..."

As we contemplate tossing some of the mess and exhaustion of our lives at the Lord this Easter, we don't have to fear a "Yes, but ..." reply. Jesus Christ functions more nimbly and more imaginatively than that. "Yes, and don't you remember that I told you I would rise after three days? It's for your sake ... that you might have abundant life."

PETER W. MARTY
senior pastor



Blessing of the keys: 9th-grade milestone

At St. Paul, faith milestones are special markers along the growing-up journey. Each milestone is grounded in the Bible and nurtures faith in everyday life. Ninth-graders and their parents come together on Sunday, April 28, for conversation about new responsibilities in life, including the ability to drive, 10:20-11:05 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. A blessing is said over car keys. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.

St. Paul women to hold spring gathering

The Women of the ELCA will hold their annual spring gathering on Saturday, April 27, 9-11:30 a.m. The gathering is open to all St. Paul women and their guests.

The morning will begin with coffee and light refreshments, followed by a thankoffering service led by Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder. Deb Bowen, who leads Purses with a Purpose, will speak about her initiative that offers necessities for women experiencing homelessness or abuse. Attendees may bring gently used purses or personal products to give.

A short general meeting of the Women of the ELCA will conclude the morning. Sign up at the Info Center or stpaulqc.org/signups. Childcare is available upon request. Contact: Jan Melvin, 563-332-3665 or Carol Moeller, 563-391-3790.

St. Paul to host two April concerts

Welcome spring by coming to hear two delightful and warm ensembles perform at St. Paul.

The Nova Singers will perform *Home* on Sunday, April 7, 4 p.m. at St. Paul. Tickets will be available at the door or online at novasingers.com.

Ponder the deep, emotional significance of *Home* with guest violinist Mariela Shaker. Also, this concert will be the premiere of a commissioned piece by composer Carol Barnett, set to the words of area children.

The Handel Oratorio Society will perform in concert on Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m. at St. Paul.

The musicians of the Handel Oratorio Society include Quad-Cities community members, Augustana students, the Augustana Choir, the Augustana Symphony Orchestra and invited soloists. It is conducted by Jon Hurty.

They will perform *Jesu, meine Fruede* by Bach and *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré.

St. Paul Book Corner features new additions

The St. Paul Book Corner has new selections for adults and children. Every book is carefully selected by St. Paul pastors, staff, and avid St. Paul readers. The new books can also be found in the St. Paul Library. They include:

- *Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim* by Sabeeha Rehman
- *Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts.* by Brené Brown
- *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate – Discoveries from a Secret World* by Peter Wohlleben
- *This Land: America, Lost and Found* by Dan Barry
- *Love the World* by Todd Parr
- *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales



CELEBRATING THE EARTH

Growing love in the St. Paul community garden

The beginning of spring means the beginning of planting in the St. Paul community garden. Get your hands into the earth twice over the coming weeks. Children are welcome.

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-12 noon: Prepare the St. Paul garden for another year of growing. We will clean the garden beds and plant some cold-tolerant plants. Bring garden tools and seeds if you'd like. The rain/cold date is Saturday, May 4.

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.-12 noon: Complete the planting of the St. Paul Community Garden. Help give root to tomatoes, peppers, and other warm-weather plants. The rain/cold date is May 12.

The vegetables and herbs grown in the garden are donated to Café on Vine, the Madison Market, neighbors, and St. Paul people.

Contact: Matt Schroeder, schroeder4rivermont@yahoo.com or 563-340-9980.

Spring cleaning in the St. Paul neighborhood

The St. Paul corner of the world is a beautiful place. On Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-12 noon, gather to pick up trash and debris in the blocks surrounding the campus. It's called the *Make It Yours* Neighborhood Cleanup. Supplies and snacks are provided. Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mchsi.com.

Recyclers, litter picker-uppers needed

Two teams of St. Paul people help keep trash out of the landfill and our environment – and they are searching for a few good helpers.

