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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.

Church Staff

The Rev. Barbara Berry Bailey | Lutheran Pastor

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DENVER PRIDE FEST

St. Paul to Team Up with Episcopalians at PrideFest

PrideFest is June 15 and 16 and St. Paul has been invited to share a booth with other Lutherans and Episcopalians again this year. We are looking for volunteers. Shifts are two hours each.

Learn more and sign up at <https://colorado-integrity.webnode.com>.

We're looking forward to having a good time there again this year!

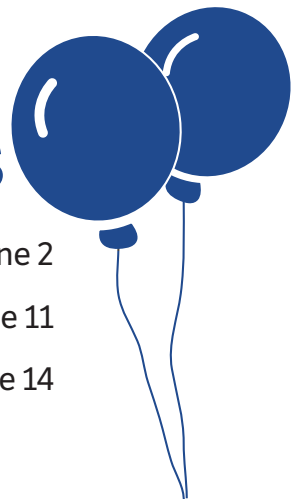
If you have questions, please contact Lin Holly.

June Birthdays

Judy Harrer June 2

Harriette Rubenstein June 11

Rick Greene June 14



A Joyful Noise



First-ever Jazz Vespers at St. Paul set for Pentecost Sunday June 9th

An ancient service of prayer, evening vespers can be uplifting and creative, thanks to lively jazz music.

It seems a fitting new program at our community of faith. This evening worship will include readings, a message, and lively jazz lifting up the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jazz vespers began in New York City in the 1960s. Pastor John Gensel of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City befriended the city's musicians. He designed a service of prayer and jazz on Sunday evenings for people who played late night gigs on Saturday night and couldn't make it to Sunday morning worship.

Rev. Barbara Berry-Bailey is organizing the program and says, "It was Duke Ellington who once said, 'There is no language God does not understand.' Jazz is simply another musical idiom in which we proclaim the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. It seemed right and logical that on the festival of Pentecost St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community of Faith offer a prayer service in the jazz idiom."

Rev. Berry-Bailey has invited the Barry Sames Ensemble to Denver to bring their musical talents to St. Paul in the church's first-ever jazz vespers



program at 7 pm on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

Barry Sames is a seasoned pianist/composer, producer, and educator. He has taken his music around the world, and sees music as a bridge to cultural understanding and peace.

The New Jersey native brought his jazz music into the church, composing and arranging for jazz vespers concerts, performing in churches nationwide. Since 2000, Mr. Sames has produced various jazz and gospel artist projects.

He is currently Director of Music and Worship Arts at Living Word Lutheran Church in Katy, Texas. Mr. Sames and his wife, Naida, continue to make music both abroad and in the community.

All are welcome to attend jazz vespers — spread the word! A free-will offering will be received.

Anna Hanel

Council Highlights from May 14, 2019

Pastor Barbara's Report

Worship on Marathon Sunday will take place at Platt Park Brewery on S. Pearl Street because of the Colfax Marathon.

Jazz Vespers is set for 7:00 pm on Pentecost, June 9th. Pastor Barbara will issue a call for donations to offset the cost of the musicians.

Stewardship for All Seasons team consists of Ron Hoffman, Karlene Burrell, and Andrea Arey.

Semi-Annual Leadership Retreat / Strategic Planning meeting will be scheduled in August or September. Tina Kvieck from the Synod will discuss a Ministry Funding Plan.

Treasurer's Report

The Finance Committee recommends this original plan: Tithes on the budget of \$21,060 would be distributed 20% to the ECC and 80% to the RMS.

The \$10,000 one-time gift, not part of the budget, is restricted to fund a program similar to LAM.

Our goal for the next year is to find more money so that we don't exhaust our reserves. Last year, we had \$160,000 in our account and spent down \$80,000. If we do that again, we may not survive.

Ministry Team Reports

Fellowship: Lin reported that we need volunteers to staff the booth at Gay Pride on June 14th and 15th. We are sharing a booth with the Episcopalians. The ECC also has a booth. Lin is also looking into a venue for a church picnic late this summer.

