

July 2017 KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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*Celebrating 14 Years of Roman Catholic
and Lutheran Fellowship*



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.

Pastor's Update for July

I want to share my excitement about what's been done and what's coming in the future.

At the January Congregational meeting you voted to change the church's budget year to a June-July pattern and approved the ELCA recommended changes to our constitution. And we agreed to move to one worship service.

Administratively, we've been working on establishing office procedures, reorganizing files, and working toward better communications.

We've used the Adult Forum time to explore two books on transition, *My Iceberg is Melting*, sharing a fun but serious story of the necessary steps to changing an organizational system and *Reclaiming the L Word*, as we reconnect with our Lutheran roots and what it is that makes Lutheran one of the best hopes for our world. I've also brought some changes to the worship practice and space that reflect our Lutheran heritage and theology.

Our Transition Team (TT) was formed and has been meeting weekly, going over the processes and steps we need to take thru this transition time.

With the TT, we have explored our history and dealt with some previously unspoken hurts and anger. We have named some unhealthy operating patterns from the past, and we've highlighted some of the gifts of the past. We closed this section of our transition with a Reconciling and Healing service sending our offerings of forgiveness to the flame of the Holy Spirit

We participated in a successful Stewardship Drive

and consecrated our offerings to our God.

Pastor Judith VanOsdol from the Office of the Bishop processed the Ministry Review and shared the Vitality Survey done last spring with the congregation.

We have begun the process of naming our Core Values, more work will be done with this in July but the summary of the work to date is in the newsletter under Transition Team.

Our Executive Committee and the TT have met with the same leaders from Our Savior's and Messiah to explore the sharing of ministry and mission in our areas of the city to , Be Church Better Together, and some exciting possibilities have been raised. Upcoming Events includes some of the results of these meeting, more will follow.

The Catholic community has also be undergoing its own transition as it works to establish align itself with a polity that welcomes it. Currently the community is exploring the possibility of joining the Ecumenical Catholic Communion. The ECC is a member of the National Council of Churches and the Colorado Council of Churches, making it partner with the ELCA and opening some wonderful possibilities between our communities.

WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH.

St. Paul has an exciting future that is moving into God's future in faith of things unseen, trusting the promise to be with us to the end of the ages.

Blessings, Pastor Penni

Reception for Cantor Mark Filbert

Sunday, July 23rd, 11:45am

Celebrating Mark's 15 years of outstanding service at St. Paul Community of Faith as a called and rostered minister of Word and Service (Deacon).

Please join us in the West Community Room following the worship service.

Scenes from St. Paul | June 2017



COUNCIL NEWS

Congregation Approves New Budget

The completion of two and a half month's work occurred when the proposed budget, with an amendment, was approved at the June 25 congregational meeting. The total income is projected to be \$298,200 with expenses of \$322,430 for a deficit of \$24,230. ***(See the next page for the budget.)***

- Flexible Spending Accounts were added to both the Administrator and Sexton positions to assist them with potential medical expenses.
- Mark Filbert's Deacon position was reduced to part-time (15 hours per week) with benefits being restored through an amendment offered by David Carlson to the Council proposal.
- Lori Arias' Parish Administrator position was reduced to part-time (20 hours per week). We may rely on volunteers and technology to make up the shortfall in hours.
- \$7,000 was added for Evangelism/Marketing as we continue our work of rebuilding the church!
- Father Don's salary was doubled: from \$4,200 to \$8,400 per year.

Poor communication amongst ourselves keeps coming out in our many conversations as a barrier to what we do at St. Paul's. A communications wall will be constructed in the West Room during the month of July. Keep an eye on our effort to create at least one new method of improving our communication with each other.

Become a Partner in Ministry. There are many

volunteer opportunities to consider:

- **Coffee Fellowship Host:** Make coffee, bring cookies, fruit, cake – whatever sounds good to you! Set up coffee tables. Host. Clean up.
- **Coffee Fellowship Provider:** Provide treats to serve at Coffee Fellowship.
- **Communications Task Force:** Work together to ensure we are using the best methods of communication in this technological world that surrounds us!
- **Nursery Update Task Force:** Work together to create a new and energetic design for our child care/classroom area.
- **Library Task Force:** Work together to review our collection of books and other items to ensure our library is up to date and has appropriate materials.
- **Street Reach Volunteer:** Join the team on Mondays to help feed the homeless.
- **Audit Committee:** Be part of the team to conduct an internal audit of our finances for 2016-2017.
- **Join a Committee:** Property, Finance, Evangelism, Worship, Education!

Let us know how you can help! Call Lori at 303-839-1432 or email at office.support@stpauldenver.org.

The next meeting of the Congregational Council is Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 pm in our new conference room.

