

# August 2017

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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And let us not  
grow weary in  
well-doing, for in  
due season we  
shall reap, if we do  
not lose heart.

Galatians 6:9

## 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 August

We had a very good conversation on Values, Mission and Vision on Sunday, 7/23, but agreed to move this part of our process to smaller groups. As a result we've changed the timeline so the groups can work and to give everyone a break from meetings!

New Time Line

**August 15** – 5pm Transition Team meeting

**August 22** – 5pm Transition Team meeting

**August 27** – noon Congregational Conversation – Mission and Vision

**August 29** – 5pm Transition Team meeting

**Sept .10** – noon Congregation Conversation – Summarizing our work and determining if we can move toward a Call Committee.

**Sept .11** – Begin seeking names for Call Committee.

**Oct. 10** – Council approves Call Committee (note: I haven't checked the constitution, but it may require the congregation to approve the Call Committee. If so we'll do that on Oct. 8 after worship)

**Oct 15** – Install Call Committee

**Oct 29** – Reformation commemoration and congregational celebration!

The process still has tasks and the above timeline will be changed as necessary to finish this work:

- Finalize our Values, Mission and Vision statements
- Analyze our staffing and leadership needs. This will be done by the Transition Team and Council.
- Formalize the office procedures needed to maintain good working practices (also a Council task).
- Continue to rebuild our Parish Record – Lin Holly and Dorothy Stenman are taking this on.
- Updating the Constitution.
- Strengthening our connections with the larger Rocky Mountain Synod and the ELCA.
- Clarifying our connections with our sister congregations.

The move toward agreement with the Ecumenical Catholic Communion continues in our Catholic community. We'll keep you up-to-date as things move forward.

*Blessings, Pastor Penni*

## Prayer Vine

I just realized that St Paul does not have a Prayer Vine. It's a simple communication process for people in need of prayers. We will need a coordinator, but the only time consuming part will be the initial set up. And then we need people willing to pray for others. We will set up small calling groups of 4 or 5; the first person calls their group with the requested prayers and people pray on their own at home. If you're interested please talk with Pastor Penni.

We'll get a sign-up sheet in the back of the church by next week.

## Congregational Potluck

St Paul will be hosting the next Potluck with our sister congregations on August 13, and we need a coordinator and helpers. Please just volunteer. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back.

## Event Ideas Welcome

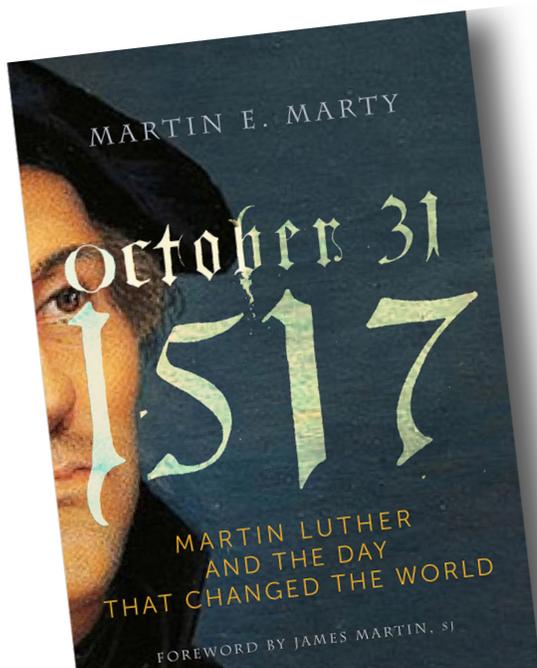
Do you have an idea for St Paul, do you want to fundraise for something, do you want to throw a party? We now have a process for that!

Please pick-up the Event/Project request form. They are in the back of the church, in the office and on our website. Please fill it out and give it or send it to the ministry team your project belongs with or just get it to President Jeff, or Pastor Penni or Fr Don. We need to start working together rather than as lone rangers, and this will make that possible. It also helps everyone plan better, making for better outcomes. This needs to become the normal way we work, so please get your Form On!

# 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](mailto: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!



## Adult Forum

Adult Forum continues through August 20 with a study of Martin Marty's book "October 31, 2017: Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World." Everyone is welcome every Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:15.

## Office hours

With Lori now at half time the office hours have changed. Normally they will be Wednesday and Thursday 8-4 and Friday 9-1. Pastor Penni is in the office on Monday 10 – 1, and Tuesday 2 to 7. Do call if coming in on Monday or Tuesday as Pastor schedules meetings those days.