Homeless and Hungry Task Force: Anna Hanel suggested that we drop Street Reach from our list of five organizations that we support. Street Reach is not in existence at this time, having left their location on Gaylord Street. Council agreed to support Anna's suggestion. Jeff will get an updated list of available places for food support for people coming to our doors.

Minutes by Maryann O'Brien, Secretary

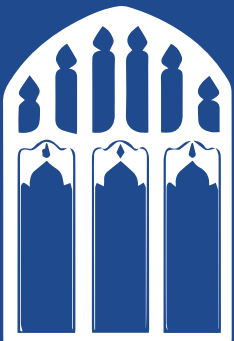
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 2

Following the 10:30am service

Presentation of the 2019-2020 budget





Lunch Bunch Journeys to Tajik Tea House

Lunch Bunch will meet at the Dushanbe Tea House in Boulder on Thursday, June 6.

Address: 1770 13th St., Boulder.

Learn more about the tea house at www.boulderteahouse.com.

The first Thursday in July is Independence Day, so Janice Ahrendt will get a consensus from the group about when and where to meet in July. Watch the weekly News & Notes for more information about July's get together and please watch July's newsletter for information about a church picnic.

Lunch Bunch 2019

June 6: Dushanbe Teahouse, 1770 13th St., Boulder

July: TBA

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

Shopping for St. Paul is Easier Than Ever

King Soopers has changed the way shoppers contribute to St. Paul. It's now much simpler. No more need to add money to a gift card and then use it to pay for your groceries! You can now pay any way you want. Here's the whole process:

Use your King Soopers shopping card — it will need to be linked to St. Paul. [Click here](https://bit.ly/2MdiNt0) or go <https://bit.ly/2MdiNt0>



Use your shopping card with every purchase and the King Soopers contribution will be credited to St. Paul.

It is as simple as that! Need help setting it up? Call the office for help from Lori Arias. 303-839-1432

A Reminder:

Use Our New Name Tags and Signup List

You were probably invited to have a name tag made on Easter morning. Because Pastor Barbara is still learning our names and because we have some new folks worshiping with us, a suggestion was made by Rachel and Andrea that name tags could be helpful, so we're making name tags for everyone and asking that you wear yours each time you come to worship.

Diane Lundstrom started the effort on Easter morning and will continue until everyone has one. There is a wicker basket on the table by the water cooler in the back of the church where the name tags will be kept and sorted into alphabetical order so they're easier to find when you enter. After worship, just put your name tag back in the basket so you can find it next time you come to church.

If anyone is interested in helping to write names on the tags or in assembling the name tags, please contact Diane on Sunday morning. She would appreciate the assistance.

There are also two clipboards at the back of the church where you can PRINT your name and email address so we can make sure that our email list is up to date.

If you've changed your email address or haven't been getting emails from the church office (like the weekly News & Notes) please take a moment and help us to be able to get in touch with you and share information.

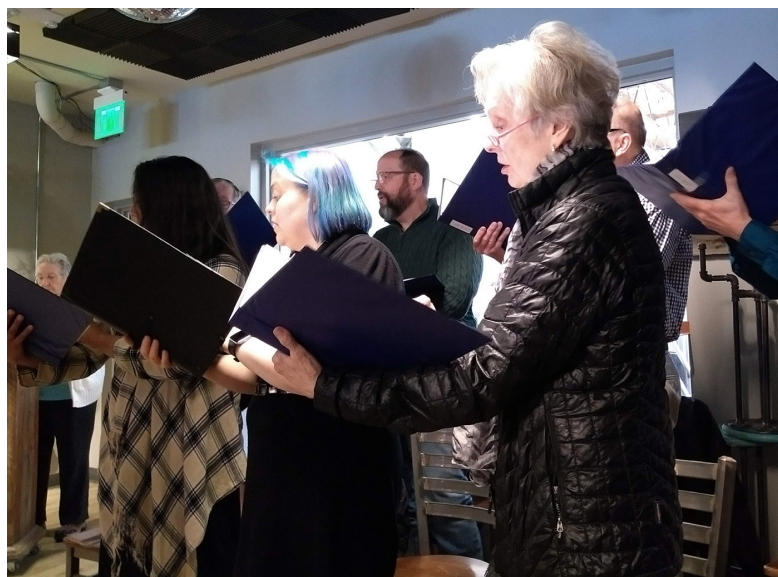


Forty Lutherans Walk Into a Bar ...

