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Newsletter of the St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community of Faith

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Our Mission

St. Paul nurtures a community of diverse people seeking understanding together in a welcoming and sacred space, actively engaged in service to others.

Who We Are

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 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.

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Pastor's Updates

Reformation

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation will be October 29. We will be combining with the members of Messiah, Pax Cristi and with both of our communities. That's two pastors, two priests, and Bishop Jim will be here to preach! Our service will be using the liturgy from last summer's Joint Catholic-Lutheran Commemoration of the Reformation held in Sweden with Pope Francis and the leaders for the Lutheran World Federation. And of course great music: Mark is planning on using Luther's Mass. This is a great service to invite friends and family to attend.

Blessing of the Animals

On October 7, Fr Don and I will be doing an outside Blessing of the Animals for the neighborhood at 4:30 and then the regular blessings during Mass on Saturday and worship on Sunday. Please bring your companions and invite others who might want to participate.

No Service Sunday, October 15

Due to the Rock n Roll race we will NOT have worship on Sunday, October 15. Everyone is invited to worship at 5 p.m. Saturday, October 14.

The following Sunday, October 22, we will have a Healing Service during Lutheran worship.

Transition Team

The Transition Team is almost finished. We are working on a final report and still need to finalize the Vision Statement and make recommendations on staffing to the council. We need a final Congregational Conversation to summarize our work on October 22.

Call Committee

We are ready to begin putting a Call Committee together! Nomination forms are in the back of the church. Please file one for yourself, or nominate someone with their permission. We would like them completed by October 10.

Pastor Penni Walsh

Reformation

The St. Paul Community Marks the 500th Anniversary

As one of the first joint Lutheran-Catholic congregations in the country, St. Paul has a unique role to play as we mark 500 years of an event that continues to have a profound impact on Christianity.

Friday, October 27

A Mighty Fortress: The Reformation and Music — St. Martin's Chamber Choir

Time: 7:30 p.m.: Saint Paul's Church, Denver

Tickets: Starting at \$25. Available at 303-298-1970 or online at www.stmartinschamberchoir.org

Details: This concert traces the influence of the Reformation on music, with compositions from the earliest Lutheran composers like Johann Walther and Johann Crüger, through the Baroque masters Heinrich Schütz and J. S. Bach, the Classical successors Homilius and Doles, and the Reformation's apotheosis in the music of the Romantic era's Mendelssohn and Brahms.

Sunday, October 29

A Service of Reformation and Reconciliation

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Celebrants: The Rev. Penni Walsh, Interim Pastor
Father Don Sutton, Catholic Priest
Father Michael Nicosia, Regional Vicar, Ecumenical Catholic Communion
The Rev. Bev Piro, Interim Pastor, Messiah Community Church

Preacher: The Rev. Jim Gonia, Bishop, Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Festival: The Hymns of Martin Luther

Time: 4 p.m.

Details: Our year-long observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation will culminate with The Hymns of Martin Luther: A Festival of Hymns in Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Co-sponsored by the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and featuring the Rocky Mountain Ringers, the Young Voices of Colorado Signature Ensemble, the Saint Paul Choir, and a brass quartet, the festival will include all of the Martin Luther hymns we have learned this year through our Luther Hymns of the Season program. Plan to join us for this festive event!



President's Report

Develop a new habit! Make a visit to the West Community Room and peruse all the information on the new Communications Wall: minutes of Council, Foundation, and committee meetings, financial reports, agendas for coming meetings, upcoming events, the latest newsletter, our calendar and other assorted offerings. You can also fill out a maintenance request, ask a question, or voice a concern with our new 'maintenance request' forms and 'comments, questions, and concerns' form. Deposit completed forms in their appropriate box. There is also a flip cart to write a message of appreciation! Can we ever say "thank you" too much? So, develop a new habit of stopping by the wall on a regular basis and always be up-to-date on the activities of the Church! Much is happening!

Contributions Statements will soon be arriving at your home mailbox! Summer in any church is always a good time to get behind in pledge payments – a fact that remains consistent in our world! October, as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is a good time to catch up and helps us replenish our treasury.

Opportunities to offer your time and talent are plentiful. As another soul from 500 years ago, John Heywood, put it: "Many hands make light work." Join in the meaningful and rewarding work of the church as you are able.

Next Council meeting: Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room.

Jeff Parrott

Outreach and Evangelism Report

The Newborns in Need Task Force

Newborns in Need is a program of Denver Health that provides a bag of new items to moms and dads of newborns who are struggling. Starting in November, Maryann O'Brien is going to be leading a knit/crochet group in partnership with Our Savior Lutheran Church.

The Newborns in Need Task Force will meet once a month at Emerson Senior Housing, where they will use their talents to create blankets, hats and other items to be given to mothers of babies who need help with basic needs. Maryann will be creating a flyer to share more information soon.

