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KEEPING IN TOUCH

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. PAUL LUTHERAN AND ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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Our Mission

Saint Paul Community of Faith is an open, affirming and diverse community of faith representing two Christian traditions, that of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and that of the Roman Catholic Church.

Each tradition maintains and honors its own heritage, and each worships according to

its own liturgical practices. As one community of faith, the members of the respective traditions work together in social outreach and shared hospitality. Together, we rejoice in the manner in which diversity has enriched, nurtured and challenged the life and ministry we share in Christ and regret actions and attitudes

throughout the Church that may have inhibited or prevented access to Word and Sacrament because of age, race, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

We are a Reconciling in Christ Community.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

This year our Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop, Bishop Jim Gonia, was the keynote preacher for Easter Sunrise at Red Rocks. You can watch the service by going to the Colorado Council of Churches website and going through their link:

<http://www.cochurches.org/easterlive/>

It's worth the time.



From the Pastor

We had a deeply meaningful Holy Week, and I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to celebrate the new life given us in Christ with you.

————— Pastor Penni —————

Transition Updates from Pastor Penni

Here is the timeline for the Transition Team. As noted, it is subject to change. Please note our next Congregational Conservation is May 14, when we will receive a report on the ministry review and vitality survey from Pastor Judith van Odsol at the Rocky Mountain Synod. Please participate if you can. We need all the voices. Invite former members, too.

There is also some confusion about the job of the Transition Team. This group's task is to facilitate the congregation's conversations, to listen and ask questions. They will not present proposals to the congregation. At the end of their work they will prepare a report of their findings from which the Call Committee can begin its work.

Transition Timeline: revised April 6 and subject to changes as events dictate

April 2: Coming to terms with our history I: Harner to West

April 29: Meet with Roman part of our community

April 30: Coming to terms with our History II: Swanson, Maly, LAM, presenting one-on-one summary

May 14: Present the Ministry Review and the Vitality Survey, Pr Judith VanOsdol

June 4: What are our core values I
How have they changed, what gifts do we have, what are our sacred cows
How does this effect our budget?
Also adult forum on budget

June 11: Adult forum on budget

June 24: Budget meeting with Roman part of our community

June 25: Congregational meeting to approve budget

Hopefully this will be a celebratory meeting

July 9: What are our core values II – finding our new identity

How has our context changed, what is God calling us to?

We will need context research for this meeting

July 23: Defining our leadership needs and staffing needs based on the new budget

Getting processes in place to support our changes

August 6: Invite Bishop Gonja and/or staff to talk about the RMS and the ELCA

August 20: Are we clear yet?

Sept 10: Summarize our findings and process

Sept 24: Seek names for Call Committee

Oct 10: Council approves Call Committee

Oct 15: install Call Committee

Oct 29: Reformation

Master Calendar

A large wall calendar has been hung up in the office. It will be the MASTER calendar for the church (both communities). Please be sure your activity is on the calendar. After we become familiar with this process, we will institute a policy that if it's not on the calendar, it's not happening.

St. Paul Council Highlights

In the interest of better communication, we are adding a new feature to the Keeping in Touch Newsletter. As always, the complete council minutes are posted downstairs on the bulletin board closest to the coffee maker.

Here are highlights from the April 11, 2017, council meeting. If you have any questions, please ask a member of council.

- Bishop Gonia asked the pastors of St. Paul, Our Savior and Messiah to talk together about resource sharing. Several people from Messiah are planning to join us for Holy Week services.
- The Weekly Update email will be reconstituted. There's a problem with the distribution list. Many people haven't been getting the general emails, but we believe the problem is being taken care of.
- Pastor Penni Walsh, Lori Eastmen, Mark Filbert, and Mike Wallin will be attending Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in Colorado

Financial Update

| | Income | Expenses |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| March | \$29,679 | \$31,074 |
| Year to Date | \$72,857 | \$91,306 |
| Budget | \$75,050 | \$106,126 |
| Difference | (\$2,193) | \$14,820 |

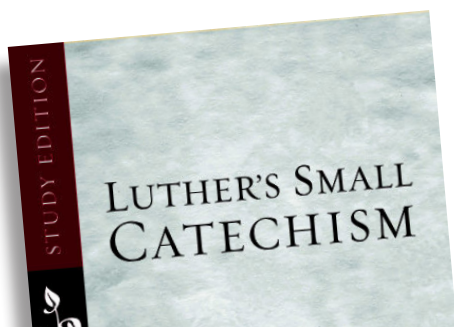
To date from saving: \$12,627.
(This is lower than anticipated in the budget.)

