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# Living the reel experience



**ON THE COVER:**

Left to right: Jerry Bippus, Ron Mullen, and Larry Keller

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As we embark on a Cinema & Spirituality film and discussion series for 2025, I've been reflecting on how a movie actually plays out on the big screen. When movies were still recorded on film, thousands of individual pictures, differing from one another in almost infinitesimal ways, were individually projected on the screen in rapid succession. The typical speed was 24 pictures, or frames, per second, or 1,440 pictures every minute.

With modern technology, a digital record of the action is read at an even higher speed. The digital record is burned into the disc as a series of pits, separated by smooth segments that are unburned. A computer, which still only knows 1s and 0s in its "brain," sees a pit as a 1 and a smooth segment as a 0. Decoding billions of 1s and 0s, the computer churns out a continuous series of instructions for mirrors and liquid crystals to vary the color and intensity of beams of light smaller than a human hair – pixels – in a specific sequence. Lined up and sent through a lens, they become the picture on the big screen.

The complexity of all this appeals to the kid in me who thought math and science were the greatest things in the world. The basic dynamic of it all now captures my imagination as a way to think about faith and our lives of faith. That basic dynamic is taking something static – a picture on celluloid or the pitted surface of a shiny disc – and turning it into something that's more than just active: it can inspire awe, move emotions, educate, and shape society. That's what great film can do. That's also what great faith can do. They both start with something static.

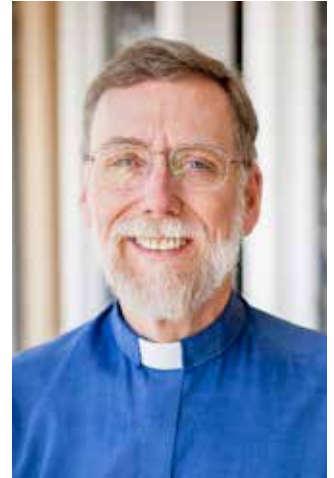
In the case of faith, the static starting point can be many things: words on the page of a Bible, a whole meal or just a sandwich, notes on a sheet of music, the hand at the end of someone's arm, a picture hanging on a wall, the sun hanging over a landscape at nightfall or daybreak. It can be nearly anything. Anything that is a simple something in creation, which, like film on a reel or a DVD on a shelf, is just an object.

What moves the film and disc into action is a process that touches the object in particular ways. What moves the natural objects into sources of faith is the spirit of God that brings them into a relation-

ship with a person. The spirit speaks words or sings music through someone's voice or another instrument and carries them to a person's heart. The spirit moves one person to reach out a hand to another, offering comfort, strength, or guidance. The spirit transforms a meal into a sacrament of grace, conveying God's assurance and presence along with protein and nourishment.

When we become children of God in baptism, we are not only marked with the cross of Christ forever. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit. We get the software, the programming, and the process by which the world can be encountered as God's presence. We also get the code and configuration by which God can activate us as God's presence for other people and for nature itself.

Other programs and processes make the world into something other than God's presence and opportunity. They function, so to speak, to make a great movie into a doorstop or paperweight, a bookmark, or a Frisbee. The spirit brings the objects of creation to life for people in relation to their creator, nurturing the bond of faith that God has sought from the beginning. It was there in the beginning, hovering over the face of the deep. It moved prophets to speak and inspired scripture. It has animated every act of faith. Life in the spirit continues to be the gift of God to communities of faith that bring God into the world and make of the world what God intends, both in and through the members of those communities.



**PETER A. PETTIT**  
teaching pastor



# Front<sup>AND</sup>Center

## Get to know assistant receptionist Karen Brooks

Receptionist Jennifer Garvey's smiling face and bright voice greet those who walk in the office doors or call the church on most days. Jennifer is the daily point person, the connector of all comings and goings. Don't fret; she's not going anywhere, but even Jennifer needs to get away sometimes.

When Jennifer isn't available to cover the front desk, someone else steps up to lend support and helps manage the flurry of activity that flows through the office. That's where Karen Brooks comes in. On Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Karen holds down the fort so Jennifer can attend the weekly staff meeting and covers other days throughout the year so Jennifer can enjoy a little rest, relaxation, and family time.

