

St. Paul Connection Guide

Get connected...
to Bible Study
to Service
to Fellowship

And of the many ways to connect with us at St. Paul...

please join us for worship!

Saturday Evening

5:00pm | Traditional

Sunday Morning

8:00am | Traditional

9:30am | Servicio en Español

11:00am | Contemporary

11:30am | Servicio en Español (1575 Reckinger Road, Aurora)

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Welcome to St. Paul! We hope that you find this Connection Guide to be a blessing in your life. It contains an overview of St. Paul's many ministries—the various ways we share the Good News known only in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In this guide, we encourage you to **get connected to God's life-transforming Word by joining a Bible study group.**

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

We invite you to **participate in one of our serving groups.**

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

We invite you to **find encouragement, community and friendship in one of our fellowship groups.**

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

[Please note that elements of studying God's Word together, serving with one another, and enjoying fellowship can be found in ALL of our groups.]

AFTER READING THROUGH THIS GUIDE,
please contact me (cmattes@stpaulaurora.org) or the church office (info@stpaulaurora.org) to help you get connected to any of our groups and leaders and/or to learn more about Jesus.

Yours in Christ!

Craig Mattes

Director of Community Engagement

Get Connected To Bible Study...

For preschool through senior high...

Children's Church (preschool thru 6th grade)

During the sermon at our 8:00 am Sunday worship service, children (preschool thru 2nd grade) are invited for a time to grow together in fun, life and faith!

During the sermon at our 11:00 am Sunday worship service, children (preschool thru 6th grade) are invited for a time to grow together in fun, life and faith! This age group will be separated into two groups – Preschool thru 2nd grade and 3rd – 6th grade with a different adult leader for each group.

Leaders: Lora and Hannah Price

Middle School (4th thru 8th grade) Youth Group – A time of fellowship, fun and Bible study.

Leaders: Cody Wyeth, Megan Pfister, Marisa Silva

Day: Sunday

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: St. Paul campus narthex (lobby)

Confirmation (7th and 8th grade) – Teaching of the faith, and specifically the beliefs of Christianity/Lutheranism.

Leader: Eric Rogers

Day: Sunday (weekly – September thru May)

Time: 9:30 am

Location: St. Paul Campus – Room 210

High School (9th thru 12th grade) – A time of fellowship, fun and Bible study.

Leaders: Cody Wyeth, Megan Pfister, Marisa Silva

Day: Sunday

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: St. Paul campus narthex (lobby)

For adults...

The following groups listed are small to mid-sized Bible study groups (3 to 30 people), who are centered on God's Word and in prayer, and which meet in both on-campus and off-campus settings.

New Members Class (meeting for 4 weeks, offered in the fall and spring)

Leaders: Craig Mattes and Pastor Angel Morales

Day: Thursday (weekly)

Time: 7:00 pm.

Location: St. Paul campus room 105.

Men's Groups

Leader: Pastor Walt DeMoss and Larry Rogers

Day: Tuesday (weekly)

Time: 7:00 am

Location: St. Paul campus room 105

Leader: Craig Mattes

Day: Thursday (weekly)

Time: 6:00 am

Location: McDonald's in Plainfield (on US30 near 135th Street)

Women's Groups

Leader: Wanda Horton

Day: Monday (weekly)

Time: 9:00 am

Location: St. Paul campus room 105

Leader: Peggy Quirin

Day: Tuesday (twice-a-month)

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Home in Yorkville

Leader: Danna Grant

Day: Thursday (weekly)

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Luigi's Pizza & Fun Center (732 Prairie St, Aurora)

Leader: Janelle Neuhaus

Day: Friday (weekly)

Time: 8:30 am

Location: St. Paul campus room 105

General Groups (mix of men, women, single, married, single again)

Leader: Craig Mattes (Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Hour)

Day: Sunday (weekly)

Time: 9:30 am

Location: St. Paul campus rooms 005-006.

Leaders: Omer and Wanda Horton

Day: Sunday (twice-a-month)

Time: 2:00 pm.

Location: Rotating homes in Oswego

Leaders: Doug and Ann West

Day: Sunday (twice-a-month)

Time: 3:00 pm.

Location: Home in Montgomery

Leaders: Ed and Louanne Heinisch

Day: Sunday (1st and 3rd)

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Home in Aurora

Leader: Jean Gallegos

Day: Monday (every other week)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Home in Yorkville.

Leader: Walt Duy

Day: Tuesday (once-a-month)

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Home in Aurora.

Senior Adult Groups

Leaders: Peggy Quirin and Kitty Weber

Day: Wednesday (twice-a-month - 2nd and 4th)

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Downer Place of LSSI (2007 W Downer Pl, Aurora)

Leaders: Peggy Quirin and Kitty Weber

Day: Wednesday (once-a-month - 2nd)

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Bickford Assisted Living (7 S Orchard Rd, Aurora)

Special Needs Adult Groups

Leader: JoAnn Hanson

Day: Sunday

Time: 9:30 am

Location: St. Paul campus room 202.

Get Connected To Service...

Ministries Serving Within St. Paul

Usher team - Helping at our worship services by passing out worship folders/bulletins, collecting the offering, leading people through communion distribution, finding people a place to sit for worship, and overall helping them feel welcomed. **Leader:** Scott Pfister.

Communion Assistants - Helping distribute Holy Communion at our worship services. Leader (for traditional services): George Hauser. Leader (for contemporary service): Scott Pfister. **Leader (for Spanish services):** Pastor Angel Morales.

