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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.**

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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

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## From Pastor Penni

The time has come, the walrus said ... and now it is time to say goodbye. I do so with both joy and sorrow. I have cherished my time with all of you through both the ups and downs of our time together. St. Paul is an amazing congregation and I am grateful to have had this opportunity. I have learned a great deal personally and professionally and will take this knowledge with me into my next call.

I believe that St. Paul is now in a solid place and can move forward with your new Lutheran pastor, and it is my joy to turn you over to your new future. I will watch with excitement as you enter this new chapter.

But I am also deeply grieved to leave you. I have come to love you and will miss you in my daily life.

Listen to each other with loving kindness.

Share each other's joys and sorrows.

Let the past be past and embrace God's call to move on.

*Blessings in all things,*  
**Pastor Penni**

## Looking for a new sexton

In mid-July Mo Jamoum resigned and has moved to New York where he has family. The council voted to enter into a contract with a professional cleaning company for twice weekly cleaning service and will in addition hire a person to be the sexton of the church. Talk to anyone on council for more info.

George Ertle has volunteered to take care of cleaning and setting up as we move through this process.

# St. Paul Calls New ELCA Minister

## Two Years of Work Come to Fruition

**By Jeff Parrott, Council President**

On Sunday, August 26, St. Paul reached a major milestone when the congregation called The Rev. Barbara Berry-Bailey to be our new Lutheran pastor.

It has been nearly a two year process. Father Don stepped in when Pastor Kevin retired. Pastor Penni arrived to lead us through the transition as our Interim Pastor. She led us through a series of meetings as we worked through our “baggage” and prepared to move forward.

A Transition Team was created, and they spent months working on questions like “who are we?” and “where are we going?” Next was the formation of the Call Committee. Ultimately, with the leadership of Jeri Rodrick and Maryann O’Brien, a candidate was unanimously selected and presented to the Congregational Council. Another unanimous vote, this time by the Council, led us to the August 26 vote.

It has been a long and thoughtful process. Many folks were involved. The makeup of the committees was very diverse.

There is joyous excitement in the potential calling of The Rev. Barbara Berry-Bailey to join us here at St. Paul. We are also happy to report that a compensation agreement has been reached that falls within our approved budget.

Please take the time to read through the document (following the calendar) that introduces Pastor Barbara.

## Bridge Pastor Arrives Sept. 16

The Office of the Bishop has selected a bridge pastor to lead the Lutheran Community through the time between Pr. Penni’s departure and Pr. Barbara’s arrival. The departure we know — September 9. The arrival is still being determined.

Pr. Stephanie Kopsch will join us on Sunday, September 16.

Of course, we still will have the leadership of Fr. Don and the help of the Catholic Community to compliment Pr. Stephanie’s efforts.

She is in Germany visiting her parents and returns to the U.S. on September 13.

She has worshiped at St. Paul when Pr. Kevin was here. She served on a committee with Mark Filbert and met Fr. Don at an event. She brought a group of pastors from Germany and they served at Street Reach, and one stayed with the Harrers while in Denver. So, she knows us and is an experienced bridge pastor, serving a small parish in Wyoming most recently. She is very excited to be a part of our process.

She is excited to meet and work with us all.

Please remember Pr. Penni, Fr. Don, Pr. Stephanie, and Pr. Barbara in your prayers!

— **Jeff Parrott**

# Thanks to Pastor Penni!

Nearly two years ago Pastor Penni Walsh arrived at our door to help us through our transition from Pastor Kevin to our new Lutheran pastor. So much was involved in her work here.

Much has been accomplished. We have learned a great deal more about ourselves and each other. We interact in a different way than we did when she arrived. We were better prepared on Sunday, August 26 to call our new pastor because of Pastor Penni.



So, Thanks to Pastor Penni. Enjoy your time in Ireland. Don't stay inactive too long, there is another congregation that will need your special talents and insight to get them back on track and moving into the future!