Karen and her husband Bob joined St. Paul in July 2021. She is a retired English teacher, teaching at Annawan Schools, and an avid reader, referring to herself as a "book fanatic." It doesn't hurt that the word 'books' is right there in her last name. If she's not answering phones, helping staff, writing cards, or any of the miscellany that comes with her role, Karen can be found reading. Each week, a new book sits on the front desk alongside Karen.

"I've loved reading and writing my entire life. It was always the thing that lit me up inside. I also loved teaching. I liked the kids and helping them to understand all kinds of new things," Karen said. "Shakespeare was a favorite subject to teach. At first, the kids couldn't understand what was being said but once they got into it, it clicked!"

Karen's role stretches beyond the main office. She is a reader and editor of this *Journey* magazine and will begin her time as a contributing writer for *Journey* this year.

"When I retired, I tried several different types of work and after a while, I'd find myself losing interest. I've always needed an activity to take part in, even just a little bit each week. I enjoy coming to work at St. Paul, talking to nice people, and helping out in any way I can," Karen said. "The friendliness of St. Paul people and getting to know them better are my favorite part. There aren't many churches like St. Paul. We love our time here, and I'm glad to be part of the staff."

Last year, Karen started a Substack account to chronicle bits of her life through humorous short stories, thoughtful poetry, and honest reflections. Substack is an online platform that allows users to self-publish their works and build an audience.

Her creativity expands beyond the written word and onto the stage. In 2023, Karen was the assistant director of the Quad City Music Guild's production of *Singin' in the Rain* and kept last year's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* running smoothly as a member of the backstage crew. Karen also loves puzzles, knitting, and riding her bike, but her favorite activity is visiting her and Bob's grandchildren.



Her husband Bob is a retired band director, specializing in trombone performance. He continues to play in many local bands including The Big River Brass Band, the Bettendorf Park Band, Bucktown Brass Quintet (alongside St. Paul member David Hope), and Quad City Wind Ensemble. Karen and Bob have four adult children between them with five grandchildren.

The next time you stop into the front office on a Wednesday morning, make sure to say hello to Karen!

### St. Paul has a new phone system

At the end of the year, St. Paul converted to a new church-wide phone system. While the phone number remains the same (563) 326-3547, extensions to specific staff members have disappeared.

Upon calling St. Paul, you'll be greeted and immediately connected with Jennifer, Karen, or Mackenzie. If a receptionist is unavailable, you may either leave a message at the front desk or simply say the name of the staff member you are trying to reach to be connected directly to their office. No more remembering those tricky extensions!

**New:** A new after-hours emergency line is available to those in need of immediate pastoral care. This line is to be utilized for deaths or hospitalizations.

# february

## HAPPENINGS



### Family Dinner and Parenting Conversations

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, 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](https://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, [sara@stpaulqc.org](mailto:sara@stpaulqc.org).

### Annual meeting set for Feb. 9

St. Paul's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 10:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This meeting includes items of important business such as approving the 2025 budget and review of 2024 financials and annual report. Pastor Mark Niethammer reports on the state of the church. The church leadership candidates to be considered at the annual meeting are:

- **Church Council:** Mike Koepp, Lynn Lorber, Dorrie Murphy
- **Mission Board:** Jayne Rose, Dave Tews
- **Endowment Committee:** Nicole Savatski, John Walston
- **Memorial Gifts Committee:** Lindy Hellyer, Chris McGlynn
- **Nominating Committee:** Amy Thoreson, Scott Dickman

### Faith milestones in February

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

**First grade | Lord's Prayer Milestone:** Children and parents learn together about the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. This milestone is set for Sunday, Feb. 2, 10:15-11 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

**Second grade | 10 Commandments:** On Sunday, Feb. 23, 10:15-11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, families explore the 10 Commandments and this gift of God's love, which provides guidance for navigating life.

Sign up online for milestones at [stpaulqc.org/signups](https://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Maddy Carroll, [maddy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:maddy@stpaulqc.org).



### Cinema and Spirituality

Each month of 2025 on the third Tuesday, come to The Last Picture House in Davenport to screen a film from the book *A Whole Life in Twelve Movies* by Kathleen Norris and Gareth Higgins. On Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m., come watch *What Maisie Knew*. Reflection will center around childhood. This stage of life can sometimes be painful and even traumatic, but we have the opportunity to become childlike and experience wonder at any age.

