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



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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 Ecumenical Catholic Community.

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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INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BARBARA BERRY BAILEY October 28, 2018



Update: Street Reach has a New Location!

After 15 years of providing a free lunch on Mondays to hundreds of hungry people and a clothing bank at St. Paul Community of Faith, Street Reach has successfully relocated its programs in cooperation with Church in the City – Beth Abraham at 16th Avenue and Gaylord Street. Street Reach began serving meals at its spacious new location on Monday, November 19th. Church in the City is approximately 1.5 miles east of our building on 16th Avenue.

After much deliberation over several months, the church council asked that Street Reach suspend its activities while we reviewed the scope of the program and our capacity to support its activities. In a nutshell, the move was necessary because of the superior quality of the lunch experience at St. Paul's and the lack of sufficient space on church property to accommodate 600 or more people each Monday without violating building codes and occupancy permit numbers.

A Task Force led by Building and Property Chair, Greg Yonker, conducted an extensive transfer of equipment and supplies for preparing

and serving meals to hundreds of persons from St. Paul's to Church in the City. Most of these materials were purchased from a fund established five years ago by a generous gift from Dr. Marvin Gunn, Frank Gunn's father.

Frank Gunn, a Task Force member, estimates the value of these gifted materials at more than \$25,000. David Carlson and Fr. Sutton also served on the Task Force. Pastor Barbara and Joe Rodrick also participated in discussions.

At the same time, a Hungry and Homeless task force began meeting, chaired by Lori Eastman in an attempt to identify ways St Paul can continue to serve the poor in ways that are necessary and helpful and not redundant with available programs in our neighborhood. Its next meeting is Wednesday, December 12, at 7pm, and all are welcome to attend.

Kathleen and Dave Gomendi, founders of Street Reach 25 years ago, have expressed their personal thanks for the generosity of St Paul. St Paul Church members and friends are welcome to visit during Monday mealtime, 1-4pm.



Adult Forum for December

We begin this series on the first Sunday of Advent, which is December 2 this year. We will study the Lectionary readings for Advent. As you know, we enter a new year on that date, and the Gospel changes from Mark to Luke - Year C. Luke is the favorite of many people and without doubt has the most

famous Christmas narratives.

The Education Committee, Jim Harrer and Maryann O'Brien, hope you can join us. There may be a surprise presenter or two whom you won't want to miss! We meet downstairs from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sunday mornings.

29th Annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Vigil is December 21

From 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. on Friday, December 21, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless will hold its 29th Annual candlelight vigil on the front steps of the Denver City and County Building to

honor our neighbors who have lost their lives in 2018 while experiencing homelessness. If you're able to attend, it would be great to have representation from St. Paul's.

Congregational Council

Present: Jeff Parrott, Aaron Oberg, Lori Eastman, Lin Holly, Irene McCahill, Greg Yonker, Pastor Barbara Berry-Bailey, Father Don Sutton, and Maryann O'Brien

Staff and Officer Reports

Pastor Barbara Berry-Bailey was warmly received at her first Council Meeting.

- Pastor Barbara plans to visit every member of the congregation within the next year. Dorothy Stenman will accompany her and begin with the homebound.
- Pastor Barbara also intends to visit the ecumenical community organizations in Denver in order to assess the situation in Denver.

Father Don

- Irma Boltman's family gave a donation of \$500 in gratitude for St. Paul's care and support of Irma.
- Both Pastors spent several hours with Rudy Hauck, who is nearing the end of his life.
- Chris Connor from Denver's Road Home is trying to get occupancy signs.
- George Ertle is planning a Brunch after the Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. worship service. Council voted to give George a gift card for all his service when we were between sextons.
- We need to start reclaiming the kitchen and fitting it for parish use.
- ECC in this region voted to devise a proposal for electing a bishop. Father Don plans a series of talks and book discussions that will

acquaint both congregations about the ECC. These sessions might be on a Wednesday evening.

- Cinema Catholique might be reconstituted after Mass on Saturdays.