Worship took a field trip to the Platt Park Brewing Company on Sunday, May 19, in order to avoid conflict with the Colfax Marathon.

Except for the location, not much was different about the experience: the hymns were sung a cappella and the choir led us beautifully, Pastor Barbara delivered a meaningful and inspiring sermon and we were all in God's presence as we celebrated the Eucharist. Carolyn Swenson presented a 'Temple Talk' and gave a short report on her experiences at Synod Assembly. All in all, it was a successful journey!

Photos and article by Lin Holly



Report from the 2019 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly

The Rocky Mountain Synod (RMS) Assembly met in Albuquerque from May 3-5, 2019. Pastor Barbara Berry Bailey, Cantor Mark Filbert, and lay voting members Joe Rodrick and Carolyn Swenson attended from St. Paul. The theme was “Be Transformed.” Here are several highlights from the gathering (click on the links to learn more about specific topics):

- The 2019-2020 [RMS Budget](#) was approved and includes an increase in mission support to the Churchwide Organization from 47% to 47.5%.
- A resolution passed to allow [Campus Ministry students](#) to be lay voting members at future RMS assemblies.
- A [memorial](#) to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly calls for protections for Palestinian Children who are detained by the Israeli military. Note: it will be considered at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August in Milwaukee.
- A resolution was approved to allow electronic attendance from one of five locations for the 2020 RMS Assembly.
- The [RMS Strategic Plan 2.0](#) was affirmed.
- We heard reports from Bishop Gonia, Synod Vice President Earline Bohling, and ELCA Representative Mary Campbell.
- The new [RMS Youth Council](#) was commissioned.
- Border Ministries and immigration accompaniment ministry partners were recognized for their work with refugee resettlement and border hospitality. Note:

several RMS churches and the Border Servant Corps have been very involved in accompanying migrant children and families who have crossed the border seeking asylum in the U.S.

- We had opportunities to learn about local ministries through off-site excursions in the Albuquerque area or to attend one of several onsite workshops.

We listened to a recorded message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton titled For Such a Time about the work of the ELCA. You can watch Bishop Eaton’s message here: [For Such a Time-Presiding Bishop Eaton](#)

The keynote speaker for the assembly was Franciscan priest Father Richard Rohr, who founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque. Fr. Rohr is an extremely engaging and inspiring speaker who challenged us to claim and experience the transformative wisdom of the Christian contemplative tradition as a vehicle for the healing of ourselves, creation and the world that God loves so much. You can watch Fr. Rohr’s talks (and view other videos from synod assembly) on the RMS Vimeo channel here: <https://vimeo.com/rmselca>

I am so grateful to the St. Paul council and community for the opportunity to attend this year’s synod assembly. Please feel free to reach out with questions or to learn more about our synod.

Carolyn Swenson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Easter 7 2 9:30am Choir warmup 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Congregational meeting 3pm St. Martin's Chamber Choir	3	4	5	6 12pm Lunch Bunch - Boulder 7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	7	1/8 9am SAA meeting (June 1) 5pm Catholic Mass
Pentecost 9 9:30am Choir warmup 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 4pm Columbine Chorale 7pm Jazz Vespers	10	11	12	13	14	15
		6:30pm Congregational Council		7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal		5pm Catholic Mass
Holy Trinity 16 9:30am Choir warmup 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	17	18	19	20	21	22
				<i>Newsletter deadline</i>		5pm Catholic Mass
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