\$5 tickets (cash preferred), superb popcorn, comfortable seating, and taking in stories together on the big screen make this a unique community experience. Pick up the book in the St. Paul bookstore. Bring a friend. To help with advance planning, please sign up online at [stpaulqc.org/signups](https://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Peter Pettit, [ppettit@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ppettit@stpaulqc.org).



## Camp Shalom registration now underway

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

## Mardi Gras at St. Paul

Save the date of Sunday, March 2 to celebrate Mardi Gras with kids and family ministries at St. Paul! An evening of fun, games, and crafts celebrate the last day before the start of the Lenten season.

The term "Mardi Gras" is French for "Fat Tuesday" and historically is the last day of Carnival, concluding with feasting in preparation for the Christian fasting season which begins on Ash Wednesday. This night is a moment to take intentional time together before heading into the Lenten season. Contact: Maddy Carroll, [maddy@stpaulqc.org](mailto:maddy@stpaulqc.org).

## Youth mission trip registration is now open

This year's summer mission trip takes teens to St. Louis, July 6-11. Youth (currently in grades 8-12) complete a number of service projects in the surrounding area and explore the city, its culture, and enjoy the unique activities St. Louis has to offer! The student cost is \$360 and spots are limited. Sign up at [stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups). Contact: Ellie Lindmark, [ellie@stpaulqc.org](mailto:ellie@stpaulqc.org).



## Faith, health, and wholeness coffee chats

Settle into a conversation on faith, health, and wholeness. This group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month, with the next meetings being Feb. 4 and 18, 10:30 a.m., in the Luther Loft. No need to sign up, just come!

The topic for February is Living with Uncertainty; topics for future months include Finding Hope, Worry, Preparing for the End of Life, the Holy Spirit, and Living with Purpose. Contact: Dave and Dortha DeWit, [dorthamdw@aol.com](mailto:dorthamdw@aol.com).

## Accessibility in the Sanctuary

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

## coming up in adult learning

### ► Feb. 2: The Church and Race in America

*Kenneth Wheeler, author, retired ELCA pastor and synod staff member*

As St. Paul seeks to live faithfully in the central city of Davenport, what can we learn from Pastor Wheeler's experience and theological insight?

### ► Feb. 9: Congregational Meeting

### ► Feb. 16: Azubuike Council for the Arts

*Gaye Shannon Burnett, board president*

This African American Council for the Arts stretches across creative groups and expressive forms, including film, textiles, and more. Hear the Council's vision for a bright future.

### ► Feb. 23: Meet Pastor Maddy Tyler

*Maddy Tyler, St. Paul resident pastor*

Take the opportunity to meet and get to know more about Maddy Tyler, who is serving the congregation into the summer of 2026.

## Hospitalization Information Update

Please take the initiative to contact the church with hospitalizations, deaths, births, and any other change of personal circumstance or condition. With changing hospital personnel and tightening confidentiality regulations, the church often does not receive information when a member is admitted to area hospitals.

If a person is admitted into the hospital through the emergency department, the church is *never* notified, regardless of St. Paul being listed on the admittance paperwork. Please make the call, so that our pastoral team can extend the care and support of the faith community. Contact: Mackenzie Griffin, [mackenzie@stpaulqc.org](mailto:mackenzie@stpaulqc.org), (563) 326-3547.



# Ministry in action

Last year, St. Paul expanded its mental health and housing ministries with the purchase of a home on Carey Ave in Davenport. Now, the final piece of the expansion is soon to be completed as renovations to the 2025 Main Street house, located right on the St. Paul campus, near completion and the home's new residents prepare to move in.

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St. Paul began its mental health ministry more than 25 years ago and the house at 2025 Main Street has been filled with residents nearly the entire time. Small updates and projects were completed during those years, but a larger renovation would require temporary housing for those residents. That's why the timing of the purchase of the Carey Ave home was so serendipitous. Residents from 2025 Main Street permanently relocated to Carey Ave, and renovation work on Main Street began.

St. Paul campus and groundskeeper, not to mention all-around handyman, Larry Keller helped lead the renovation project alongside operations director Miles Thompson and building manager Matt Spencer. It takes a large team to accomplish a home renovation and the work of more than 30 volunteers to clean, update, build, paint, and prepare for its next residents is unparalleled.

