

# August 2019

## Keeping in Touch

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



Is 2020 your time to serve as a leader at St. Paul?  
See pages 2 and 3 for opportunities.

## 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

**Deacon Mark Alan Filbert** | Cantor

**Valerie Brown** | Musician

**Jeff Parrott** | Council President

**Lori Arias** | Office Manager

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## This is Your Call to Serve Your Church

Soon enough it will be January and time for our annual meeting when we elect new members to the Congregational Council. We have several leadership roles to fill so we are bringing this to the forefront earlier than normal.

The current Council members have been faithful leaders in the transition process from Pastor Kevin to Pastor Barbara. A great deal has been accomplished. We wrapped up one ministry, took on an interim and bridge ministries, and called a new pastor to our faith community.

Now we have an exciting opportunity to create a Council to lead St. Paul into its future. Please consider participating.

Some Council members also serve as Team (Committee) Chairs. There are also three officers to be selected from the Council — which includes Catholics and Lutherans.

Three existing Council members are planning to remain at least another year. Others are term-limited or worn out!

So, here are the specific opportunities:

- President / Council member
- Vice President / Council member
- Secretary / Council member
- Education chair / Council member
- Evangelism chair / Council member
- Council member – at least three and as many as volunteer

Self-nomination is easiest for everyone! Otherwise, the Nominations Team — Jeff Parrott, Maryann O'Brien, and Irene McCahill — will be searching out the next leaders of our community. Feel free to contact any of these three with questions or concerns.



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## **Memorial Service for The Rev. Dr. Ted Fritschel**

**Sunday, August 11 at 1 pm**

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### **BAPTISM at ST. PAUL**

James Robert Griffith IV was welcomed into the family of God on Sunday, July 21, when his parents, Stephanie and Robert James Griffith III, his grandparents, and his sponsors Joe and Anna Hanel presented him for baptism. Welcome them when you see them!



### **Parish Party**

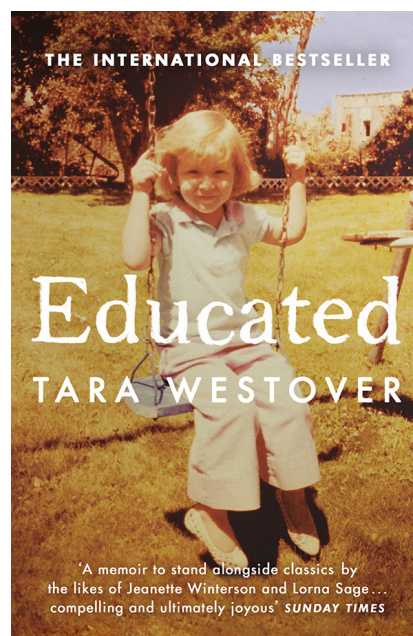
The 2019 edition of St. Paul's parish appreciation party will take place on August 25 at Embassy House condominiums, 1250 Humboldt St. in Denver, near Cheesman Park.

Watch for more information coming soon!

## **Could you serve on the Foundation's Board of Directors?**

The death of Bob McSherry created a vacancy for a member of the Foundation board member. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Jeff Parrott.

The Council will nominate and approve a candidate as soon as possible. The Foundation meets four times per year. Please feel free to ask the remaining board members any questions or concerns you might have: John Hansen, Jeff Jacob, Bonnie Carlson, Joe Hanel.



### **Book Talk**

Book Talk's next selection is *Educated* by Tara Westover. We will meet on Tuesday, August 6 at 7 pm at Bonnie Carlson's home, 480 S Marion Pkwy, 1206A. For more information call Bonnie at 303-722-9892.



# ‘Indecent’ to Start New Season

The new theatre season begins with the play entitled **Indecent**.

This 1923 play when staged on Broadway was deemed “indecent” and the production banned because it showed two young women passionately embracing and dancing in the rain. Today, the scene as beautifully performed in a brief downpour is now seen as lovely and so unobjectionable one might wonder what all the fuss was about.

In 1907, a 21year old man in Warsaw wrote the play and called it God of Vengeance. It became a huge hit in many foreign cities but when shown in New York, it was shut down.

The drama centers on an Orthodox Jew who runs a brothel and is having a spiritual crisis about his line of work. Meanwhile, his teenage virgin daughter and one of the women he pimps fall in a kind of spiritual love, precipitating that rain scene.

In this fine production, vaudeville meets melodrama and the mashup is fascinating. All

## THEATRE & THEOLOGY

ten actors in the cast play actors; three play musical instruments. A stage manager character introduces us to this motley theatrical troupe, who will tell us the story of the play within the play.

The troupe’s harmonies are stirring and the ensemble moves eloquently, as in the rousing clap-and-stomp opener. Several scenes are out-and-out vaudeville, played in a broad acting style and lit by footlights, the best of which is a number set in a Berlin cabaret.

The play will be seen in the Space Theatre on September 10. Following the performance, Dan Bollman will lead a discussion of the play with the cast members and audience. Deadline for purchasing a \$35 ticket is August 20. Make check payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod. Note on memo line of check: T&T - INDECENT- St. Paul ELCA and mail the check to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street #1203; Denver, CO 80203.



# August Birthdays



<b>Brigitta Robinson</b>	August 2
<b>Ric White</b>	August 4
<b>Dena Williams</b>	August 5
<b>Vincent Wolfe</b>	August 9
<b>Dan Bollman</b>	August 11
<b>Rick Gardzalla</b>	August 13
<b>Paul Strasen</b>	August 17
<b>Liz Begalla</b>	August 20
<b>Kathleen Ohman</b>	August 22
<b>Elizabeth Garcia</b>	August 26
<b>Joe Hanel</b>	August 26
<b>Jeff Harms</b>	August 26

## Lunch Bunch at Benihana

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH at Benihana's restaurant at 3295 South Tamarac Drive at 11:30 a.m. on August 1. We'll look forward to seeing you there! Please note the slight change in time. We'll be gathering at 11:30 instead of noon in order to avoid traffic in the later afternoon.

Here's the schedule for the rest of 2019.

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

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

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

**December 5:** 240 Union, Lakewood

## Happy Colorado Day • August 1



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2019				1 11:30am Lunch Bunch	2	3 5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 18 4  10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	5	6	7	8	9	10 5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 19 11  10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 1pm Rev. Ted Fritschel memorial	12	13 6:30pm Congregational Council	14	15	16	17 5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 20 18  10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	19	20  Newsletter deadline	21	22	23	24 3pm Wedding rehearsal 5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 21 25  10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 2pm Wedding	26	27	28	29	30	31 5pm Catholic Mass