- Springs the first weekend in May.
- Father Don reported that the Seder was a success this year with more than 20 people attending.
- Father Don is meeting with Bishop Gonia as part of the transition process.
- In late June, Father Don will visit Spirit of Grace Lutheran and Roman Catholic Church in Portland, Oregon.
- Mark is arranging organ concerts at Doors Open Denver the last weekend of April.

- We need volunteers to help staff the St. Paul booth at Pride Fest in June.
- Adult Forum on June 4th and 11th will be given over to Aaron for budget discussion.
- Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, June 25. We need to adopt the model constitutional amendments. This topic will be an agenda item for the May Council meeting. The 2017 – 18 budget is also on the agenda.

*Minutes by Maryann O'Brien,
Council Secretary*

Adult Forum: Studying Luther's Small Catechism



The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, has asked every congregation to make an in-depth study of Luther's Small Catechism this year to mark the anniversary of the Reformation 500 years ago. For the next several weeks, Pastor Penni Walsh will lead a discussion of this essential text. If you have the Small Catechism, bring it along. If not, we'll give you one.

What does it mean to be Lutheran? Come and find out.

Holy Seed, Holy Ground Stewardship at St. Paul

By Jeri Rodrick



We have chosen the theme “Holy Seed... Holy Ground” to embrace our 2017 Stewardship Campaign.

Scripture is filled with allusions to seeds, planting, harvesting and a wondrous host of growing things. Since we at St. Paul find ourselves at a stage of new birth and possible new growth it seems quite natural to think in these terms.

As the coming weeks unfold, you will have the opportunity to consider your personal gift and how you will choose to give back to God some measure of what has been given to you. We have chosen to call these gifts Holy Seed, and this place we know as the St. Paul Lutheran and Roman Catholic Community of Faith – Holy Ground. And as you consider what your “planting plan” for 2017 might be, we will be providing you with some tools for the tasks.

Whenever a church community embarks on such a venture, it is crucial that we bear in mind that we are engaged in God’s work. It is never about us. In Paul’s letter to the church in Corinth he said:

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive wages according to his hire. For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field.

And so, whether you prefer to think of yourself as a worker or as the field, each of us has an important role to play. Each gift is valued, regardless of its size. All of us need to participate to the extent that we are able. These are exciting times for our church. Come — be a part of the planting, that the harvest may be all that God means it to be!

We will explore Stewardship issues for 4 weeks, May 20 and 21 will be our Consecration Weekend, bringing our gifts to God.

Thanks to Jeri and Joe Rodrick for serving as our Stewardship Campaign committee.

Socks for Lent and Peanut Butter for Easter

Thanks to everyone for donating 76 pairs of socks during Lent. They will make such a difference at St. Francis Center, where Father Don delivered them.

Now we’re asking for peanut butter for Metro Caring and for our own neighbors in need. Mo, our sexton, gives out what he can to those who come asking, so we’ll be sharing these donations this Easter Season.

Bless you all for giving and bless those for distributing the gifts.



THEATRE & THEOLOGY



Our final play of the season is a beautiful musical adaptation of the much-loved novel ***The Secret Garden*** by Frances Hodgson Burnett. This tale of childhood bereavement and eventual healing takes us from the exotic climes of India to the windswept marshes of Yorkshire, as our young heroine, Mary Lennox, learns to embrace love and friendship in the most unlikely of places.

When she discovers a key buried in her late aunt's walled garden, she decides to nurse the garden back to life. She meets Dicken, a local boy, who helps her cultivate it. She discovers a long-lost relative with whom a childhood bond is established. The family then finds the path to healing and love.

We will see the play in the Stage Theatre on May 16th at 6:00 PM. Join Pastor Dan Bollman for a talkback with the cast immediately following the performance. The reservation deadline is April 25th. Tickets cost \$35.00 made payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod. Note on check: T&T – The Secret Garden – St. Paul and mail to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street, #1203; Denver, CO 80203-3125.



Book Talk

The next selection for Book Talk is ***Big Little Lies*** by Liane Moriarty. We will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 pm at Bonnie Carlson's home, 480 S Marion Pkwy, #1206. For more information, please call Bonnie at 303-722-9892. Everyone is welcome.



May Lunch Bunch at Bone Fish Grill in Lakewood

May is fishing season somewhere, and you can join your friends for a delicious lunch of pescaterian fare at the Bone Fish Grill in Lakewood on May 4th. Start out with Alaskan Cod Fish and Chips and finish up with Chocolate Grand Marnier Crème Brulee. Call Janice Ahrendt at 303 797-7288 for a reservation and meet up at noon at 14770 W. Colfax.