*Best wishes always — The Congregational Council*

## Pastor Penni's Reception is Sept. 9

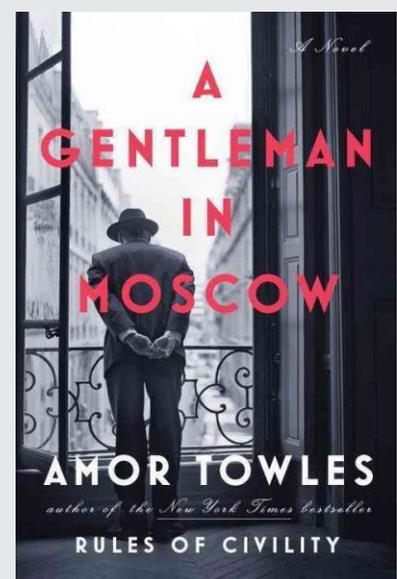
Sunday, September 9 will be Pastor Penni's last Sunday with us, and there will be a reception downstairs from noon to 2 p.m. Pastor Penni has served St. Paul for the past 20 months and has worked diligently to pastor to us and to lead us through what we've needed to accomplish to be ready to call a new Lutheran pastor.

Everyone is invited to join us for cake, coffee, wine and light snacks and to sign a card or drop off one of your own to say thank you and to wish her well. Come and share this special time with her.

## Book Talk

Book Talk will be discussing **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors.

Tuesday, September 18, 7pm  
Bonnie Carlson's home, 480 S. Marion Pkwy #1206A.  
303-722-9892



# Grant Street Reach Update

The Congregational Council, at its August meeting, created a Homeless and Hungry in Our Neighborhood Task Force. The purpose is to look at what we are doing to help those around us who are in need, to determine if what we are doing is the best we can do, and to suggest changes to our ministry to ensure we are doing all we can do. The timeframe for evaluation, education, and action is up to six months.

It was decided to suspend the operation of Grant Street Reach (GSR) during the process. They will serve Monday lunches through September 24. Lunch service will then be “on hold” while the

- : Task Force determines the best way forward.
- : Lori Eastman, Vice President of the Council, will chair the Task Force. Those with experience in working with hunger and homelessness issues are encouraged to be a part of the team. GSR has been invited to participate in the process and others will be, such as our neighbors, agencies and others.
- : Working together we can ensure that we are of service to those we can help. Let’s be the best we can be.
- : In the City for Good!

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## Looking for Some Art?

Here are a couple of opportunities to pique your interest in miniature paintings and other artwork:

The Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys will be holding its 38th Annual Fall Show and Sale. It’s at the Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech, 7801 East Orchard Road in Greenwood Village on Saturday, September 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Included among the exhibits will be miniature watercolors by Spirit Songs Original Art and Ritual, owned by Fr. Michael Nicosia. Two-day admission prices for the event are: Museum members \$7, Seniors (62+) \$7, Adults \$8, Children (3-12) \$4, Children 2 and under free.

The Aurora Artists Guild is holding its 24th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show in the Fine Arts Building of the Community College of Aurora, 16000 East Centre Tech Parkway, Aurora, 80011. The juried art show runs from October 3 through November 2 with the Awards Reception on Friday November 5. On Friday, October 26 Broadway Cabaret will play music from 7-8:30 p.m. The ensemble made up of Patricia LeBlanc, Lori Leah Monet and our very own Father Michael Nicosia will be donating their talent to support the arts. They will have a tip jar available if you’d like to support their efforts.

It sounds like a wonderful, fun filled evening of entertainment and an opportunity to check out the work of local artists!

## Adult Forum

### One in Christ: ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice

In the spring, members of both congregations took time to read and share their opinions on this Draft for Study and Response.

Now is the time to consolidate our suggestions so that they can be sent in before the deadline on September 30. The Education Committee invites you to bring your notes and join us on Sunday morning, September 16 during Adult Forum as we put together a final report to send in.

There will be a summary handout available the on September 9. For more information, contact Jim Harrer or Maryann O’Brien.

# The Constant Wife: Oct. 2

Our next play is entitled **The Constant Wife**. Constance Middleton is the calm, intelligent and self-possessed wife of John Middleton, a successful London doctor. Knowing full well of her husband's infidelity with her best friend Marie-Louise, she purposefully pretends that she has no idea of the affair.