Treasurer's Report

- Aaron announced that pledges were at 97.2% this month, which is an increase of 3%. This is the 5th month in the fiscal year. We need a structure in place for communicating with members whose pledges are in arrears.
- Substantial discounts on computer software are available to non-profit organizations. St. Paul needs an easier accounting program, which these systems could provide.
- We need to move up our Congregational Meeting from June to May so that we can adopt a budget before people start travelling for the summer.
- Aaron has almost three people for the Finance Committee with Aaron as chair.
- Stewardship planning should be getting underway. We need to consider a mission focused budget instead of a monetary one.
- St. Paul is set up with Amazon Smile, which, like King Soopers, gives a percentage back to the church. We need to advertise these two programs because they – especially King Soopers – do bring in a fair amount.



Highlights Nov. 13, 2018

Property Ministry

- Greg announced that our new sexton is Gregg Halligan, who starts this weekend. Greg and George will train him, and Greg will handle the government forms.
- Greg is following up on storm damage to the roof, and the floors have been refurbished at a considerable savings. Re-keying for the second time cost \$350.
- It is time to reclaim the kitchen for parish use. It was moved and seconded that we replace the dishwasher that was leased with a corner style unit and that we use the money that Irma Boltman's family gave in her honor and that the Foundation be approached for the remainder. Passed unanimously.

Task Force on Homeless and Hungry in Our Neighborhood.

- Lori reported that the task force has gathered information from the Mayor's Office Road Home, Health Department, Impact Humanity et al.
- The need for food is not the most pressing. Safe shelter, showers, laundry facilities, mailing address accommodation, and access to computers rank higher.
- The task force also developed process questions that must be answered before selecting a project, which would then be presented to Council. Some of these considerations would be non-judgmental

relationships with those we help, our responsibilities as Christians, parking issues, finding funding, and whether the project would meet a real need that isn't being supplied elsewhere. When a list of viable projects is narrowed to 5-10, congregational input would be sought.

- Lori suggested that we invite the residents of the two neighboring apartment buildings to a supper in January.
- Irene mentioned the Friday December 21st Memorial Vigil for all the Homeless who died in 2018. It takes place at the Civic Center from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. There is also a tree lighting ceremony in Curtis Park on November 28th for the homeless population.

Fellowship: Lin thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Installation Reception for Pastor Barbara on Reformation Sunday.

Education: Maryann reported that Adult Forum will begin again on December 2nd with a Lectionary study and presentations by Father Don and Pastor Barbara.

Evangelism

- Irene reported that the Outreach Ministry would like a T-sign outside for Advent to go with the Christmas banner "Joy to the World." And all the signs and marketing should mention that St. Paul is also an ECC church.
- Irene will put a new table in the narthex with information about the church, the two congregations, ministries, and programs.

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Fleece Navidad returns for Advent

For the past few years, our congregations have generously donated sweatshirts and sweatpants to the St. Paul Health Center. The need is still there. There will be big baskets at the back of the nave beginning December 1. Men's and women's sweatsuits in all sizes are welcome. Father Don will deliver the outfits the week before Christmas, so please bring your donations by the weekend of December 15 - 16.

Thank you very much for your generosity in providing warmth and comfort to our housebound neighbors.



Congregational Council Highlights from Page 5

- Irene and Lin are still working on the new brochure, which will now include a map and Pastor Barbara's information.
- For \$250, we can become a member of Destination Colorado and have our information at three centers, all their publications, and on the website. Council agreed to this expense.
- Once we have our brochures, we could give some to hotel concierges for those looking for a place to worship in downtown Denver.
- We need more submissions from the ECC community in the St. Paul Newsletter. The deadline for December is Tuesday, November 20th. Father Michael could submit an article about the recent ECC Synod Assembly.

Old Business, New Business, and Updates

Street Reach News: Street Reach has found a new home at 16th and Gaylord. After an inventory, St. Paul will furnish Street Reach with spare pots and pans, etc. Pastor Barbara suggested we do a fund raiser to buy them something tangible like an ice machine for their new location. The Committee will begin work on this suggestion.