The recycling team gathers items placed in the recycling bins at St. Paul and prepares them for pick up. People can sign up for as many or as few shifts as they'd like. Contact: Jan Lloyd, cmljml@q.com.

The litter picker-uppers walk the St. Paul property, picking up the trash that accumulates for a variety of reasons, including the campus' placement along two major streets in Davenport. A fancy yellow vest is included in the fun. Interested in learning more? Contact: Dan Dickens, dickens.dan@gmail.com.

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

April 13 | Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m.

April 14 | Worship at 7:45, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m.

With festive palm branches waving, the mood turns somber as we realize that Jesus goes on to die. Pastor Sara Olson-Smith preaches at 5:30/7:45, Pastor Peter W. Marty preaches at 9:00/11:15 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18 | Worship at 12 noon & 7 p.m.

In scripture, liturgy, and song, we mark Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Pastor Kelsey Fitting-Snyder preaches. Our fourth-graders culminate a period of preparation with their First Communion at the 7 p.m. service.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19 | Worship at 12 noon, 4:30, & 8 p.m.

12 noon: A 45-minute contemplative service. Pastor Josh Kestner preaches.

3:30 p.m. Pretzels and prayer: Share a cross-shaped pretzel and talk about the symbolism of Christ and the resurrection. Opportunities for family prayer crafts will be available, too.

4:30 p.m. Family service for all: Featuring a children's message; Jubilate and Cantate choirs sing.

8:00 p.m. Tenebrae service of darkness: Pastor Peter W. Marty preaches for this somber and meditative service of readings and music. The Chorale sings.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21 | Worship at 6, 8, 9:45, & 11:45 a.m.

No Saturday service

NOTE different Easter worship times

With shouts of Alleluia, rumbling timpani, triumphant brass, 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, 9:45, and 11:45.

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

8 & 9:45 a.m. festive services: Choirs, brass, and organ fanfare mark these services. Pastor Peter W. Marty preaches.

11:45 a.m. contemporary: With the Open Spirit ensemble leading, Pastor Marty brings the message of resurrection joy.

EASTER TIPS

Parking: On Easter please be mindful of people who need to park nearest to the church, and of guests who are new to St. Paul. If you're able to walk a short distance, please park at Madison School, Vander Veer Park, or residential side streets.

Crowds: The largest crowds are often at the 8/9:45 a.m. services on Easter Sunday. Consider attending an alternative service if you're able. Easter Sunday overflow is in the Chapel.

Sunday learning for children and adults will not be held on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Learning will resume Sunday, April 28, 10:20-11:05 a.m.

ADULTS & YOUTH SERVE IN CHICAGO

St. Paul people of all ages visited schools, nursing homes, soup kitchens, a homeless shelter, and an urban garden. Each night they explored local restaurants and engaged in discussion on poverty and what it means to fill both emotional and resource needs.





Expanding mental health access

Bethe Lonning is a psychologist in Davenport. She worked for 17 years for a change that will improve access to care.

“I wanted people in Iowa to have more choices for their mental health medication needs.”

BETHE LONNING

Seventeen years ago, Bethe Lonning heard an idea that she thought could really help people seeking mental health care in the state of Iowa.

She was attending a conference for state leaders of the American Psychological Association. Bethe is a psychologist in Davenport.

New Mexico had just passed a law that gave specially trained psychologists prescribing authority. It meant that with additional post-doctorate training, professionals could prescribe specific medications to patients who needed them. A prescription from a physician or psychiatrist was no longer necessary.

That was 2002.

And that's when Bethe started on a long, winding, sometimes seemingly impossible journey to change the rules to allow the same in Iowa.

Six weeks ago, on Feb. 20 to be exact, the rules finally went into place.

“I wanted people in Iowa to have more choices for their mental health medication needs. I was tired of patients having to wait 4-5 months or longer to see a psychiatrist,” said Bethe, a St. Paul member. “Over 80 percent of psychotropic medication is prescribed by family practice doctors who have limited training in mental health disorders. I wanted to be able to help this situation.”