When Marie-Louise's jealous husband publicly confronts Constance about their spouses' affair, Constance protects her husband and Marie-Louise by cleverly lying to disprove his evidence. Later, she reveals to her family that she has known of the affair all along and further confounds them by demonstrating a total lack

of sentiment on the subject of matrimony. Resolving to establish her own economic independence, she goes into business as an interior decorator with her friend Barbara.

After she takes London by storm in her new role, she insists on paying her husband room and board. Then, she takes an Italian vacation with an admirer. Her husband is shocked and outraged, but finally capitulates to her outrageous charm.

This play will be seen on October 2 at the Performing Arts Center. The deadline for purchasing a \$35 ticket is September 11. Please make your



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check payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod and write T&T –The Constant Wife – St. Paul ELCA on the memo line and mail check to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street - #1203; Denver, CO 80203-3125.

## Go Behind the Scenes With Pastor Bollman

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the Denver Center Theatre Company or where all the sets, scenery and costumes are created?

On Monday, September 17 at 2 p.m., Pastor Dan Bollman will meet a group of 12 at the main entrance of the DCTC and take them on a field trip that visits two or three of the theaters and includes a little peek back stage and a tour of the set design studio, the costume creation shop, the prop shop and the paint shop.

The tour lasts for 1½ hours and includes plenty of walking, but stairs can be avoided.

Pastor Dan says there are very few negatives to the event, but if he had to cite a couple they would be 1) having to pay \$8.00 each for the experience and 2) having to listen to him for 90 minutes.

There is a signup sheet at the back of the church. Space is limited to the first 12 people who sign up.

Feel free to contact Lin Holly at blazerneon@gmail.com or Dorothy Stenman at dstenman@comcast.net with questions.

Checks may be made payable to Dan Bollman and given directly to Dan.

## 2018 Lunch Bunch Schedule

**September 6:** Monaco Inn, 962 S. Monaco Parkway, Denver

**October 4:** Black Eyed Pea, 94 Wadsworth, Lakewood

**November 1:** Brio's, 2500 First Avenue, Cherry Creek

**December 6:** 240 Union, Lakewood

The Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls & Toys

# 38<sup>TH</sup> Annual Fall Show & Sale

Exhibitors  
include

**Spirit  
Songs**

ORIGINAL ART & RITUAL

Fr. Michael J. Nicosia  
and his miniature watercolors!

**Sept. 8 & 9**

**Saturday, 10am-5pm & Sunday, 11am-4pm**

Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech, 7801 E Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village CO

Show & Sale 2-Day Admission Prices:

Museum Members \$7 **Seniors (62+)** \$7 Adults \$8 **Children (3-12)** \$4 Children < 2 Free

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Ordinary Time 22</b> <b>2</b>  <b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship <b>11:45am</b> Coffee <b>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting	<b>3</b>  <b>1-5pm</b> Street Reach	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
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<b>Ordinary Time 23</b> <b>9</b>  <b>9:30am</b> Choir warmup <b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship <b>11:45am</b> Coffee <b>12noon-2pm</b> Reception for Pastor Penni <b>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting	<b>10</b>  <b>1-5pm</b> Street Reach	<b>11</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> Congregational Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Ordinary Time 24</b> <b>16</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>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting	<b>17</b>  <b>1-5pm</b> Street Reach	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Ordinary Time 25</b> <b>23</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>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting	<b>24</b>  <b>1-5pm</b> Street Reach	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Ordinary Time 25</b> <b>30</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>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting	<h1>September 2018</h1>					



## **Introducing our candidate: Pastor Barbara Berry-Bailey**

### **PERSONAL MINISTRY STATEMENT**

As one who is experienced in communication and congregational ministry, I feel called to opportunities to proclaim the good news of God's love in Christ, to embody that love through servant leadership of shepherding a community in Christ that seeks to know God's presence, to feel the grace of Jesus and to see the work of the Spirit every day.