St. Paul Budget July 2017- June 2018

Amended and adopted by vote of the congregation, June 25, 2017

Income

	2016 12-month budget	2017-18
Partners pledged	\$191,700	\$191,700
Partners nonpledged	\$35,900	\$35,900
Loose plate partners	\$5,800	\$5,800
Nonmember partners	\$13,500	\$10,000
Seasonal contributions	\$9,100	\$6,000
General memorials	\$12,900	-
Worship and music partners	\$10,200	\$10,200
Building (HVAC) partners	\$4,300	\$4,300
Miscellaneous	\$400	\$400
Facilities use	\$8,200	\$3,000
Interest income	\$7,500	\$1,000
St. Paul Foundation donation	\$700	\$1,000
Grocery cards, incremental	--	\$3,900
Wedding receipts, incremental	--	\$5,000
Parking rental, new	--	\$20,000
Total income	\$300,200	\$298,200

Expenses

	2016 12-month budget	2017-18
Word and Sacrament		
Pastor salary and housing	\$82,000	\$65,000
Pastor health and pension	24,337	17,485
Pastor continuing education	1,600	1,200
Pastor book allowance	350	450
Priest salary	4,200	8,400
Subtotal Word and Sacrament	112,487	92,535
Worship and Music		
Music director salary	62,100	22,400
Music director health and pension and benefits	19,623	12,112
Continuing education	800	1,000
Vacation supply	1,200	1,200
Musicians	14,300	13,800
Music supplies	700	500
Copyrights/licenses	450	450
Organ and piano maintenance	3,200	3,200
Catholic worship	3,400	-
Communion supplies	950	950
Flowers	1,600	500
Subtotal Worship and Music	108,323	46,600
Education		
Kinderkirche	800	100
Adult Forum	50	240
The Lutheran	360	179
Devotionals	300	14
Subtotal Education	1,510	533

Expenses (continued)

Evangelism and Outreach	2016 12-month budget	2017-18
Advertisement	3,200	10,200
Committee	-	360
Synod Assembly	1,840	1,840
Reconciling in Christ	400	400
Subtotal Evangelism and Outreach	5,440	12,800
Stewardship		
Offering envelopes	200	200
Stewardship program	1,300	1,300
Subtotal Stewardship	1,500	1,500
Church in Society		
Rocky Mountain Synod	26,780	25,470
Metro Caring	6,000	6,000
Local Assistance Ministry (LAM)	-	-
Urban Servant Corps	-	-
Subtotal Church in Society	32,780	31,470
Administrative		
Office support salary	43,000	18,720
Office support health insurance	7,000	2,600
Bank Fees	504	504
Egiving, ACH fees	-	500
Computer Systems	3,300	3,300
Congregation 2016 Consulting	2,000	
Employer Taxes	9,502	5,013
Internet and Telephone	3,700	3,700
Office Supplies	2,500	2,500
Copier Lease and Printing	6,600	6,600
Payroll Vendor	950	950
Postage and Permit	1,300	500
Subtotal Administrative	80,356	45,359

Building and Grounds	2016 12-month budget	2017-18
Sexton Salary	24,000	24,400
Sexton Health Insurance	1,814	2,600
Insurance: Property and Casualty	9,318	9,318
Maintenance, Repairs, and Security	16,100	16,100
Elevator Maintenance	1,495	1,495
Exterminator Contract	480	480
Fire Prevention	600	600
HVAC Contract	5,000	5,000
Parking	300	-
Snow Removal	400	-
Electricity and Natural Gas	21,000	21,000
Water and Sewer	1,600	1,600
Subtotal Buildings and Grounds	82,107	82,593
Total Expenses	\$424,503	\$332,430
Expenses in excess of revenue	(\$124,303)	(\$24,230)

Transition Team Update

Here is a summary of our Core Values conversation from June 4, 2017:

These are not final, and will be continued in our next discussion July 9, (see note regarding a change in this meeting date)

- Jesus is Lord
- Passionate, intentional, Lutheran/Catholic worship grounded in Word and Sacrament
- Radical hospitality to all
- Commitment to social justice. advocacy, and direct ministry for and with our neighbor
- Extravagant generosity
- Commitment to being Church Together with our Catholic community and other faith communities
- Caring for each other
- Being responsible with our assets for the sake of the future

Parking Lot items (ideas for future discussion):

- Music ministry to Street Reach clients
- Signs in multiple languages
- More intentional outreach to community
- Education as outreach
- More intentional spiritual formation
- Communications strategies
- Movie night

- Dinner night

Information on the joint ministry meeting is in Jeff Parrott's report.

Next meetings

Our next meeting is being changed. It was planned for July 9 but will be rescheduled to July 23, pushing our timeline down. Because of this one meeting in August was eliminated.

July 23: 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.