Two-thirds of counties in Iowa do not have a single psychiatrist, making it difficult for patients in need of medication for mental health disorders to receive it from a psychiatrist, the American Psychological Association said. It can take months to get an appointment.

Even if they are able to find a doctor with available appointments, patients may have to drive an hour or more to get care, particularly if they live outside of major urban areas.

A 2014 annual report of health in Iowa issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health revealed that 18.7 percent of adults in the state reported having a depressive episode. According to a 2014 report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration covering 2009-13, 51.2 percent of adolescents and 50.7 percent of adults in Iowa with depression and/or a major mental illness did not receive treatment, the APA said.

This change will directly address access issues by increasing the number of available providers to prescribe medications. It did not happen, however, without significant persistence, tenacity, and hope.

Two years after Bethe first heard of the idea, she was part of a committee that formed through the Iowa Psychological Association. She and others spent time talking with others about the proposal, and what it would mean for patients in Iowa.

Eleven years after Bethe first heard of the idea, in 2013, legislators proposed a bill to make the change. It had a couple of hearings, before it died.

Thirteen years after Bethe first heard of the idea, in 2015, the legislation was introduced again. People who opposed the bill spoke out against it.

Yet, in 2016, it passed the legislature.

Now, this makes it sound easy. Without getting into the complicated workings of the Iowa state Legislature, we'll just leave it at this: It was nowhere near close to easy.

On May 25, 2016, Bethe was visiting her parents in northwest Iowa. Her dad was a psychologist, too. She was out shopping when she got a call.

The news was good – then-Gov. Terry Branstad signed the legislation into law. “I went and bought a pair of shoes and some diamond earrings,” Bethe said.

Still, there was work to do. The law passed, but the state professional boards who oversee physicians and psychologists had to come to agreement on the rules that would allow this to happen. They had until the end of 2018.

Meetings with lots of back-and-forth took place. Towards the end, Bethe started to give up hope that it would finally happen. The final meeting of 2018 for the Iowa Board of Medicine was Dec. 14.

Bethe attended with colleague Brenda Payne, who also spent time fighting for the measure. They walked into the meeting, and it was packed – not exactly a common occurrence. They realized that the crowd was there for a discussion of another matter – the use of medical marijuana in the state.

They sat. A board member called for a vote on their measure. It passed.

“It took 10 seconds,” she said. “I looked at Brenda, she looked at me. I couldn’t believe that it happened.”

Iowa is the fourth state to allow psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications. APA supports prescription privileges for appropriately trained psychologists as a way to help address the shortfall between demand for medications and the number of behavioral health professionals — particularly psychiatrists — who can prescribe them.

“Lacking mental health prescribers, we are not offering the full range of available options to our patients,” said Sean Evers, of the American Society for the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy. “Clinically, it becomes frustrating to know that ‘Gee, I could really fix this motor if I had this one wrench, but there’s no wrench store in this town, and there’s a six-month wait to order one.’”

The hope is that Iowa’s move will boost momentum in more than a dozen states where bills are making progress, including Hawaii, Idaho, New Jersey, New York and Ohio, said Deborah Baker of the APA.

All told, there are some 200 prescribing psychologists in the nation, she said, and training more will take time. Though state laws differ, psychologists must do significant work on top of their doctoral degree, including completion of a master’s degree in psychopharmacology (or equivalent), supervised clinical training, and passing a national exam.

In Iowa, it will indeed take time before any psychologists will be able to prescribe. Bethe has already completed coursework toward the goal.

“I have prayed about this whole thing for years,” Bethe said. “I have never prayed for a specific outcome, rather I have prayed for guidance and courage to continue and for grace to accept whatever outcome may happen.”

The final actions that made the hope a reality, she said, were “the best Christmas gift I’ve had in a long time.”

1991:

The Department of Defense began a six-year trial program to train 10 psychologists to prescribe medication at assigned military bases.