God's Gardeners – Enhancing and maintaining the ten sections of God's Garden located on the west side of St. Paul's campus. **Leader:** Jean Gallegos.

Church Office – Helping with various office tasks which include answering the phone, copying, filing, etc. **Leader:** Joe Dunsey.

Men's Breakfast – A team of men who prepare breakfast for all on a Sunday morning to raise funds for St. Paul Ministries.

Leader: George Timm

Day: Sunday (Last Sunday of the month from September to April. There is no breakfast in December.)

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: St. Paul campus Family Life Center (gym)

Choir – a group singing at our Sunday, 8:00 am traditional service.

Leader: Phil Nohl

Day (for practice): Wednesday (weekly)

Time: 6:30 pm (6:00 in the fall when practicing for December's Cantata)

Location: St. Paul sanctuary

Contemporary Service Praise Band – a group of musicians who lead our Sunday, 11:00 am worship service.

Leader: Phil Nohl

Day (for practice): Sunday (weekly)

Time: 10:00 am

Location: St. Paul campus room 104. (Occasionally, there is practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.)

Facility Maintenance Team – a group of folks who help both identify areas of our campus in need of repair and who may help make the repairs. **Leaders:** Omer Horton and Larry Rogers.

Technology Team – a group who helps St. Paul's campus stay current on needed electronic equipment and updates. **Leader:** David Martin.

Safety Team – a group who helps St. Paul's campus remain safe and secure. **Leader:** David Martin.

Screen/Sound Team – a group who leads the efforts of our audio and visual needs during our worship services. **Leader:** Phil Nohl.

First Impressions – a team which strives to provide the best first impression to St. Paul's campus through the aesthetics of our narthex (lobby), information found at our Welcome Center, and those who greet guests at the front door. **Leader:** Craig Mattes.

Coffee (& More) Fellowship – a team of rotating volunteers (individuals, families, small groups, ministry teams) who make coffee and provide baked goods for our Sunday morning worship service attendees in the narthex (lobby). **Leader:** Craig Mattes.

Mowers – St. Paul campus' lawn mowing team. **Leader:** George Hauser.

Sanctuary Staff – our team who helps keep the sanctuary current with the correct church year color and banners. This team also helps clean up the altar area after Holy Communion. **Leader:** Alice Beatus.

Offering Counters – a team that counts the previous weekend's giving, develops spreadsheets for our Executive Director, and make bank deposits. **Leader:** George Timm.

Spanish Praise Team - a group of musicians who lead our Sunday, 9:30 am Spanish worship service.

Leader: Jesus Morales

Day (for practice): Thursday (weekly)

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: St. Paul campus sanctuary.

Parent Teacher League (PTL) – Helping support the mission of St. Paul Lutheran School. **Leader:** Louise DeWig.

Sports Boosters – Helping support the athletic programs at St. Paul Lutheran School. **Leader:** Sam Schmidt.

Fathers of Real Cool Education (F.O.R.C.E.) – Helping bring more positive male role models into the lives of our students at St. Paul Lutheran School. **Leaders:** Craig Mattes and Diane Katz.

Marketing Team – Sharing St. Paul's ministry to our members and the community through social media and other forms of communication. **Leader:** Craig Mattes

Card Ministry – sharing words of encouragement through cards and letters to people in need. **Leader:** Kitty Weber.

Ministries Serving The Community and Abroad

Hesed House – a team that serves the needs of Aurora's homeless shelter, Hesed House. **Leaders:** Sonja Meyer, Louise DeWig, and Buffy Stevens.

Christmas Giving Tree – a team that collects gifts/toys for families in need in the area. **Leader:** Addie Hatfield.

Manna Bags – a team that collects food and household items for families in need that are distributed at request. **Leader:** Louise DeWig.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – a team that collects food items from local grocery stores for families in need and distributes to these families during the week of Thanksgiving. **Leader:** Scott Pfister.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) – Helping support efforts to reach people across the globe with the Good News of Jesus. **Leader:** Jo Ann Hanson.

Meal Missionaries – Providing meals to people in need. **Leader:** Buffy Stevens.

St. Pauls Lutheran Cemetery (corner of Douglas & Montgomery Road, Montgomery) – Our cemetery hosts a worship service on Monday, Memorial Day, at 8:30 am every year. There are great opportunities to serve at this annual event which the entire community is invited to! **Leaders:** Wanda Horton (Board Secretary) and John Frauenhoff (Sexton).

Get Connected To Fellowship...

The following groups listed are small to mid-sized fellowship groups (3 to 30 people), building friendship with one another, and which meet in both on-campus and off-campus settings.

WitKnits – a time of knitting and fun conversation.

Leader: Mona Miller

Day: Thursday (weekly)

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Location: St. Paul campus room 105.

Golden Hearts – a time for women to enjoy food and fun conversation.

Leader: Carol Waltrip

Day: Wednesday (once-a-month, 3rd)

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Varied restaurants

Men's Club – a men's group that enjoys their time together around dinner and a guest speaker.

Leaders: Orland Fasel and Omer Horton

Day: Tuesday (1st Tuesday of the month – September thru May. There is no December meeting.)

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: St. Paul campus rooms 005-006

UEC (Uplifting Each Other Thru Christ) Basketball – a young men’s basketball league.

Leaders: Rick Nelson, Cody Wyeth, Steve McGhee

Day: Saturday (weekly)

Time: 1:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: St. Paul campus gym

UEC / Young Adult and Teen Men Open Gym – a time for pick-up basketball games.

Leader: Cody Wyeth

Days/Times: Tuesday at 7:30 pm, Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Location: St. Paul campus gym.