Pastor Barbara's time away: Pastor Barbara has been elected to the Board of the Ecumenical Women of the World Day of Prayer, and is a member of the White Privilege Conference as well as being a licensed spiritual director. These activities will take her away from St. Paul for several days in the near future.

Because the St. Paul congregations want to support her in these wonderful endeavors, it was moved and seconded that for the next eight months, till the end of the fiscal year, Pastor Barbara's job description be expanded to include these Professional Responsibilities on the church's behalf and at the church's expense where needed. Passed unanimously.

Worship Team: We need to solidify this ministry and start planning for Advent and Christmas. The members are Pastor Barbara, Father Don, Cantor Mark Filbert (Music), Janice Hoffman (Assisting Ministers), Maryann O'Brien (Sacristans). A meeting will be called soon.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maryann O'Brien, Secretary
Complete minutes are on the Communication Wall downstairs.

Music at St. Paul

Saint Paul Choir Welcomes “Christmas Singers”

Do you like to sing but feel you cannot commit regularly to the Saint Paul Choir? Then why not become a “seasonal singer,” and sing with the choir on **Christmas Eve, December 24**, at the **10:30 pm** prelude and the **11:00 pm** liturgy.

This year the extended Prelude and the liturgy that follows will feature music by Austrian-Hungarian composers spanning the 18th century from end of Baroque period through the Classical period and into the early Romantic period.

The Saint Paul Choir will sing a delightful cantata by Michael Haydn (the younger brother of the more famous Joseph Haydn) during the Prelude and motets by Gregor Werner and Franz Xaver Brixi during the during the Sequence and the Offering, respectively, all accompanied by string quartet.

“Seasonal” singers would need to commit to **three Thursday evening rehearsals** from **7-9 pm** on the **6th, 13th, and 20th of December**, as well as a **Saturday dress rehearsal** on the **22rd**, from **9a.m.-noon**. Contact Mark at mark@stpauldenver.org or 720.274.4708 for more information about seasonal choir participation.

Ars Nova Singers on December 9

On **Sunday, December 9** at **4 pm**, the Boulder-based **Ars Nova Singers**, one of Colorado’s finest vocal ensembles, will present a program entitled, ***In the Moon of Wintertime***, under the direction of Thomas Edward Morgan, and featuring the Colorado premiere of *The Consolation of Apollo* by Philadelphia composer Kile Smith.

This fascinating work celebrates the 50th

anniversary of Apollo 8, the first manned mission around the moon, which entered lunar orbit on Christmas Eve, 1968. Visit www.arsnovasingers.org for more information.

Rocky Mountain Ringers on December 14 and 15

On **Friday, December 14** at **7:30 pm**, and again on **Saturday, December 15** at **2:00 pm**, the **Rocky Mountain Ringers**, Denver’s leading semi-professional handbell ensemble, will present joyous holiday music in a concert entitled, ***Winter Wonderland***, under the direction of Jeffrey Harms. Visit www.rmringers.com for more information.

Columbine Chorale on December 16

On **Sunday, December 16**, at **4 pm**, the **Columbine Chorale**, led by Music Director Brian Eichenberger, will present ***A Ceremony of Carols***, a multi-movement work featuring a variety of carols as arranged by British composer Benjamin Britten for choir and harp. Visit www.columbinechorale.org for more information.

Saint Martin’s Chamber Choir on December 21

On **Friday, December 21**, at **7:30 pm**, Denver’s own **Saint Martin’s Chamber Choir**, led by Artistic Director Timothy Krueger, will perform a program entitled ***A Marian Christmas: Maiden and Mother***, featuring music by female composers, in honor of Mary, thus providing a uniquely feminine insight into the Nativity. Visit www.stmartinchamberchoir.org for more information.



Our next Play, **Last Night and the Night Before**, has its world premiere in January.