2002:

New Mexico became the first state to enact a law allowing appropriately trained psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications.

2004:

Louisiana passed legislation providing prescribing rights to psychologists.

2013:

Legislation introduced in Iowa granting licensed psychologists who are trained in psychopharmacology with prescriptive authority. It died.

2014:

Illinois enacted legislation granting prescriptive authority to licensed psychologists with additional specialized training in psychopharmacology.

2015:

Legislation is reintroduced in Iowa.

2016:

Iowa passed legislation, governor signs into law.

2018:

The Iowa Board of Medicine and the Iowa Board of Psychology agree on professional rules for practice.

TEACHING PASTOR:

Peter Pettit

starting June 2019

Tell us about your family.

On June 13, just two weeks into my anticipated call with you at St. Paul, I will have been married for two-thirds of my life. Lynn is a stained-glass artist with a passion for justice and a love of children, which has made her a consummate school and community volunteer.

We love to travel, play games, do crossword puzzles, tackle the occasional DIY project, and hang with our two grown daughters and their families. Jenn's in Minnesota with Geoff, Alex (12), and Andrew (10). Sarah's in West Virginia with Shawn, and is step-mom to Lauren.

What intrigues you about St. Paul?

St. Paul is thoroughly uncommon. Pastor Marty said much the same in his profile of a day in the life of the congregation for the annual report this year. A congregation that has the vision, the commitment, and the capacity to search for a teaching pastor is what first caught my attention. Then I saw the generosity and savvy of the pastoral residency program, and I started to see a pattern. The 22 percent of the annual budget that goes beyond the property line fits with that pattern. And then the next surprise: it's all done with a keen focus on knowing one another well, individually, personally, as a community.

What are you looking forward to?

Lynn and I together are looking forward to investing ourselves in a community of faith that is mission-focused, confessionally clear, and interpersonally healthy, and to being embraced by it. Having lived many places, we look forward to learning and exploring a new region, to living on the Mississippi River on the edge of the Great Plains. We look forward to being within a day's drive of both our children and their families.

How did you become a pastor?

At Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary, I became enthralled with biblical languages, biblical interpretation, and a church seeking always to be reforming. I completed an internship and a year of teaching after seminary, then graduate school in Bible and Early Judaism. A powerful encounter with a Jewish advanced studies institute in Jerusalem and a stimulating interfaith seminary program added to the mix. First call, the realities of parish life, and the continuing draw of teaching and interfaith engagement followed. Then came 20 years with college students, regular collaboration with Jewish scholars around the world, and a local interfaith community committed to staying engaged through thick and thin. And now St. Paul is the next chapter in my becoming a pastor.



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INTRODUCING Hayden Kvamme

St. Paul's new resident pastor – coming August 2019

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

I was born in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, outside of Denver, but my parents moved a lot during my childhood. When I was 9, we moved to West Des Moines, Iowa, where I graduated from high school. After high school, I attended Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, where I studied math, but also cherished a handful of philosophy and Greek courses. Kathryn, my wife, and I met in October 2015 and were married in September 2016 (we love to tell the story, so just ask!). We have one daughter, Maggie, who will be two this August, and a second child on the way. Kathryn and I are both blessed to be close with our parents, who love seeing Maggie whenever they can. Both sets live in Minnesota's Twin Cities.

What makes you, you?

I've always loved learning, playing sports, and spending time with friends. In high school I played baseball and football, and still enjoy getting outside to play team sports when I can—it's about the only way I can get myself to exercise! I also love playing board games, and Kathryn and I are especially into cooperative games, like Pandemic. From a young age faith has shaped my life. The Disciples of Christ church I grew up in had an excellent youth program through which I met many close friends as we learned about Jesus and practiced serving others in our community. During seminary at Wartburg I have cherished the daily worship in the chapel. One of my favorite activities is simply talking to other people about their faith, and how they see God at work in their daily life.

Why did you want to become a pastor?