August 6: Leadership

- Defining our leadership needs/staffing needs based on the new budget
- Getting processes in place to support our changes

August 27: Invite Bishop Gonia and/or staff to talk about the RMS and the ELCA

Sept 10: Summarize our finds and process

Sept 24: Seek names for Call Committee

Oct. 10: Council approved Call Committee

Oct. 15: install Call Committee

Oct. 29: Reformation

Upcoming events

July 9, noon: Potluck lunch with Our Savior's and Messiah communities at Messiah. 1750 Colorado Blvd..

This is the first "Getting to know you" event. People are also encouraged to worship at 9:30 at Messiah that day.

July 26: Beer, Brats and Luther. 6pm at St Paul. Our sister congregations have been invited.

Thank you to:

Leigh Roberson, John Hanson, Ted Fritschel, Bob McSherry, Anna Hanel, Jeff Parrot and Jeff Jacobs for their hard work at Pride Fest. We also extend our thanks to the folks from Epiphany Lutheran who staffed the booth Saturday afternoon.

Cantor **Mark Filbert** and the choirs of St Paul. Our worship this spring has been blessed by your gifts and commitment.

Janice Hoffman (and **Ron**) for the outstanding garden gracing our Easter Season.

Help Us Prepare for a Community Volunteer Fair in September

By Anna Hanel

"I want to do something to help people in my community, but I'm not sure where to start." This sentiment is on people's minds lately, and there's something we as a faith community can do to help!

St. Paul will be hosting a Volunteer Fair on Saturday, September 9 from 1-4 p.m. in our basement rooms. We are starting to organize this event and are inviting several local nonprofits to have a table with information and provide staff to meet face-to-face with people interested in volunteer opportunities with downtown Denver organizations. The fair will

be free and open to the public, and we hope to spread the word and invite many people into our church to learn more about ways to help our neighbors.

The idea came from discussions at our recent Evangelism & Outreach meeting led by Irene McCahill. We were talking about ways to reach out to our community, and thought this would be a great opportunity to help people who want to help others.

So, how can YOU get involved? We will need some St. Paul volunteers to help us set up for the event, staff a St. Paul table to provide more information about our faith community to anyone interested,

and help clean up the basement before Saturday evening Mass.

We also are looking for ideas about which local organizations to invite to the fair.

Please contact any of the people helping organize this event if you'd like to offer help or if you have any questions.

Irene McCahill:
i_mccahill@yahoo.com

Liz Couture:
lizcouture71@yahoo.com

Anna Hanel:
annahanel@gmail.com

Thank you!



Safeway, King Soopers Cards Are 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.

King Soopers earnings from April 23 through June 1 are **\$426.75.**

St. Paul Adult Forum
for July and August

Reformation Series Continues

Beginning July 9th, on Sunday mornings, we will be studying Martin Marty's new book *October 31 1517: Martin Luther and the Day that Changed History*. Various members of St. Paul will lead the discussions, beginning with Father Don Sutton on July 9th with the first two chapters. Everyone is welcome, with or without a book. Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 am through August 20th. How did those 95 Theses cause such a stir? Come and find out. See Maryann O'Brien if you need a book. There are a few left at \$15.

St. Francis Center Thanks St. Paul for Donations

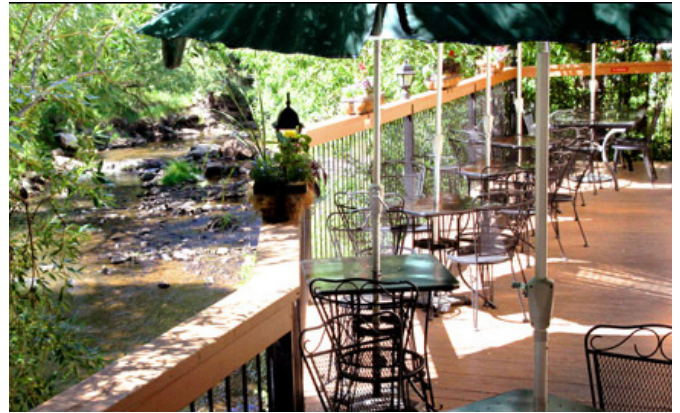
Our donations of socks and toiletries were very welcome at St. Francis Center. Located at Curtis and Park Avenue, the Center is a refuge for men and women in the metro Denver area, providing services to help transition out of homelessness. They are grateful that the St. Paul Community continues to remember and support them with our donations in the basket at the back of the church. Let's keep filling that basket with lotion, Band-aids, toothpaste, and anything else you can bring. Many thanks to our sexton Mo for delivering the latest basketful of donations.



Book Talk

Our next selection is ***Commonwealth*** by Ann Patchett. We will meet on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 pm at Bonnie Carlson's home, 480 S Marion Pkwy #1206A. All are welcome. Any questions, please Bonnie at 303-722-9892.