## 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.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

# No one is slowing down for the summer

*Minutes for July 11, 2017*

### **Pastor Penni's Report**

- Next step in the transition process is to continue the Core Values Conversation on July 23.
- A motion was made and seconded that that the St. Paul Council agree to pursue the possibility of becoming a sanctuary location for immigrant advocacy in connection with Epiphany and House of All Saints and Sinners. Passed.
- Work proceeds on our by-laws and constitution together with a covenant with our Catholic Community.
- Work continues on the Parish Register, recycling water bottles, and better communication with calendars, wall notices, etc.
- Project and Event Planning Form draft presented to Council. Once approved, this form would be filled in by the person(s) requesting the activity or event and then sent to the office, the council president, and to the chair of the relevant committee for their approval and authority to proceed.
- The next meeting of the tri-church working committee is on August 9 from 5:00 to 6:30.

### **Father Don's Report**

- Research and discussion into affiliation with the ECC (Ecumenical Catholic Communion) is progressing. There are no hurdles in the RC congregation to going forward with this affiliation process.
- There will be a meeting to help with a draft of the St. Paul by-laws that will have some coincidence with the Lutheran (ELCA) by-laws

### **Mark Filbert's Report**

- Mark will be working with the Synod's Bible Camp at Cristo Rey from August 14-18: Music, Bible, and Art. Dena Williams is helping again with the art focus, but more volunteers are needed to help out that week. Contact Mark.
- Music at St. Paul Program: If this becomes a

paid venue, we could then pay a stipend for the work of organizing, welcoming the musicians, setting up tables for selling tickets, and other duties. Pastor Penni moved that we include a fee structure for all the groups using St. Paul so that we can compensate the organizers. Jeff, Aaron, and Mark will constitute this committee and have a letter ready to send to all the groups using our venue. Motion referred to Committee.

### **Committee Reports**

- Lori Eastman distributed a revised draft of the Wedding Ceremony contract, which will have photos of St. Paul included.
- Brats, Beer, and Luther Maryann O'Brien will have a sign-up sheet available after both services this week and next for volunteers to help on Wed. July 26. Pastor Penni will check with Pastor Marty Lettow at Our Savior about the beer.
- Irene McCahill is organizing the next Evangelism / Outreach Meeting for Thursday, July 20.

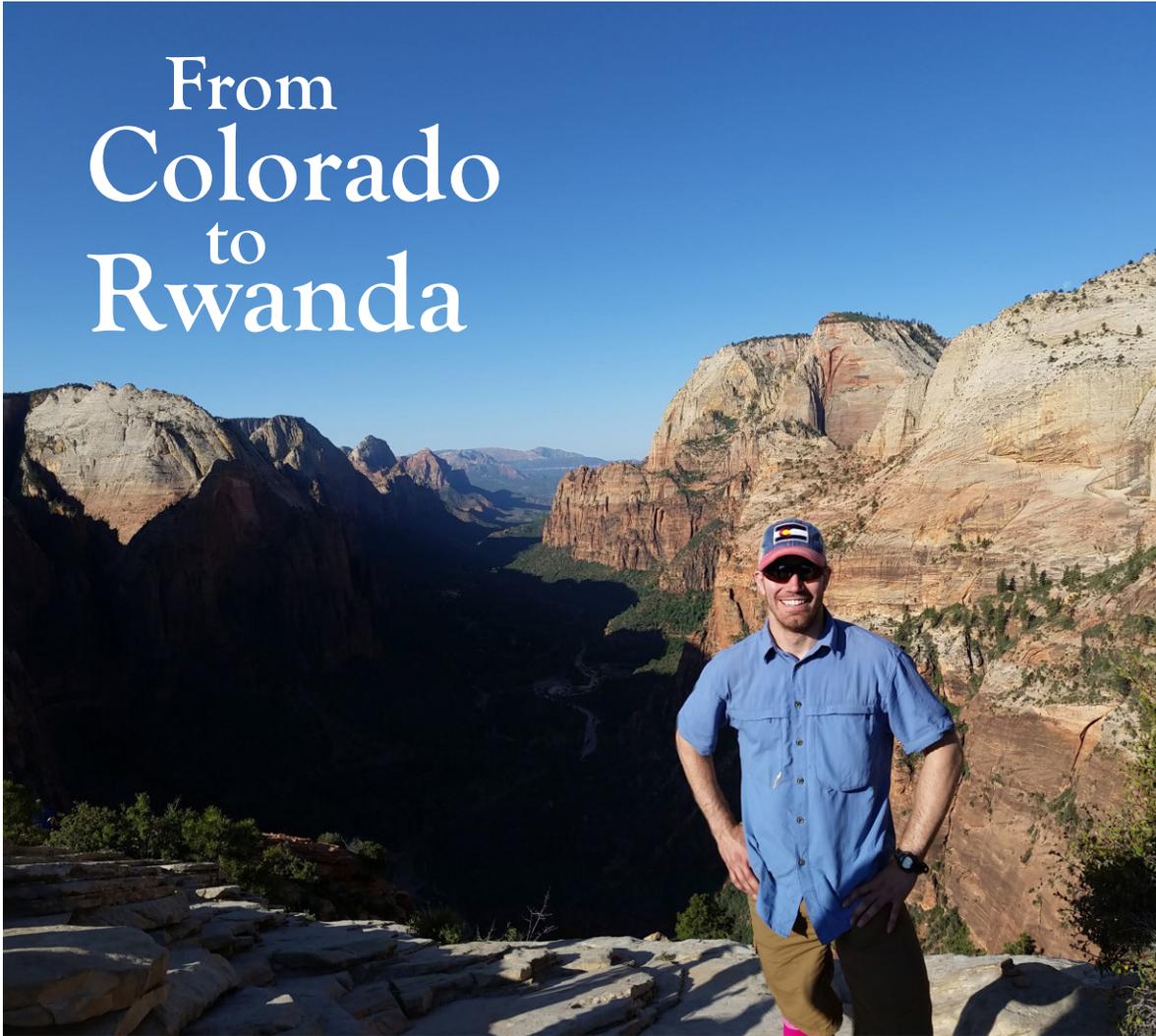
### **Old Business: Ratification of updated call for Cantor**