In fifth grade, I decided I wanted to be a math teacher. I have loved math for as long as I can remember, and still do. In eleventh grade, though, I had the opportunity to complete a project on creation and evolution in which I studied various perspectives on the relationship between the two. The project culminated in a presentation at my church. By the end of the project, I found myself thinking, "I love this, perhaps, instead of math, God is calling me to teach about faith in God, and instead of just to kids, to people of all ages." While my sense of vocation has grown and expanded over time to include more than just teaching, I have been discerning a call to ordained ministry ever since. I will graduate from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, in May.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, APRIL 7

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7, 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this short meeting will be to call Peter Pettit as teaching pastor and Hayden Kvamme (KWAM-ee) as resident pastor at St. Paul.

As teaching pastor, Peter Pettit would oversee learning at St. Paul, including preschool, children, youth, and adult learning. He also would teach and preach.

As resident pastor, Hayden Kvamme would take part in St. Paul's two-year residency program for new pastors. Funded through the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis, it is designed to shape wise pastoral practices in the context of a healthy congregation.

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Gwen Bartoluzzi



Nicholas Eckermann



Rich & Kristin Eckhardt



Jordan Escontrias & Abbey Dickens, Isabel, Lila, Julian, Elijah



Chad & Bridget Ihrig



Kevin Koch & Alyssa Anderson



Don & Joann Mutch



Meredith Parker



Sharon Rendack



Meghan & Alex Smith



Jennifer Garvey & Eric Smith



Cooper Wilde



Becky Zoeterman

GWEN BARTOLUZZI is employed as an account manager with the American Red Cross. She spends her free time working out, running 5Ks, and taking her dog Max to the dog park. She is married to her husband AJ. What drew her to St. Paul? The very friendly members.

NICHOLAS ECKERMANN is employed as a consultant with accounting firm, RSM. He has two teenage sons and has been active in a range of St. Paul ministries.

RICH & KRISTIN ECKHARDT have three adult daughters and like to spend time with friends and family. Rich works as a truck driver with Ruan Transportation. Kristin is a realtor with Mel Foster. The dynamic church services and other family members are what brought them to St. Paul.

JORDAN ESCONTRIAS & ABBEY DICKENS are parents to Lila, Elijah, Julian, and Isabel. Abbey is a cashier and department head at Hobby Lobby. Jordan works at Arconic as a lead operator. They like to spend time with family and play with the kids. Abbey's parents, Dan Dickens and Jayne Rose, are St. Paul members.

CHAD IHRIG owns and manages Ihrig Works and enjoys hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. He's married to his wife, Bridget, who is a St. Paul member and the daughter of Jennifer Garvey, St. Paul receptionist.

KEVIN KOCH & ALYSSA ANDERSON enjoy attending Augustana basketball games and spending time with family. Alyssa works as an optometrist at Virdi Eye Clinic. Kevin is the founder behind New Revolution tools. The welcoming community and volunteer opportunities are what attracted them to St. Paul.

DON & JOANN MUTCH are both retired - Don from Western Illinois University and Joann as a laboratory hospital manager. They spend their free time golfing, reading, and providing family support. They find St. Paul to be a friendly place.

MEREDITH PARKER is a program director at Senior Star. She takes an interest in exploring the Quad Cities and spending time with friends and family. She is engaged to St. Paul member, Matt Mercer.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

SHARON RENDACK is a retired psychologist. She likes to read, play the piano, and go on walks. St. Paul's involvement in both the local and global community is what drew her here. She is the sister of St. Paul member, Jayne Rose.

ALEX SMITH is a truck driver with River Valley Co-op. He spends his free time with family. He is married to his wife Meghan, a St. Paul member. They're expecting their first child in May.

ERIC SMITH owns his own business doing antique auto restoration. He is dating St. Paul member and receptionist, Jennifer Garvey. His son Alex is noted above.