Prayer Vine

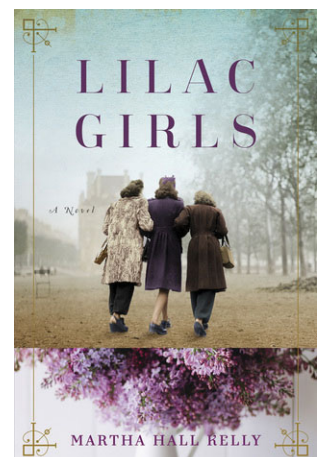
The Prayer Vine has begun growing, but it can use more help. The Prayer Vine will be used to communicate requests for prayer from the members and friends of St. Paul's to those who have volunteered to include those requests in their daily prayers.

There's no need to leave home, spend any money or to do anything besides to be willing to accept a phone call from the Church office, include the person making the request in your prayers and to make a phone call to the next person on the Vine asking them to also pray for the person in need. If you're interested in being part of the Vine, please contact the Church office and let Lori know.

Book Talk

Our next selection is **Lilac Girls** by Martha Hall Kelly. We will meet at Bonnie Carlson's home: 480 S Marion Pkwy #1206A on Tuesday, October 3 at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Any questions, contact Bonnie at 303-722-9892.



Bring Your Friends!

The Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7

- 4:30 p.m. outside the church
- 5 p.m. inside the church during Catholic mass

Sunday, October 8

- 10:30 a.m. inside during Lutheran worship

Bring your nonhuman friends for a special blessing from our pastors in observance of St. Francis of Assisi. All animals — and all people — are welcome during these services.



ECC 101:

What is the Ecumenical Catholic Communion?



Please join us Wednesday, October 11 at 6 p.m., when we will hear from Fr Michael Nicosia and other members of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion in order to learn its history and better understand its theology. Fr Michael is the ECC Regional Vicar.

There will be a light soup, salad and dessert dinner provided prior to the session. The meal will be vegetarian and mostly gluten free (except for the bread).

Everyone is encouraged to attend and ask as many questions as they want.

Adult Forum for October

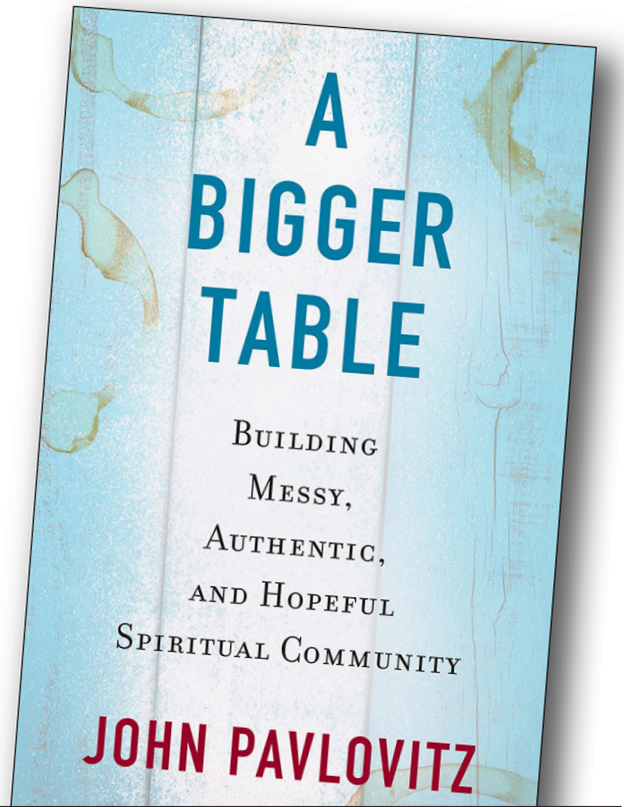
A Bigger Table

Pastor John Pavlovitz asks, “How can we extend unconditional welcome and acceptance in a world increasingly marked by bigotry, fear, and exclusion? . . . *A Bigger Table* asks if organized religion can find a new way of continuing the work Jesus began 2000 years ago where everybody gets a seat.”

A Bigger Table: Building a Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community will be released on October 6. You may pre-order your copy from Amazon for about \$15.

Father Don and Pastor Penni will begin discussing the book beginning on October 22 and continuing until Advent. It's not necessary to have the book, but order it if you can.

Adult Forum meets every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 downstairs. Everyone is welcome.



Music at St. Paul

2017-2018 Choir Season is in Full Swing

The Saint Paul Choir regularly provides musical leadership for the Sunday morning liturgy as well as for seasonal liturgies and Music at Saint Paul events. The choir is open to any adult (high school age and older) who enjoys singing and is willing to commit to regular participation in Thursday rehearsals from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Dorothy Day Room AND to Sunday liturgies with warm-up at 9:30 am in the Choir Loft. Contact Mark at mark@stpauldenver.org or at 720.274.4708 for more information, and plan now to sing with us this year at Saint Paul Church!