This past June, volunteers first came into the home to strip wallpaper, take down wall hangings and blinds, remove furniture and carpet, gut the kitchen, and get the space prepped for the next phase.

St. Paul member Ron Mullen was there from the beginning. First helping to clear out the house and then stepping in as a member of the painting crew.

“You could tell the house was very lived in. Everything was outdated and in need of a refresh: carpet colors, wallpaper, kitchen appliances, everything. You could see the new house start to come through and it just kept getting better and better



with every project,” Ron said. “There is the overhaul of the kitchen, the creation of a back entryway mudroom by Keith Kutzbach, and a half bathroom that Gary and Nancy Ingelson made their own. I didn't know most of the people I volunteered with well, mostly in passing, but we've spent a lot of time together and we clicked as a team.”

Ron said it's the importance of this ministry that inspired him to volunteer.

“For St. Paul, 2025 Main Street has been an ongoing ministry for more than 28 years. The needs in this community are many,” Ron said. “Both mental health and housing are ministry areas St. Paul identified as a need many years ago and, with the support of the mission board and the congregation, has



been able to expand to make it as successful as possible.”

The painting crew consisted of nearly 10 people and the teams often communicated through sticky notes on doors or walls when they were working different schedules. “Needs second coat.” “Primed.” St. Paul member and ‘ceiling master’ (as Ron referred to him) Jerry Bippus said he volunteers to give back.

“St. Paul gives back so much to the community. It’s just amazing and there is such a need. I can help be part of giving back. God gave me a healthy body, and I can use that to help others,” Jerry said. “So many people put so much work into this house. I was only a small piece of a much larger team.”

Operations director Miles Thompson said the credit goes to the volunteers.

“We’re grateful to every person who came out to lend a hand throughout the entire process. The incoming residents have a place to call home because of the work of volunteers,” Miles said. “So many people donated their time, their talents, and their resources throughout this process and we can’t say ‘thank you’ enough. Your work and your generosity have an incredible impact on the future of these ministries, but most importantly, on the lives of the four people living in that house.”

St. Paul expanded its partnership with Vera French Housing, making 2025 Main Street a home for women with mental illness. Residents plan to move in at the beginning of March and an open house is scheduled for the middle of February (*see below*) to give the congregation a chance to celebrate the work of these volunteers.

## It’s time to celebrate with an Open House!

*Sunday, Feb. 16, 9-11 a.m.*

It’s been a year in the making. Take a tour of the 2025 Main Street house on Sunday, Feb. 16 between 9 and 11 a.m. Many volunteer hands have put in hours of work to make this house a home for its next residents. Come celebrate the hard work of these volunteers and get a glimpse of ministry in action on the St. Paul campus.



## Ways to get involved

As renovations begin to wind down, there are still lots of ways to get involved and help get the Main Street property ready for its inhabitants at the beginning of March. All kinds of talents and passions are needed.

### Donate items

The affordable housing team requests furniture and other home goods to furnish the remodeled Main Street home. New or gently used items in good condition are requested. Items may be dropped off at the house or the church through Feb. 9. Smaller items can be dropped off at the church. For furniture donations, please contact [miles@stpaulqc.org](mailto:miles@stpaulqc.org) to coordinate a drop-off time.

Thank you for your help in providing furniture and home goods for St. Paul’s Affordable Housing Ministry.

**View needs list and sign up at: [stpaulqc.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public](http://stpaulqc.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public)**

### Deep Clean Crew

*Sunday, Feb. 2, 1 p.m.*

Grab those rubber gloves and help the Main Street house shine for its new residents. Dust, sweep, wipe baseboards, and otherwise make sure the home is clean and ready for donations to arrive in the coming days.

### Moving Crew

Do you have a big truck, big muscles, or both? Your help is needed transporting and loading/unloading larger donation items.

### Help organize the house

*Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.*

The house is clean, the furnishings have arrived, and residents are nearly ready to move in. But first, help is needed to organize the home with the new furnishings, make beds, set up the kitchen and ensure this house feels like home. If you have a love of home design and decoration, this role is for you!