COOPER WILDE moved from the Des Moines area, and recently completed his certification as a CNA. He enjoys watching sports, concerts, and helping others. He is the grandson of Bill and Marian Storjohann.

BECKY ZOETERMAN works as fulfillment manager with Dry Goods. She enjoys watching movies, reading, and listening to music. The welcoming atmosphere and lots of ways to get involved are what attracted her to St. Paul.



Membership Inquiry Classes:

Learn more about the faith expressions that ground us, the mission commitments that inspire us, and the program life that can grow your faith. Come to an upcoming class on Monday, April 15, 6:30-9 p.m., or Thursday, May 23, 6:30-9 p.m.

Sign up at the Info Center or online at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Council Notes

The St. Paul Congregational Council, at its March meeting, reviewed plans for the upcoming special meeting on Sunday, April 7, at 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Although the meeting is expected to be brief, the contents are important.

Plans include a vote on calling Peter Pettit as full-time teaching pastor with a start date of June 1 (see feature on page 8). The congregation will also be voting on a two-year term call to Hayden Kvamme who will be serving as the sole participant in the next chapter of our pastoral residency program (see feature on page 9). He would begin in late summer 2019. Additionally, the congregation will con-

duct a ratifying vote on some minor constitutional language and bylaw amendments approved by the congregation at the annual meeting on Feb. 3.

The council received updates on several exciting building and technology improvement projects that are in the early stages. The group opened conversation on what might be some initial steps toward a renewed strategic plan, since the current plan, which takes the congregation through 2020, has largely been fulfilled. Members also reflected on the recent staff/council/mission board retreat. It's an annual time to build relationships and focus on the work St. Paul is doing in the world.

NAMI to offer Family-to-Family at St. Paul

NAMI Family-to-Family will be held 12 Tuesday evenings from April 23 to July 9 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Register by April 19. The course is designed for family members and caregivers of individuals 18 years or older living with a mental health condition. Course topics include family response to trauma, diagnosis and dealing with critical periods, problem solving, communications skills, and self-care for caregivers. The program is taught by trained family members who have lived experience.

NAMI Greater Mississippi Valley offers free nationally developed education programs that teach families to cope, communicate, and effectively advocate for a loved one living with a mental health condition. To register for NAMI courses, visit www.namigmv.org or call 563-386-7477 ext. 266.

UPCOMING worship

APRIL 6 & 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent

PREACHING

5:30 Sara Olson-Smith
7:45 Katy Warren
9:00 Sara Olson-Smith
11:15 Katy Warren

MUSIC

7:45 Quartet
9:00 Chorale

APRIL 13 & 14

Passion/Palm Sunday

PREACHING

5:30 Sara Olson-Smith
7:45 Sara Olson-Smith
9:00 Peter W. Marty
11:15 Peter W. Marty

MUSIC

7:45 Quartet
9:00 Chorale, Alleluia, Jubilate, and Cantate choirs

APRIL 21

Easter Sunday
No Saturday worship

PREACHING

6:00 Katy Warren
8:00 Peter W. Marty
9:45 Peter W. Marty
11:45 Peter W. Marty

MUSIC

8:00 Chorale
9:45 Chorale, Youth choir

APRIL 27 & 28

Second Sunday of Easter
New Member Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

PREACHING

5:30 Josh Kestner
7:45 Katy Warren
9:00 Josh Kestner
11:15 Katy Warren

MUSIC

9:00 Hallelujah Chorus

For more details on the weekly worship schedule at St. Paul, go to stpaulqc.org/worship



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JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

WILDWOOD FOREST VBS 2019

June 17-21, 2019 | Registration deadline: June 2
Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups

Please note: No walk-ins or late registrations will be accepted.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Age 4-Fifth grade,
8:30-11:30 a.m.

678 EXPERIENCE

Grade 6-8,
8:30-11:30 a.m.

SUMMER STRETCH

Grades 9-12,
11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

VOLUNTEER

There's a job to fit your
gifts, 8 a.m.-12 noon