



# February 2018

## Keeping in Touch

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

### February Events

Mardi Gras Party!

**Saturday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday

**February 14 Noon: Ashes Outside the Church  
7pm Worship with Ashes**

Lenten Soup Suppers

**Every Wednesday evening, February 21  
through March 21, 6 p.m.**

Call Committee Small Groups

**February 4, 10, 15 and 21, various locations  
(see Pages 4 and 5)**

# Our Mission

St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community of Faith nurtures a diverse people – seeking understanding together – in a welcome 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.*

## Church Staff

**The Rev. Penni Walsh**  
Interim Lutheran Pastor

**Mohamed Jamoum**  
Sexton

**The Rev. Don Sutton**  
Catholic Pastor

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# Council Highlights

## January 9, 2018 Meeting

### Staff and Officer Reports:

#### Father Don

- There is a two-fold process to affiliate with the ECC (Ecumenical Catholic Community), one part of which is finished.
  1. Complete the new by-laws, consider the Covenant with the Lutheran part of St. Paul, and get the two faith communities in tandem with each other
  2. Father Don's credentials and necessary evaluations are now completed.
- House for all Saints and Sinners will not be sending anyone to speak at the congregational meeting on January 14th. They need time to walk around the property.
- Bethany has volunteered to clean the St. Paul kitchen on June 2nd.
- We are planning to hold a Mardi Gras party on Saturday, Feb. 10, as decorations will already be in place.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Finances posted on the Community Board or contact Aaron Oberg, Treasurer, with any questions.

#### Committee Reports

##### Evangelism

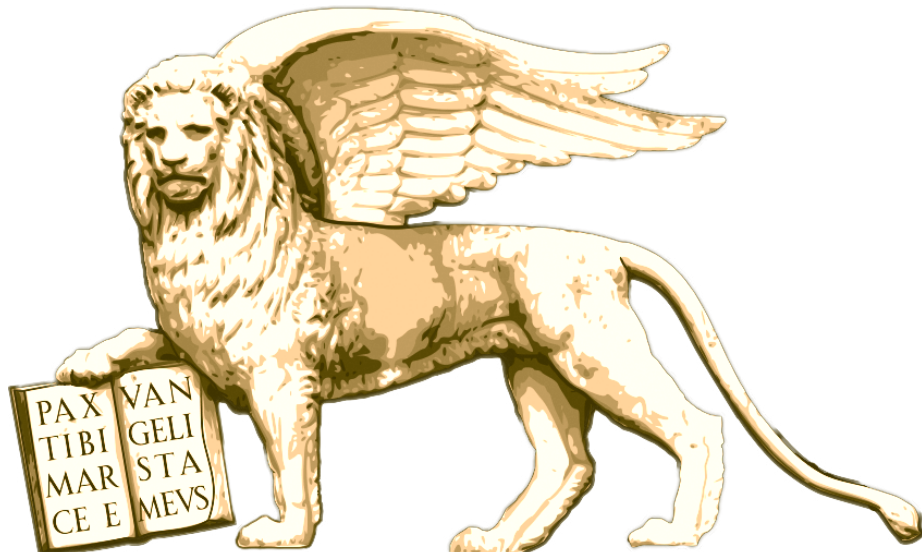
- We are planning to hold the Volunteer Fair again in September.
- Mark will give Irene a list of musical groups that need to be contacted about our new fee structure for 2018.
- Father Don has information about the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado.

##### Education

- Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and Programs. Last year, we took a survey of the Wednesday night attendees about this year's program, and most everyone wanted

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# The Gospel of Mark



During February and March, we are going to study Mark's Gospel. It's been a while since we've had a good old-fashioned Bible study, the kind that Martin Luther would applaud. What good is Sola Scriptura after all if we don't know the Scriptura? This is the year that we read Mark in the Lectionary, and it's also the earliest and the

shortest Gospel. We're going to try something a little different. If you would like to lead one of the sessions yourself, just let Jim Harrer or Maryann O'Brien know and we will slot you into the schedule. February 4th through

March 18th from 9:15 to 10:15. Everyone is welcome and bring a Bible if you can.

*Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

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Advocacy and Social Justice.

- Therefore, our theme will be Advocacy and Social Issues in our city. We will have guest speakers to discuss various topics such as refugee issues, immigration, homelessness, etc. We might invite other churches or neighbors to join us.