### **Formal Education**

MASTER OF DIVINITY THEOLOGY 1992 Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

ASSOCIATE BACHELOR OF ARTS GENERAL STUDIES 1971 Highland Park Junior College Highland Park, MI

BACHELOR OF ARTS COMMUNICATIONS/MASS COMMUNICATION 1974 University of Michigan

### **Life Long Learning Experiences**

2015 Spiritual Direction Certification Course

2014 Intentional Interim Ministry Training

2014 Conversational French

2014 Landmark Forum/Advanced Course

2011 Pilgrimage to Taize Community, France

### **Work History**

In chronological order and beginning with the most recent, list up to five significant work experiences.

1. ELCA Church wide Office - Global Mission Manager for Relationships in East and Southern Africa

2009 – 2017 Chicago IL

2. ELCA Church wide Office - Communication Services Associate Producer for "Grace Matters," the radio ministry of the ELCA 2006 – 2009 Chicago IL

3. ELCA Church wide Office - Congregational Ministries Associate for Worship 2002 – 2006 Chicago IL

4. Trinity Lutheran Church (Germantown) Pastor 1995 - 2002 Philadelphia PA

5. Advent Lutheran Church Assistant Pastor 1992 - 1995 West Lawn PA

**Describe your ministry site** as to its characteristics (e.g. rural, ecumenical, multiple point, or agency), purpose and relationship to the larger church.

Pastor Barbara Berry-Bailey is filling an interim position in Salt Lake City. Situated in the midst of an overwhelming Mormon presence, she faithfully and continually works to be a welcoming and truly inclusive community of faith, employing the slogan, "God's house. Your home." Offering both traditional and contemporary worship, the only contemporary worship in "the valley," Pastor Barbara is a founding and active participant in Family Promise (formerly known as the Interfaith Hospitality Network) providing transitional housing for families; Stephen Ministries, and is affiliated with local social justice organizations.

The leadership is active in and often hosts the Rocky Mountain Utah Conference meetings, as well as the Bishop's Fall Missional Gatherings.

## **Part II: COMPETENCIES OR SPECIALIZATIONS**

Preaching / Worship Leadership Christian Education Spiritual Formation / Direction Stewardship / Building a Sense of Community

### **Areas of Strength**

Music / Worship / Arts Youth and Family Ministry Conflict Management / Pastoral Care and Visitation / Small Group Ministry

### **Examples of Competencies**

Preaching / Worship Leadership

Serving as one of the pastors (preaching and worship leadership) of Diverse United Church in Norwood Park, a federated congregation made up of Norwood Park Lutheran Church, St. Albans Episcopal Church and New Hope United Methodist Church. Diverse United is currently in the redevelopment process and I preach regularly and share worship responsibilities with the other pastors. I had been leading an adult Bible study for the seven years at Faith Lutheran Church in Chicago, as well as Confirmation Classes for two years and a Bible study leader for a Lenten series at the Church wide Office.

### **Spiritual Formation / Direction**

Trained and certified as a Spiritual Director through the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly known as "The Claretians." I currently work with three directees and participate in monthly supervision sessions with other spiritual directors. As the former development director for WRTI-FM, I was able to use fundraising skills, coupled with theological training, to increase congregational giving.

### **Building a Sense of Community**

1. Development of Companion Synod networks for all of Africa. 2. Development of curriculum for facilitating conversations on race and culture for the nine ELCA Global Mission Regional Gatherings 3. Serving as an associate clergy person in Diverse United Community Church, an ecumenical worshipping community (Lutheran, Episcopal and United Methodist; a collaborative community church in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod.

## **REFLECTIONS ON MINISTRY**

Born into the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, I sensed the called to ministry of word and sacrament in my youth. Having attended Lutheran day-schools until high school, I was rooted in the Word, creating a longing to study the scriptures in the original languages and interpret that Word for others. As I awaited the day of women's ordination during my career in communication, I served as a Sunday School teacher and congregational youth ministry worker until joining the ELCA and attending seminary.

My sense of call undergirds every aspect of who I am as a wife, (now a widow) a mother of adult children, a grandmother, a friend, a colleague but more importantly, a child of God.