- Definition of Compensation, Benefits, and Responsibilities for Ministers of Word and Service under Call. This document was prepared by St. Paul for Mark Filbert, Deacon, for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- In Other Matters, on page 2, item two was changed to read as follows: "The Cantor will maintain printed and other music in an orderly fashion and provide an electronic inventory of music titles to the Congregational Council co-terminus with the renewal of the insurance policy.

The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maryann O'Brien, Secretary

# From Colorado to Rwanda



**Ryan Campbell** has been attending services at St. Paul, but this August is leaving Denver for Africa, serving in Rwanda for a year through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer program. Eighty-five young people will be serving in 11 different countries, working in churches, schools and social service ministries.

Ryan's story:

"After graduating from St. Olaf College in 2013, I moved back to Colorado. I started working for a local nonprofit startup as a grant writer. That fall, I started working for Samaritan House, Catholic Charities' homeless shelter in downtown Denver. The internship ended and I was recruited for a position as a case manager in the veteran's program at Samaritan House. I've worked in that position for three years, and loved it. I've learned a lot and haven't looked back. Now it's time to look forward, and jump headfirst into the next big chapter of my life! I'm pursuing a calling to serve

abroad in Africa.

"I chose the YAGM program because I consider myself a Lutheran, and I love the work and the community of the ELCA. I was also impressed with the stories of strong support and intention that I heard from alumni. I interviewed and was chosen to serve in Rwanda, and I can't be happier as I return to Africa."

The total cost for one young adult in the program is \$15,000. Each young adult is tasked with raising a minimum of \$5,000 to help support their year of service.

You can donate to Ryan's efforts here: [http://support.elca.org/site/TR/Events/General?px=1047494&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1181](http://support.elca.org/site/TR/Events/General?px=1047494&pg=personal&fr_id=1181)

You can follow Ryan's updates from Africa on his blog: <https://ryanrwanda.wordpress.com/>

Safe travels, Ryan. Peace be with you.

# Rejuvenated Evangelism/Outreach Task Force Finds Many Ways to Spread the Word

by Lin Holly

The Evangelism/Outreach Task Force has been working very hard over the past month and have some exciting information to share with you!

**Brochure:** There is a trifold brochure in the works to tell everyone about the Community of Faith at St. Paul and that all are welcome here. We plan to use the brochure at events where we have a booth or table set up, such as Pride Fest, our upcoming Volunteer Fair, etc.

**Volunteer Fair:** We're finalizing plans for a Volunteer Fair on Saturday September 9th, and have invited several organizations in the area to set up tables to talk with potential volunteers who live in the neighborhood. Groups that have already agreed to host tables include: Metro Caring, Lutheran Family Services, VOA Meals on Wheels, Denver CASA, the Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning and Denver Asset Building Coalition.

St. Paul will host an informational table at the Volunteer Fair and we're looking for a few of our members who are willing to help set up, clean up, and staff the table, sharing information about our mission and congregation with anyone who is interested!