**Nominations:** There are two applicants for Worship Chair but none for Property as yet.

## **Old Business and Updates:**

- Transition Team work is completed and Call Committee meets Saturday, Jan. 13, at 3:30 to discuss forming small groups of parishioners to gather their opinions.

## **Financial requests of the Foundation**

- Columbarium estimate: \$2,500 plus rosettes and screws.
- Flat roof estimate: \$7,800 plus permit fees

with a 10 year guarantee

- Lock system for church security: \$3,000

It was moved and seconded that we request this amount from the Foundation. Passed.

## **New Business:**

- Create a task force for updating or writing a constitution, by-laws, and covenant. Have this ready for a vote in April and submitted to the Rocky Mountain Synod by the end of the year. Jeff will set these task forces up to include both communities.
- There are musical instruments that belong to St. Paul now stored at Cristo Rey that need to be returned. Jeff will make arrangements to retrieve them and store them at St. Paul.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Maryann O'Brien, Secretary**

# The Call Committee needs your help!

Greetings from the Call Committee.

The Committee has met and started the process that will lead to our next Pastor!

The first project, which involves every one of us, is to determine what we believe are the top five Ministry Tasks in our future. Next, please determine which five Gifts for Ministry you would like to see in our next Pastor. This information will assist the Synod in their search for candidates.

Using the lists on the next page, determine what is important to you. If you are able, print these out and bring with you to a meeting.

We will have several meetings and hope that everyone will be able to attend one of them. They are spread out across days, times, and locations to make attendance a little easier:

**Wednesday, January 31** at 6:00pm at the home of Marianne O'Brien, 3755 Tennyson St (NW Denver)

**Sunday, February 4** immediately following our service with Geri Rodrick

**Saturday, February 10** at 6:00pm immediately after Mass and prior to the Mardis Gras party at 6:30

**Thursday, February 15** at 6:00pm at the home of Jeff Parrott and Jeff Jacob, 9180 E. Center Ave, Denver (Windsor Gardens)

**Wednesday, February 21** at 6:00pm at the home of Mike Wallin, 846 S. Vance St, Apt A, Lakewood

**Final meeting** to meet with anyone who hasn't attended a meeting will follow at Father Don's condo – Date and time to be announced. 1250 Humboldt Street, Denver

Please sign up at the table in the back of the church or email your preference to [jeffparrott1962@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffparrott1962@yahoo.com)

If you are not able to attend a meeting, please send us your input. Send us an email or use the USPS to mail us a copy of your priorities. Please mark any documents with your name so that we can track participation.

Thank you for your thoughtful review of this information and for attending a meeting in the next month to discuss your preferences!

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## Wednesday Evening Lenten Soup Suppers

This Lent, Saint Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community of Faith comes together once again to share a simple supper and study together. This year our program is called Advocacy and Social Justice. Our topic couldn't be more timely. We see homeless people all around us; our neighbors are being deported; people displaced from their countries are languishing for years in camps. What can be done? What part can we play?

Schedule: Wednesday evenings from Feb. 21 through March 21.

Supper at 6 p.m. followed by speakers and discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Prayers before departing

Home by 8 p.m.





## Top Five Ministry Tasks

*I think the five most important things our church should focus on in the years ahead are:*

- Administration
- Building a Sense of Children's Ministry
- Campus / Young Adult Ministry
- Chaplaincy
- Children's Ministry
- Christian Education
- Communications/ Media
- Community Organizing
- Conflict Management
- Counseling/ Social Work
- Early Childhood Administration
- Ecumenical Work
- Evangelism/ Mission
- Financial Management
- Global Service
- Innovation / Creativity
- Interim Ministry
- Interpret Theology
- Inter-personal Climate
- Ministry in Crisis
- Ministry in Daily Life
- Ministry with Seniors
- Multicultural Ministry
- Music / Worship / Arts
- Outdoor/ Camping Ministry
- Parish Nurse / Health
- Participant in the Larger Church
- Pastoral Care and Visitation
- Preaching / Worship
- Public Policy / Advocacy
- Recruit and Equip Leaders
- Self-Care / Family Life
- Small Group Ministry
- Social Ministry
- Spiritual Formation / Direction
- Stewardship
- Strategic Mission Planning
- Teaching
- Volunteer Coordination
- Youth and Family Ministry