**Sign up to lend a hand at:  
[stpaulqc.org/signups](http://stpaulqc.org/signups)**

# Curb-to-curb

You've probably seen St. Paul host Joe Wollett around the building on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. He's been a staple of St. Paul for the past four years. But what does Joe do when he's not providing hospitality?



It's February in the Midwest. Cold temperatures are here, snow is usually inescapable, and, while February is technically the shortest month of the calendar year, it often feels like the longest. According to the Iowa Department of Transportation, a typical Iowa winter can see about 32 inches of snow plus freezing rain, and other inclement weather events. It's been a rather tame winter so far, not to jinx it, but every snowfall, every freezing drizzle requires lots of help to keep roads safe.

Individual cities oversee the removal of snow and ice on streets within the city limits. City employees from the streets, sanitation, and sewer departments are the crews that cover both day and night salting and plowing shifts for the City of Bettendorf. The city has more than 30 members in their snowplow crew responsible for salting and clearing the streets.

By day, St. Paul member and welcome host Joe Wollett works in the sanitation

department for the City of Bettendorf but by night, he takes on the role of snowplow operator. This is Joe's fourth year in the driver's seat. From Nov. 15 through March 31, he is on call seven days a week, either for the day shift (10 a.m.-10 p.m.) or the evening shift (10 p.m.-10 a.m.), ready within less than an hour to hop in the truck and plow his route.

"Just last night, the phone rang at 9:20 p.m., and I was in the truck by 10 p.m. We get called when we get called. If the roads are slick, it's safe to guess I'll be going out to salt. The first four times we got called out this year were all for salting the roads," Joe said. "I started my job with the city on a Wednesday in January 2021 and the following Saturday, I was in the plow. The first three times we went out to plow, I rode with someone. After those three times, they let me go by myself."

The City of Bettendorf has a 24-hour curb-to-curb policy, meaning it takes

many hands to get the streets cleared in just 24 hours. Joe's route covers Middle Road down to the Mississippi River and the Davenport/Bettendorf border to 14th Street. Salting takes about four hours to cover all surfaces. Plowing snow takes much longer.

"We start on the main roads to get those cleared first because of the high amount of traffic those roads will see. Next, we move to arterial roads (roads that connect local roads to highways and other higher activity areas). Then we focus on hills and move into residential areas," Joe said. "Depending on the day of the week, we may need to shift our priority to schools and churches. The residential areas can be the most difficult because of the width of the roads. Some of the streets on my route are the original, much older streets, so they're very narrow. When cars are parked on those streets, it's difficult or impossible for the truck to fit through

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them. We document which streets can't be cleared and send a smaller truck out the next day."

Joe can work his garbage route for the City of Bettendorf and still report for a 12-hour snowplow shift at 10 p.m. Last year saw record snowfall in the early and middle part of January and was one of Joe's busiest weeks.

"In January 2024, we had a week-long snowstorm. We saw more than 15 inches of snow in one day and more than 25 inches of snow that week alone," Joe said. "I would report for work at 7 a.m., work my garbage route, dump the garbage truck, take a short lunch, and then hop in the snowplow. We were all working about 15-hour days. That week I worked about 84 hours."

This year, snowfall has been lighter than is typical. According to meteorologists, we are currently in a La Niña pattern in 2025, predicting that the pattern will continue through the rest of the winter. What does that mean for snowfall and temperatures this winter?

The La Niña pattern tends to lead to mild temperatures and less snowfall, which is exactly what we're experiencing right now. At the end of 2024 and into mid-January 2025, the Quad Cities region has only seen mild snowfall with most weather events generating only a dusting of snow at a time.

Joe stays busy even when the snow is light. He serves as a St. Paul welcome host on some Saturday and Wednesday evenings, all Sunday mornings, and other various events and evening activities.

Joe and his wife Rachel first came to St. Paul in 2011 when their kids were in first grade and kindergarten, and they were looking for a church with robust children's programming. Joe began helping to run the tech booth on Sundays alongside Todd Byerly and then more than ten years ago, he started as a welcome host.

The main role of the welcome hosts is to ensure all who enter the St. Paul doors feel right at home and they do so much more than that. If they're not turning on lights, unlocking doors, filling coffee pots,

or serving donuts, they may be found answering phones or guiding someone to their destination.

