



# March 2019

## Keeping in Touch

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



## 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.

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## 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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## Church Staff

**The Rev. Barbara Berry Bailey** | Lutheran Pastor

**The Rev. Don Sutton** | Catholic Pastor

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# Lenten Worship and Activities

Lent starts on March 6, and we've got lots of things happening at St. Paul., We're starting a day early: on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m., the Church Council is hosting a wild celebration of Mardi Gras (or Shrove Tuesday).

On Wednesday, March 6, Pastor Barbara and Father Don are taking to the streets from mid day (weather permitting) in order to offer the imposition of ashes to people walking in the neighborhood. Worship with Ashes will take place at 7 p.m. in the Church.

On March 13 at 6:30 p.m., it's time for the Lenten Supper and Prayer program to kick off and continue through April 10. This year, we're returning to a menu of soup, salad, and bread. There are signup sheets in the coffee area downstairs for use by the entire Community of Faith asking for donations for each week. Please consider giving a helping hand to this effort. We're going to need three crocks of soup, two salads and two loaves of bread each week as well as a couple of liters of soda. We'll also have coffee and tea available. Pastor Barbara will be leading a presentation on prayer, and then we'll all go upstairs for a Taizé prayer service. We hope to see everyone there!

At 7 p.m. on Friday, March 22, there will be a Stations of the Cross service.

And just for fun, the annual trek to Good Shepherd's fish fry will take place on Friday, March 29. We'll have more details about that in the weekly News & Notes and on the announcement sheet closer to the date.

Please mark your calendars for these events and check the April Newsletter for dates and times of worship and other events in April.



## ADULT FORUM IN MARCH

# Mary Through the Ages

What do Lutherans make of Mary, the mother of Jesus? Is she Theotokos (the God Bearer), or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven), Co-Redemptrix, some combination of these attributes, or something else entirely?

She is the only woman mentioned by name in the Koran, and Martin Luther wrote treatises on the Magnificat (the Song of Mary.) Join us in March as we study Mary through the ages and today, through Lutheran eyes and through Catholic eyes.

We begin on March 10<sup>th</sup> with a short film about the first century life Mary would have lived. Adult Forum meets on Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 downstairs. Everyone is welcome.

***Jim Harrer and Maryann O'Brien,  
Education Ministry Co-Chairs***



## Lunch Bunch 2019

**March 7:** Monaco Inn,  
962 S. Monaco Pkwy,  
Denver

**April 4:** Moosehill  
Cantina 11911 W.  
Colfax, Lakewood

**May 2:** Imperial  
Chinese Seafood, 431  
S. Broadway, Denver

**June 6:** Dushanbe  
Teahouse, 1770 13<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Boulder

**July 11:** Church Picnic

**August 1:** Benihana  
3295 S. Tamarac Dr.  
Denver

**September 5:** Euro  
Grill, 1025 Rose St.,  
Georgetown

**October 3:** Creekside  
Cellars, 28036  
Highway 74, Evergreen

**November 7:** Brio's,  
2500 First Avenue,  
Cherry Creek

**December 5:** 240  
Union, Lakewood

## March Birthdays

<b>Doris Zesbaugh</b>	March 5
<b>Paulette Trubey</b>	March 7
<b>Mark Filbert</b>	March 10
<b>Ted Fritschel</b>	March 10
<b>Robert McSherry</b>	March 10
<b>James Jackman</b>	March 11
<b>Kristine Overland</b>	March 15
<b>Diane Lundstrom</b>	March 16
<b>Jim Harrer</b>	March 17
<b>Breanna Nelson</b>	March 30



# St. Paul Supports Refugees Through Sponsorship of Ignatian Volunteer at Lutheran Family Services

By Anna Hanel

“When you find something that uses your best gifts and best intentions - it’s magic.”

That’s according to Susan Harman, an Ignatian Volunteer helping recently arrived refugees and asylees learn important job skills. She helps them create resumes and talks about American work culture and workplace etiquette. Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains Refugee & Asylee Programs had to drop its job readiness class as part of the current administration’s large budget cuts to refugee programs, so Susan’s work at LFS is especially needed this year.

Susan’s career in public health included volunteering, but this is the first time she is working directly with refugees. She began her year of volunteering last August and spends one day a week helping newcomers. “I grew up in a poor neighborhood,” she says, “one person really encouraged me and it make a huge difference.”

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is an organization of retired men and women who want to use their time and talents to help others. The organization’s volunteers commit one or two days per week to work directly with nonprofits that address issues that affect the poor. “IVC volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their apostolic work and discover the deeper meaning of the service they do,” says Erin Benson, Denver Regional Director for the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

IVC started in Baltimore nearly 25 years ago and began its Denver operation in 2017. There are currently 22 IVC volunteers here.

The program also connects each volunteer with a spiritual reflector who has significant formation in Ignatian Spirituality. “We are Catholic and Jesuit/Ignatian in our approach, but neither is a requirement for joining IVC,” Benson says.



**Jaime Koehler Blanchard of Lutheran Family Services and IVC Volunteer Susan Harman**

Lutheran Family Services Refugee & Asylee Community Programs Director Jaime Koehler Blanchard reached out to St. Paul leadership this winter, and our Council approved a sponsorship grant to support Susan’s volunteer work through the IVC program. Jaime is a former St. Paul member and knows we are a Lutheran and Catholic community and thought we’d be a great match to sponsor an Ignatian volunteer at LFS.

Susan Harman says, “I am truly grateful for the support of the St. Paul congregation. I know it’s really supporting LFS, but the contribution also supports me, the refugees I work with, and potentially even their families when they ultimately find employment.”

Anyone interested in becoming an Ignatian Volunteer can come to an informational session on March 20 at 10 a.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church at E. 23rd Ave. and York Street in the basement. You can also contact IVC Denver Regional Director Erin Benson at 303-394-2997, or by email [ebenson@ivcusa.org](mailto:ebenson@ivcusa.org). For more information, visit [www.ivcusa.org/denver](http://www.ivcusa.org/denver).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord 3</b>  <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Choir warmup <b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship <b>11:45am</b> Coffee	4	5	<b>6</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>7pm</b> Eucharist with imposition of ashes	7	1/8	2/9  <b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Lent 1 10</b>  <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Choir warmup <b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship <b>11:45am</b> Coffee	11	12	<b>6:30pm</b> Lenten supper and Taize	13	14	16  <b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Lent 2 17</b>  <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Choir warmup <b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship <b>11:45am</b> Coffee	18	19	<b>6:30pm</b> Lenten supper and Taize	20	21	22  <i>Newsletter  deadline</i>
<b>Lent 3 24</b>  <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Choir warmup <b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship <b>11:45am</b> Coffee <b>4pm</b> Columbine Chorale Concert	25	26	<b>6:30pm</b> Lenten supper and Taize	27	28	29  <b>2pm</b> Worth-Roach wedding <b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Lent 4 31</b>  <b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum <b>9:30am</b> Choir warmup <b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship <b>11:45am</b> Coffee						

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