## Top Five Gifts for Ministry

*I would hope that our next pastor has these five gifts for ministry:*

- Help people develop their spiritual life.
- Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice.
- Provide care and nurture.
- Be active in visitation of members and non-members.
- Be effective in working with children.
- Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works.
- Help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry.
- Be an effective administrator.
- Be an effective communicator.
- Be an effective teacher.
- Encourage support of the Church's wider mission.
- Work regularly in the development of stewardship growth.
- Be active in ecumenical relationships.
- Be effective in working with youth.
- Organize people for community action.
- Be skilled in planning and leading programs.
- Have a strong commitment and loyalty to the Lutheran Church.
- Understand and interpret the mission of the Church from a global perspective.
- Deal effectively with conflict.
- Bring joy and good humor to relationships.
- Be able to share leadership and work in a team.
- Be creative and innovative about his or her tasks.
- Be able to use technology and media.
- Appreciate cultural diversity in language and customs.
- Have talents in the areas of music, arts and writing.



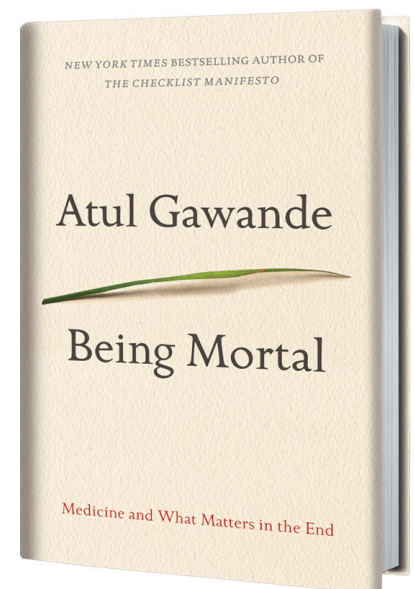
**American Mariachi** will be seen by the theatre group in the Space Theatre at 6 p.m. on February 13. Lucha and Maria are ready to start their own all-female mariachi band but they will need to fight a male-dominated music genre and pressure from their families to get it accomplished. This humorous heartwarming story about the power of music to heal and connect includes wonderful live mariachi music. The reservation deadline was January 23.

## THEATRE & THEOLOGY

Tickets cost \$35. Make check payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod. Note on check: T&T – American Mariachi – St. Paul ELCA. Mail check to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street - #1203; Denver, CO 80203-3125.

## Book Talk

Our next selection is **Being Mortal** by Atul Gawande. We will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 7 pm at Bonnie Carlson's home, 480 S Marion Pkwy #1206A. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Bonnie, 303-722-9892.



## February Lunch Bunch at Tequila's

Put on your sombreros and come to Tequila's, located at 1535 S. Kipling in Lakewood on February 1. You can dine on tortilla soup, all kinds of burritos, enchiladas, and tacos. And because Lent is only a few days away, now is the time to drink as many margaritas and eat as much flan as you can hold! Call Harriette Rubenstein for a reservation – 303 238-8815.

### 2018 Lunch Bunch Schedule

- March 1:** Fresh Fish Co., 700E. Hampden
- April 5:** Buckhorn Exchange, 1000 Osage St.
- May 3:** Imperial Chinese Seafood, 431 S. Broadway, Denver
- June 7:** Dushanbe Tea House, 1770 13th St., Boulder
- July 5:** The Lariat Lodge., 27618 Fireweed Dr., Evergreen
- August 2:** Creekside Cellars, 28036 Highway 74, Evergreen
- September 6:** Monaco Inn, 962 S. Monaco Pkwy., Denver
- October 4:** Black Eyed Pea, 94 Wadsworth, Lakewood
- November 1:** Brio's, 2500 First Avenue, Cherry Creek
- December 6:** 240 Union, Lakewood

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Penni on study leave until Feb. 6				1 7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	2	3 5pm Catholic Mass
Epiphany 5 4 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm St Martin's Chamber Choir Mardi Gras concert	5 1-5pm Street Reach 6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers	6	7	8 7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	9 6:30pm St Martin's Chamber Choir Mardi Gras concert	10 5pm Catholic Mass 6pm Small group discussion: call committee 6:30pm Mardi Gras dinner
Transfiguration 11 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	12 1-5pm Street Reach 6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers	13 6:30pm Congregational Council	14 Ash Wednesday 12noon Imposition of ashes 7pm Worship, imposition of ashes	15 7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	16	17 10am SAA meeting 5pm Catholic Mass
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