"Between working at St. Paul and working for the City of Bettendorf, I feel like I'm doing an act of service to the public and God," Joe said. "It's my way to better the community and keep the roads safe."

During the next big snowstorm, maybe this year, maybe next year, when you get in your car and drive smoothly along a nicely plowed road, think of Joe and the many workers spread across our various cities who help make your commute a little less slippery and a lot more drivable. If you keep your eyes peeled, you may even see truck #2303 and Joe out on the roads. Give him a wave.

### Stay up-to-date with St. Paul notifications

➤ **Get notifications sent directly to your phone** if activities are canceled or rescheduled due to inclement weather. Simply download the St. Paul app in the Apple app or Google Play store by scanning the QR code and enable notifications.

➤ **Do you wish to receive text notifications from St. Paul?**

Please email the name of your phone carrier (ex: AT&T, Verizon, US Cellular, etc.) to Jessica Taylor, [jessica@stpaulqc.org](mailto:jessica@stpaulqc.org), and it will be added into the database.

➤ **Need help downloading the St. Paul app?** Stop by the Info Center on Sundays and see Jessica Taylor or another staff member for assistance.





# preschool happenings



## Preschool registration set for 2025-26

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool provides a rich variety of age-appropriate developmental activities in a Christian atmosphere. The program shines with weekly chapel services, art, music, language, science, and math. Special events bring together family, friends, and honored guests. Opportunities abound for growth and learning for kids ages two to four.

Fall 2025 registration for new families begins the first week of February. To learn more about the preschool, visit [stpaulqcpreschool.org](http://stpaulqcpreschool.org), or contact Karen Strusz, 563-326-3547, or [karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org](mailto:karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org).





## How Faith and the Holy Trinity Keep Us: Artwork from artist Marie Stephens

The new seating area near the Nursing Mom's Room has an additional pop of color. Last year, St. Paul commissioned an art piece by St. Paul member Marie Stephens to adorn the freshly painted walls and bring brightness to the new seating area.

Entitled 'How Faith and the Holy Trinity Keep Us,' Marie took inspiration from sermons given by St. Paul pastors about how "faith, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit work within us, through us, and for us, to keep us close to God's unconditional love." Deep symbolism is embedded into the painting and many of the items incorporated into the work come directly from Marie's garden and the St. Paul Memorial Garden. Dogwood leaves from the Memorial Garden trees symbolize faithfulness and love undiminished by adversity. Pineapple sage (radical hospitality) and clover leaf (Holy Trinity) come straight from Marie's home garden.

This art piece is part of a larger renovation project funded by the St. Paul Memorial Committee. New chairs, a couch, and a table in the coatroom are part of the furniture refresh included in the project. Soon, new signage will adorn the walls to communicate clear pathways throughout the building. The St. Paul Memorial Gifts fund supports special projects or acquisitions outside of the church's budget.

## WORSHIP at St. Paul

### ► February 1 & 2 *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

#### **Preaching:**

All services: Mac Mullins

#### **Liturgical tradition:**

5pm/8 & 9am

#### **Contemporary Open Spirit:**

11:15am

### ► February 8 & 9 *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany* *Maddy Tyler Installation*

#### **Preaching:**

5pm: Dan Kuckuck

8/9/11:15 am: Katy Warren

#### **Liturgical tradition:**

5pm/8 & 9am

#### **Contemporary Open Spirit:**

11:15am

### ► February 15 & 16 *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

#### **Preaching:**

All services: Mark Niethammer

#### **Liturgical tradition:**

5pm/8 & 9am

#### **Contemporary Open Spirit:**

11:15am

### ► February 22 & 23 *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

#### **Preaching:**

5pm/8 am: Maddy Tyler

9 & 11:15 am:

Sara Olson-Smith

#### **Liturgical tradition:**

5pm/8 & 9am

#### **Contemporary Open Spirit:**

11:15am

### ► March 1 & 2 *Transfiguration of our Lord*

#### **Preaching:**

5pm/9am: Mac Mullins

8 & 11:15 am: Katy Warren

#### **Liturgical tradition:**

5pm/8 & 9am

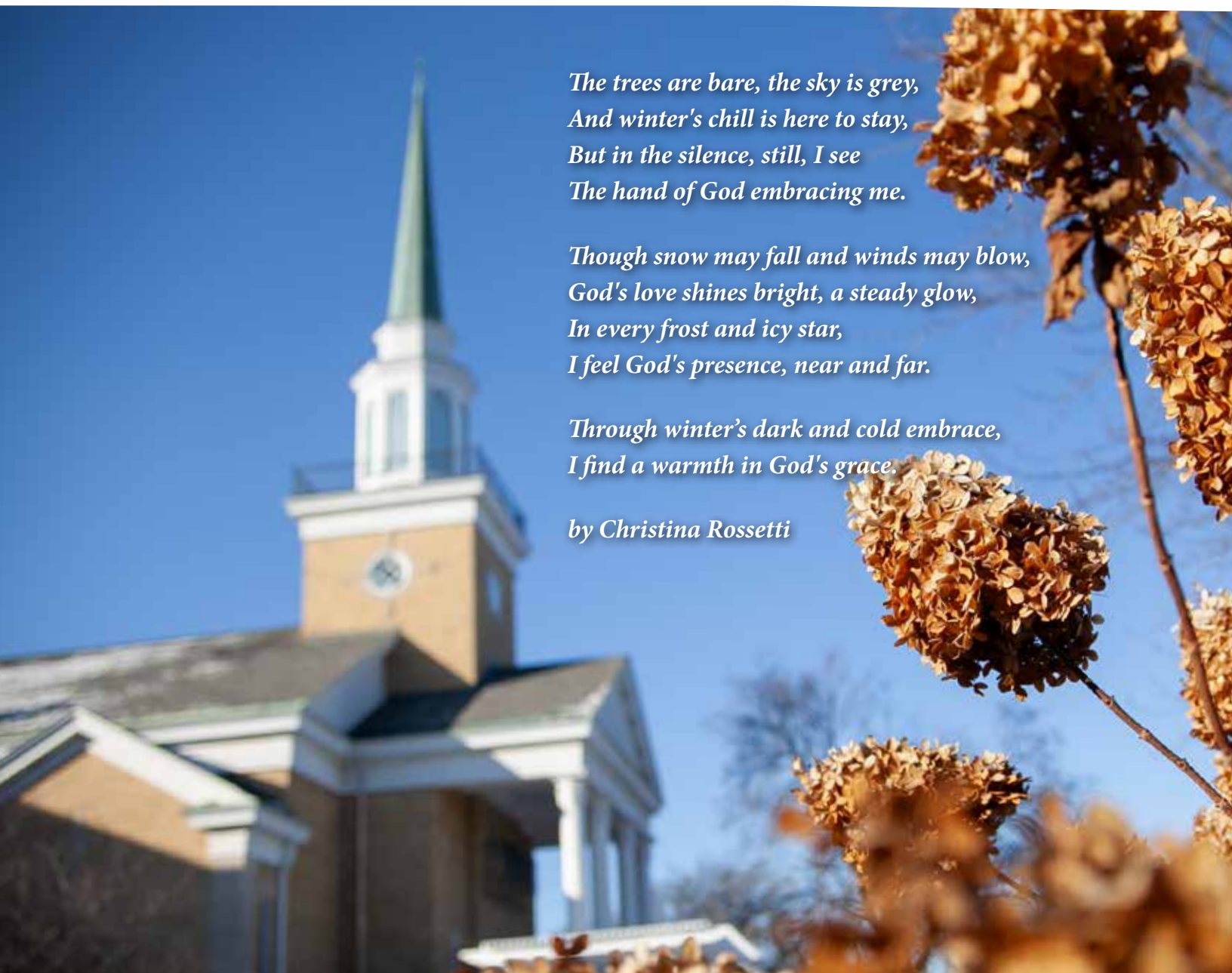
#### **Contemporary Open Spirit:**

11:15am



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*The trees are bare, the sky is grey,  
And winter's chill is here to stay,  
But in the silence, still, I see  
The hand of God embracing me.*

*Though snow may fall and winds may blow,  
God's love shines bright, a steady glow,  
In every frost and icy star,  
I feel God's presence, near and far.*

*Through winter's dark and cold embrace,  
I find a warmth in God's grace.*

*by Christina Rossetti*