Lunch Bunch Schedule 2017

- May 4** Bone Fish Grill, 14770 W. Colfax, Lakewood
- June 1** El Rancho, 29260 U.S. 40, Evergreen
- July 6** Creekside Cellars, 28036 Hwy. 74, Evergreen
- Aug. 3** The Lariat Lodge, 27618 Fireweed Dr., Evergreen
- Sept. 7** Chad's, 275 Union, Lakewood
- Oct. 5** 240 Union, Lakewood
- Nov. 2** Brio's 2500 First Ave. Cherry Creek, Denver
- Dec. 7** Briarwood Inn, 1630 Eighth St., Golden

Safeway, King Soopers Cards Now Available

Remember to get and use your grocery cards! King Soopers and Safeway are available, see Fr Don or Pastor Penni. Cards can be reloaded at the store, and St. Paul gets a portion of the proceeds.



MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL

Reformation 500 Musical Commemoration Continues with Bach Cantata on 21 May

Our yearlong musical commemoration of the Lutheran Reformation and the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation at Saint Paul continues this month when, on **The Sixth Sunday of Easter, 21 May 2017**, the Saint Paul Choir and soloists sing **Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata #4** based on Martin Luther's magnificent Easter hymn (and our Luther Hymn of the Season for Easter), *Christ lag in Todesbanden* ("Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"), with strings and continuo. While the ideals of the Counter-Reformation were well represented by the Giovanni Palestrina *Missa Brevis* ("Brief Mass") sung by the choir on Transfiguration Sunday in February, the principles of the Reformation are perhaps best epitomized by the 209 surviving Bach cantatas, most of whom were based on Lutheran chorales, that genre of hymnody developed by Luther himself as he introduced one of his most significant reforms: the restoration of restoring congregational song to the liturgy. Luther's thirty-nine hymns inspired authors and composers to create thousands more over two and a half century span between Luther and Bach, and both organ works and choral cantatas based on the those hymns, especially those composed by Bach, are now regarded as among the most masterful compositions of the Baroque era! In particular, Bach's cantata #4 is exceptional in that it sets all seven stanzas of Luther's original text without the usual interpolation of additional sacred poetry. Do plan now to worship with us on Easter 6 to experience this rich treasure from the musical heritage of the Saint Paul Lutheran Community.

Music at Saint Paul Events in May and June

Larissa Lewis Piano and Violin Student Recital on 7 May

On **Sunday, 7 May**, at **3:00 pm**, the piano and violin students of Larissa Lewis will present their annual spring recital. Free admission.

Saint Martin's Chamber Choir on 21 May

On **Sunday, 21 May 2017**, at **3:00 pm**, the **Saint Martin's Chamber Choir**, led by Artistic Director Timothy Krueger, will perform a truly festive program entitled, *Sound the Trumpet!*, featuring works for choir, brass, and organ by the twentieth-century Belgian composer, Joseph Jongen, and the nineteenth-century Austro-German composer, Anton Bruckner. Visit www.stmartinchamberchoir.org for more information.

Columbine Chorale on 4 June

On **Sunday, 4 June 2017**, at **4:00 pm**, the **Columbine Chorale**, led by Music Director Brian Eichenberger, will present *Stuff and Nonsense*, a collection of folksongs and spirituals, punctuated with whimsical ditties and songs without words. Visit www.columbinechorale.org for more information.

MAY 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 1-5pm Street Reach 6:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers Rehearsal | 2 5pm Transition Team 6pm Theatre & Theology | 3 8:30am (all day) ABRSM exams | 4 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal | 5 Synod Assembly, May 5-7, Colorado Springs | 6 5pm Catholic Mass |
| 7 Easter 4 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Choir 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 12 Bell Choir rehearsal 3pm Larissa Lewis studio recital | 8 1-5pm Street Reach 6:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers Rehearsal | 9 5pm Transition Team 6:30pm Congregational Council meeting | 10 | 11 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal | 12 | 13 5pm Catholic Mass |
| 14 Easter 5 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Choir 10:30am Easter Festival Worship 11:45am Coffee 12 Congregational Conversation: Ministry Review presentation 12 Bell Choir rehearsal | 15 1-5pm Street Reach 6:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers Rehearsal | 16 5pm Transition Team 6pm Theatre & Theology | 17 | 18 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal | 19 | 20 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 9am St. Paul Choir Bach Cantata dress rehearsal (tentative) 5pm Catholic Mass |
| 21 Easter 6 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Choir 10:30am Lutheran Worship with Bach 11:45am Coffee 12 Bell Choir rehearsal 12 Sacristy training 3pm St. Martin's Chamber Choir | 22 1-5pm Street Reach 6:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers Rehearsal | 23 5pm Transition Team | 24 | 25 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal | 26 | 27 5pm Catholic Mass |
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