The event is 1-4 pm in our lower level rooms. Please let us know if you would be available to help set up between 11:30-1, work the St. Paul table either

from 1-4 or two shifts (12:30-2:30, 2:30-4:30), or if you could come by at 4 pm before Mass and help us clean up the basement.

Every St. Paul volunteer will receive a free Thrivent Action Team shirt and we'll have refreshments

available. Please let Irene McCahill or Anna Hanel know if you can help out on September 9th with the Fair. Irene can be reached at [i\\_mccahill@yahoo.com](mailto:i_mccahill@yahoo.com) or 303-761-4326, and Anna at [annabhanel@gmail.com](mailto:annabhanel@gmail.com) or 303-332-8761.

**Knitting:** Starting in early November, Maryann O'Brien will be leading a knitting/crocheting group at Emerson Gardens. The group will meet twice a month. Further details will be shared as they are available.

**Registries:** Dorothy Stenman and Lin Holly have volunteered to update our Church Registries and may be looking for some help in getting the task done. If you're interested in giving some of your time for this project, please let either of them know.

**Weddings:** We now have an informational sheet about weddings at St. Paul. The brochure outlines amenities and fees for couples interested in

using our beautiful historic space as a marriage ceremony site. The brochure was emailed out to dozens of wedding coordinators in Colorado, posted on social media (Facebook and NextDoor), and is available on our website: <http://saintpauldenver.com/weddings/>.

Please spread the word and let your friends know that they can plan their nuptials here!



## Volunteer Fair

Let's work together to help our neighbors!

*Representatives from local nonprofits will help you learn how to use your time & talent to make a difference in our community.*



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Saturday,  
**September 9th**  
1-4 pm

Free & open to the public.  
All are welcome!

This advertisement will run in the August edition of Life on Capitol Hill.

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# Outreach Team:

**Advertising:** We have contacted publications such as Life on Capitol Hill, Westword, and Outfront to get information about advertising in their printed papers. We're deciding which will be the most beneficial to help us reach out to people in the area to let them know about what is happening at St. Paul. We are also looking to utilize as many free opportunities as possible (social media, free online event calendar postings, etc) There will be a paid ad for our Volunteer Fair in the August edition of Life on Capitol Hill.

With that in mind, plans are being made to advertise Reformation celebration events over the weekend of October 27-29, as well as other important dates throughout the year.

If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions please contact any of the Task Force Members. They are: Pastor Penni, Irene McCahill, Maryann O'Brien, Anna Hanel, Lin Holly, Jeff Parrott and Liz Couture.

## Help our friends at Highlands Lutheran Church by donating children's items

Highlands Lutheran's Annual Kids Stuff Sale is expanding, and they are looking for gently used children's clothes, toys, books, and equipment (please no furniture) in exchange for a tax deductible donation receipt. The first drop off donation date will be August 26th from 10-11am. The Kids Stuff Sale is the church's annual youth ministry fundraiser and is run by the Moms' Group. Highlands Lutheran is at 3995 Irving St., Denver.



## Book Talk

Our next selection will be **My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry** by Fredrik Backman. He's the author of A Man Called Ove, which we read earlier in the year. We will meet on Tuesday, August 15 at 7 pm at Bonnie Carlson's home: 480 S Marion Pkwy, #1206A. Questions, call Bonnie at 303-722-9892.

## Lunch Bunch



## Lasso some grub at the Lariat Lodge

Either the best food in Colorado is in Evergreen, or the Lunch Bunch has some unfinished business up there in the foothills.

We're going up again for the third time this summer. Join your friends at The Lariat Lodge, 27618 Fireweed Dr., Evergreen.

Start off with a Brussels Sprouts Salad (we must get our veggies in) followed by an Angry Elk Sandwich, all washed down with house-brewed beers.

Martin Luther knew a lot about house-brewed beer. He told his friends that his wife Katie brewed the best beer in Saxony! Call Janice Ahrendt for a reservation: 720 448-6045.

### Lunch Bunch Schedule 2017

**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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1	2	3	4	5	
				12 noon Lunch Bunch, Evergreen	Youth Group sleepover	5pm Catholic Mass	
<b>6</b> <b>Ordinary Time 18</b> 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA Meeting	<b>7</b> 1-5pm Street Reach 6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Congregational Council meeting	<b>9</b> 5pm Tri Church working committee at Messiah Lutheran	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 2pm Litfschewski- Siverly wedding 5pm Catholic Mass	
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