The living word of God is the foundation of my life and continues to grow in me and prayerfully, through me. The three most prominent themes that others would say are evident in my speaking, teaching, leading and living are 1) God's unconditional love for us and our response to love and forgive others; 2) the roles and responsibilities of the community in Christ, and 3) Lutheran doctrine (what we believe and teach).

**The best use of my gifts, skills and passions would be in a city or suburban, program-sized setting that values liturgical worship and has an appreciation for diverse musical styles; provides Christian educational for all ages; reaches out to the community in which it resides and is open and hospitable to all people; promotes intergenerational lay leadership; is generous in giving or willing to grow in giving; and is willing to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and "think outside the box" with respect to how it does ministry.**

In my work at the Church wide Office, I have been able to develop companion synod networks for six partner churches; the Malagasy Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia, connecting and collaborating with 37 ELCA synods. Prior to the development of the networks, synods had been working without collaboration and therefore no knowledge of what the other was doing. With annual consultation and quarterly virtual gatherings (Web-ex), the synergy created has given new life to dormant relationships.

In this work, I have grown in my understanding of the global church, that is, not only foreign churches but gained a clearer perspective on the dynamics in the ELCA. My work also involves education in racial justice education, helping ELCA members understand how race and culture issues affect their ability to walk with our companions.

### **Denominational Relationship**

I encourage participation in synodical and church wide committees and include a unit on Lutheran Ecclesiastical Polity in the Catechumenate process.

### **Public Ministry**

I have been told by my colleagues that my style is somewhat informal, though not casual. For example, though I prefer that members of my congregation address me by my first name, I ask that they use my title and call me "Pastor Barbara." I seek to eliminate walls that divide but am always respectful of boundaries that "make good order,"

I solicit different perspectives and try to bring about clarity and understanding. I do not avoid the "hot topics" but am careful in using them to stimulate conversations that result in building authentic relationships beyond mere tolerance.

### **CANDIDATE COMMENTARY**

As I mentioned earlier, at the invitation of the Episcopal Church, I am currently serving as one of the pastors of an ecumenical, federated congregation. My gifts as a spiritual director were needed to work with members of the three denominations during the process the many discernment processes involved. This I do without financial compensation (except for preaching). What is happening at Diverse United is a new and different model of Christian community and my affiliation with this community is life-giving for me.

### **COMMUNITY AND CHURCHWIDE INVOLVEMENT**

2006 - Producer, "Evangelical Lutheran Worship," the worship resource video introduction

Member, WELCA Anti-Racism Planning Team

2002 - On-Camera Host, "This Holy Night Christmas Eve Worship Special" CBS, Christmas Eve 2002

2000 - 2002 Volunteer, Girl Scouts of Southeastern Pennsylvania

Former member, Executive Committee, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council

Former member, Learning Team for the ELCA National Youth Gathering 2003

Speaker, 1999 Lutheran Student Movement National Conference, Washington, DC

Preacher "Thirty Good Minutes," WTTW-TV, Chicago, Illinois, 1998, 2000 "The Protestant Hour" 2000

Writer, Devotions for Councils and Committees, 1998, ELCA Department for Communications

Contributing Writer Sundays and Seasons 2003, 2005 Augsburg Fortress

What Can Happen When We Pray, 2001, Augsburg Fortress

The Word in Season, Augsburg Fortress, 1999, 2001

God's Story is My Story, edited by Walter Wangerin, Augsburg Fortress Publishers

Lutheran Women Today, magazine of the Women of the ELCA

Bible Study Leader 1995 Church wide Assembly, Minneapolis 1997

Evangelism Conference, Pittsburgh

### **Discernment Process**

*I recently celebrated my twenty-sixth year in Word and Sacrament Ministry, of which fifteen years of those years have been in the Church wide organization in the areas of worship, radio production and global mission. For the last ten years, at the request of the congregations, on a part-time basis, I served concurrently with my church wide responsibilities. I have been blessed to serve this church in two of the three expressions (church wide and congregational). It is the congregational expression in which I feel my gifts for ministry are best suited.*