This play is about Monique and her 10-year old daughter, Samantha, who show up unexpectedly on her sister Rachel's Brooklyn doorstep. Their arrival shakes up Rachel and her partner Nadima's orderly life style. Monique is on the run from deep trouble and brings their family's Southern roots with her, grabbing hold of Rachel's life more ferociously than she could have ever imagined.

Poetic, powerful and remarkably funny, this play explores the struggle between the responsibilities that are expected of us and the choices we actually end up making.

Samantha has suffered a traumatic event. She

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is in the unfortunate position of being at the mercy of the adults in her life who are trying to safeguard her from what she has suffered, and now she is having to suffer the consequences of their

decisions. It is a play about the enduring love in our lives and a play about loss and finding your singular voice as a woman coming into adulthood.

We will see this play on January 29 at the Performing Arts Center. The deadline for purchasing a \$35 ticket is January 8. Make your check payable to the Rocky Mountain Synod and write T&T – Last Night and the Night Before – St. Paul ELCA on the memo line and mail check to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street #1203, Denver, CO 80203-3125.

Lunch Bunch • December 6 • 240 Union, Lakewood

Grocery Cards: An Easy Way to Support Our Church

Don't forget to use your King Soopers cards when shopping for groceries during the holiday season or any other time! Here's a short refresher on how to get cards and how to use them.

The getting part is easy: Just see Father Don and for a \$5 bill he will give you a King Soopers Gift Card that is preloaded with a balance of \$5! Whoever said you can't get something for nothing? Then, you take your card to either the cashier or customer service desk at your local King Soopers and load whatever amount you want on the card and go do your grocery shopping.

When you're ready to check out, you simply swipe the card at the register instead of paying with either cash or check.

Here are the answers to some other frequently asked questions about King Soopers cards:

Can I use the card for things other than groceries?

You can use your gift card to purchase any merchandise in the store EXCEPT Courtesy Desk Services and other gift cards. Services include things like lottery tickets, Western Union and money orders. You can also pay for fuel at King Soopers gas stations. Pretty cool, right?

How do I check the balance on my card?

Your balance will show on your register receipt each time you shop or you can visit the King Soopers website: www.kingsoopers.com and look for gift card on the listing; or call 1-866-822-6252. Even if you do use all the money on your card, you can still reload it within 90 days and not have a problem. After 90 days with a zero balance, you'll have to talk with Father Don again and start all over.

DO YOU SHOP AMAZON? If you answered yes, here's another way to help raise money for St. Paul's:

When you get ready to shop Amazon, go to this website: www.Smile.Amazon.com and find the area that lists charitable organizations. Select St. Pauls (NO APOSTROPHE) English Evangelical Church (that's the way we're listed there) and click on 'select' and you're all set!

Bookmark the site so it's easier to find or be sure to remember to type smile.amazon.com into your search bar so your purchases are counted.

Each time you make a purchase, St. Paul will get 0.5 percent of the purchase price (that's the cost of the item not including shipping & handling, tax, or gift wrap) of your items!

It's not a lot, but if a lot of us do this and we do it a lot, the cents become dollars.

Thank you to Ron Hoffman for setting up this easy way to give money to St. Paul!

Why do I want to get a King Soopers card?

The answer to that is really easy and good! First, you don't have to worry if there are things you need to buy and you're a little short on funds. Yes, you could use your credit card, but who wants to pay interest on *groceries*? Second (or maybe this is really #1) you're making another contribution to St. Paul with every use of your gift card! King Soopers makes a contribution of 5 percent of your total purchase any time you use your card.

All are welcome to join us for Christmas services

DECEMBER 24

4pm *Family Worship*

6:45pm *Musical prelude with strings, organ, and vocal quartet*

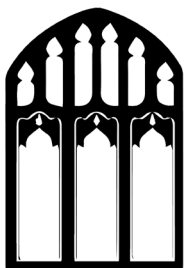
7pm *Festival Eucharist*

10:30pm *Musical prelude with strings, organ, and choir*

11pm *Festival Eucharist*

DECEMBER 25

10:30am *Christmas Day Eucharist*



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