Lunch Bunch



St. Paul Group Returns to Evergreen

Join your friends at the Creekside Cellars in Evergreen on July 6. Note special time: 1:00 instead of the usual 12:00. At noon, they had room only for six, which is not nearly enough for all the inveterate Lunch Bunch.

Creekside Cellars is located at 28036 Hwy. 74 in Evergreen, on the banks of Bear Creek. Famous for their vast cellars, they also offer a large menu, including The Guido, a giant sandwich with four kinds of (what else?) Italian meats, provolone, lettuce, tomatoes and basil pesto!

Maybe by 1:00 you'll all be ready for that!

For reservations, call Janice Ahrendt at her new number: 720-448-6048.

Lunch Bunch Schedule 2017

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

St. Paul Celebrates World Refugee Day With Generosity

By Anna Hanel

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated household items for our effort to celebrate World Refugee Day on June 20. Our congregation previously partnered with Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains to create Welcome and Baby Baskets for their Refugee and Asylee Programs.

This June, we collected six twin sheet sets, four full/queen comforters and several pots and pans and kitchen items! These were delivered to LFS offices on June 21 and will be used to help set up apartments for newly arriving refugee families.

You can continue to contribute to efforts to help our refugee neighbors. While the issue has been a controversial one politically, LFS continues to sponsor many refugees that are placed in Colorado, and despite some uncertainty about



the program earlier this year, the agency is still accepting donations.

If you have any furniture to donate (tables, chairs, lamps, mattresses, etc), LFS can do a pick-up. The furniture is used almost immediately to set up apartments.

The list of furniture donations is online: <https://lfsrm.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Denver-Donation-List.pdf>

If you have smaller items like bed linens, towels, and dishes, feel free to contact me and I can pick it up and bring it to LFS to save you a trip.

Email: annabhanel@gmail.com, or tel: 303-332-8761. Your donations are tax deductible.

To learn more about these programs, visit Lutheran Family Services' website: www.lfsrm.org.



MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL

Cristo Rey Music, Arts, and Bible Camp *August 14 to 18*

The annual Saint Paul Music for Children Summer Music, Arts, and Bible Camp will be held this year from 14-18 August 2017 at Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey Rey, 501 Raleigh Street, in Denver. The camp, for children from age 4 through grade 8, will offer daily classes in basic music, Orff instruments, recorders, drum playing, and art, along with recreational activities, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Also, a Vacation Bible School curriculum will be integrated into the schedule with the assistance of a team from Rainbow Trails. Children from Saint Paul are encouraged to participate in the camp, and adult Partners in Ministry from Saint Paul are most welcome to assist with the camp. Classes will be taught in English, so no Spanish language skills will be required either for children attending or for adults assisting. (Also, no particular skills in music or art are necessary, either!) Please contact Mark at mark@stpauldenver.org or at 720.274.4708 if you would like to assist with this ministry for the entire week, an entire day, part of a day, an hour each day, or any combination thereof, AND/OR if you would like to register your child(ren) or have questions about doing so!

Music at Saint Paul Vocal Recital

The final Music at Saint Paul event for the 2016-2017 season will occur Sunday, 23 July 2017, at 4:00 pm, with a studio voice recital featuring the students of Laura Williams. Free Admission.



DU Carillon Concerts Make for a Perfect Summer Evening

If you are interested in free entertainment on Sunday evenings, the University of Denver carillon concerts will begin the last weekend in June. The dates for this summer are June 25, July 10, July 24, August 6, and August 20.

Recitalists are coming from California, Australia, Utah and two from here in Denver.

Carolyn Bolden is playing the recital on August 6, and the tower will be open after the recital (August

6 only) for those who are interested in seeing the bell tower.

Concerts are at 7pm. They are free, family friendly (children don't have to sit still and are welcome to run around), and it's a lovely way to spend a Sunday evening. People often bring picnic suppers and wine or beer.

For more information there is a poster in the Dorothy Day room, and you can always ask Carolyn.

JULY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 5pm Catholic Mass
2 Ordinary Time 13 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA Meeting	3 1-5pm Street Reach	4	5	6 12 noon Lunch Bunch, Evergreen	7 4pm Youth Group sleepover 4:30 Wedding rehearsal	8 Wedding 5pm Catholic Mass
9 Ordinary Time 14 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 12 noon Potluck with Our Savior's and Messiah (at Messiah) 6:30pm SAA Meeting	10 1-5pm Street Reach	11 5pm Transition Team 6:30pm Congregational Council meeting	12	13	14	15 5pm Catholic Mass
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23 Ordinary Time 16 9:15am Adult Forum: Core Values 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45 Reception for Mark Filbert 4pm Laura Williams Voice Studio Recital 6:30pm SAA Meeting	24 1-5pm Street Reach	25 5pm Transition Team	26 6pm Beer, Brats and Luther	27	28	29 5pm Catholic Mass
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