Ars Nova Singers Concert on 6 October

On Friday, 6 October 2017, at 7:30 pm, the Ars Nova Singers will present Maurice Duruflé: The Complete Choral Works, including his stunning Requiem, the exquisite Four Motets, the rarely performed Messe “Cum júbilo” for men’s voices, and the beautiful motet Notre Père. Visit www.arsnovasingers.org for more information.



14 Commissioned in Urban Servant Corps

On Sunday, September 10, fourteen members of the Urban Servant Corps were welcomed and commissioned during the 10:30 Lutheran Mass. Urban Servant Corps volunteers commit one full time year to this Lutheran program based in Denver. These volunteers have come from across the country to learn about the needs of the Denver Metro area and to be trained and educated in the best ways to help to fill some of those needs. Please hold them, their Executive Director Krista Kilgusas, their Community Life

Coordinator Sarah Adam and the people they serve in your prayers as they work to reach out to those less fortunate for the next year.

If you'd like more information about Urban Servant Corps, please visit their website at www.urbanservantcorps.org, go to their Facebook page at Urban Servant Corps, or even better, if you see one of the volunteers pictured below in worship, walk up, introduce yourself and say hello.

Urban Servant Corps 30th Anniversary

Join supporters of Urban Servant Corps for a 30th anniversary fall festival celebration.

When: Thursday, October 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Regis University – Mountain View Room





Volunteer Fair Draws People, Organizations from Neighborhood



The First Annual Volunteer Fair held on September 9, was a great success with about 30 visitors from within the neighborhood as well as outside the area! Each person who dropped in came away with lots of information and feeling very optimistic that there was a place available where their talents and time could be put to good use.

The 13 organizations represented were excited for the opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and were also very happy with the turnout. They provided thoughts about ways to have a greater outreach and ways that may extend our reach to the businesses in our area so that folks working near us would be able to participate in the Fair and to explore volunteer opportunities, too.

Many thanks go to Anna Hanel and Irene McCahill for all the work and time they put into planning, organizing, setting up, advertising and participating in this effort. Without them and the volunteers who helped to set up the venue, staff the St. Paul table, greet vendors and help them get materials into the building, greet the folks who came in to visit and even spend the afternoon sign spinning to draw attention to the event this would not have been possible, as well attended or certainly not as much fun!

The added benefit was that after cleanup was done and cars loaded, some people could just sit, visit and get to know each other better while waiting for the Catholic Mass. All in all, a great day!



The title of our second play of the season is **Smart People**. Intelligence can only get you so far when it comes to navigating love, success and identity in the modern age. This biting comedy follows a quartet of Harvard intellectuals struggling to understand why the lives of so many people — including their own — continue to be undermined by race. But no matter how hard they research, question and confront the issue, their own problems with self-awareness make it difficult to face the facts of life. Fiercely clever dialogue and energetic vignettes keep the laughs coming in a story that Variety calls

“sexy, serious and very, very funny.” Lauded as a “powerfully smart writer,” playwright Lydia R. Diamond’s multi-award winning plays have been produced throughout the country. This play will be seen in the Ricketson Theatre at 6 p.m. on October 24. Please stay after the performance for Pastor Bollman’s theological discussion of the play with the cast. The reservation deadline is October 3. A ticket costs \$35.00 made payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod. Note on check: T&T – SMART PEOPLE – St. Paul ELCA. Mail check to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street - #1203; Denver, CO 80203-3125.

Lunch Bunch at 240 Union

The Lunch Bunch returns to an all time favorite place – 240 Union in Lakewood. We have spent many a happy hour gathered around the table in the window sharing food and friendship. Located at (where else?) 240 Union Blvd. in Lakewood, the restaurant is known for its seafood and fine wine to go with it. Start with Maine Lobster corn dogs, or a hummus pizza for the chickpea lovers and save room for Nellie and Joe’s Key Lime Pie.

Be sure to call Janice Ahrendt at 720-448-6045 for a place at the table at noon.

Lunch Bunch Schedule 2017

- Oct. 5** 240 Union, Lakewood
- Nov. 2** Brio’s 2500 First Ave. Cherry Creek, Denver
- Dec. 7** Briarwood Inn, 1630 Eighth St., Golden

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ordinary Time 26 1 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA Meeting	2 1-5pm Street Reach 6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers	3 5pm Transition Team	4	5 7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	6 7:30pm Ars Nova Singers concert	7 4:30pm Blessing of the Animals (outside) 5pm Catholic Mass & Blessing of the Animals
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Ordinary Time 28 15 NO Lutheran Worship or Adult Forum 6:30pm SAA Meeting	16 1-5pm Street Reach 6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers	17 5pm Transition Team	18	19 7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	20 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	21 5pm Catholic Mass
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Reformation 29 10:30am A Service of Reformation and Reconciliation 11:45am Coffee 4pm Reformation Festival of Hymns 6:30pm SAA Meeting	30 1-5pm Street Reach 6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers	31 5pm Transition Team	<h1>October 2017</h1>			