

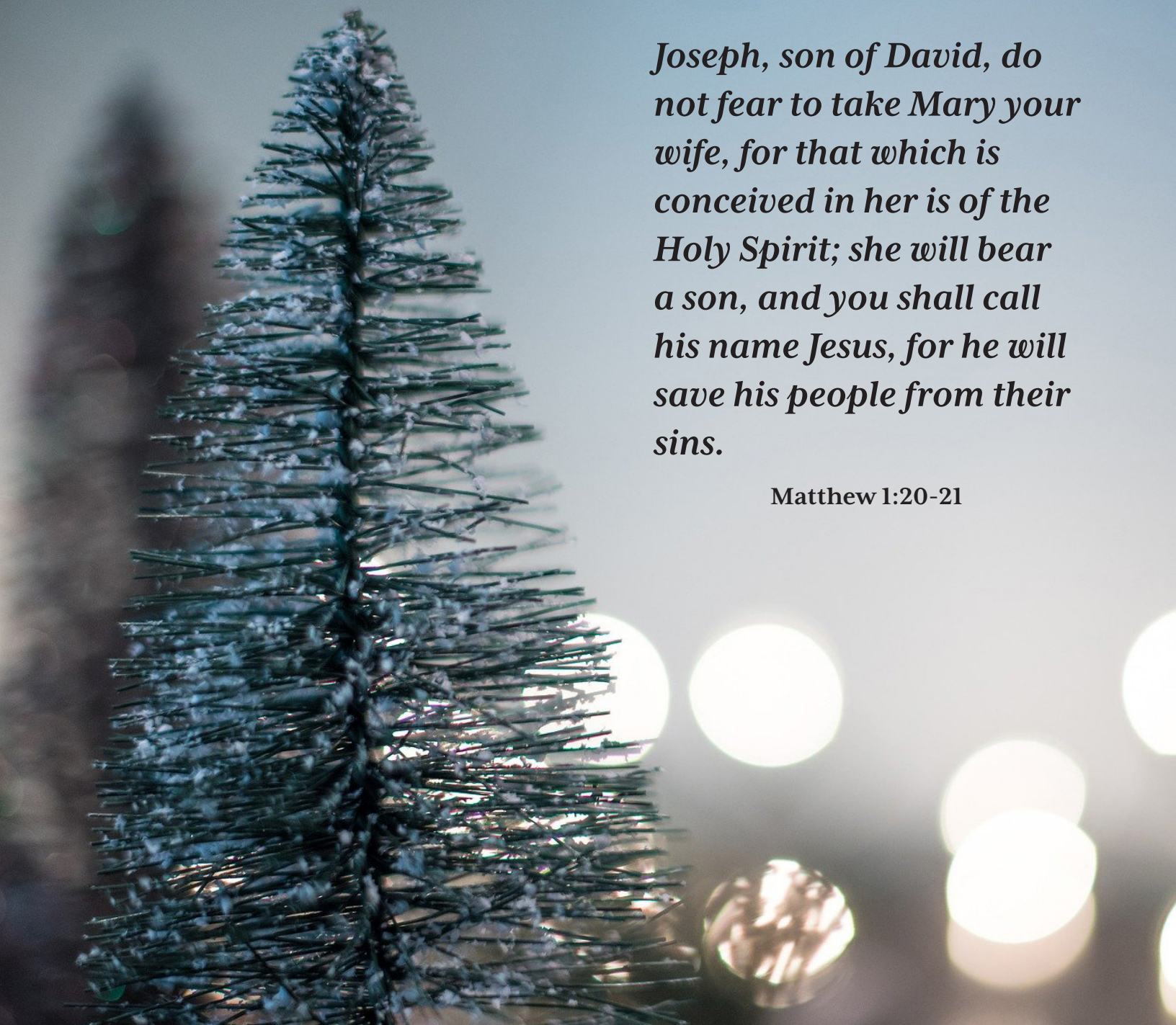
# December 2019

## Keeping in Touch

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

*Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:20-21





## 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

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## Adult Forum: The Advent Pericopes

Welcome to a new year! A new liturgical year, that is. We're starting over with the Synoptic Gospels with Year A, which of course is St. Matthew. They follow their placement in the New Testament : Year B is Mark and Year C is Luke, which we have just left. We'll discuss the lessons (the pericopes) for each of the four Sundays in Advent. The first Sunday, December 1, is titled "St. Matthew and the Holy Tetramorphs." You won't want to miss this because we're showing off our new projector! Everyone is welcome downstairs from 9:15 to 10:15.

— **Jim Harrer and Maryann O'Brien**





## Christmas at St. Paul

### Christmas Eve Worship

**December 24**  
**4 and 8 p.m.**

### Christmas Day Worship

**December 25**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**The Christmas Day Potluck Brunch** was so successful that we're doing it again after the service. There will be a signup sheet available at worship for both communities by December 15. Please make plans to join in.

### Razzle Dazzle Christmas and Jazz Vespers

**Mark your calendar** and plan to join us in celebrating the joy of Advent with local ministry partners at two exciting ministry events featuring the return of the Barry Sames Jazz Ensemble.

First, 'Razzle Dazzle Christmas' will take place on December 14th as a community awareness event for Auraria Campus Ministries.

Hosted at the legendary Dazzle Jazz Club from 3-4:30 p.m., the event is open to everyone. Please visit the Dazzle website [www.dazzledenver.com](http://www.dazzledenver.com) for information about tickets.

On Sunday, December 15th from 7-9 p.m., we will celebrate Gaudete Sunday with Advent Jazz Vespers at St. Paul with our ministry partner Nativity Lutheran of Commerce City.

This Advent Jazz Vespers will be a celebration of "Rejoice" in anticipation of Christmas. We will share fellowship with a reception afterwards.



## December Birthdays

*Remember to pass along greetings to each of these folks when you see them and come share birthday cake and coffee during coffee hour on December 22.*

<b>Charlie Hanel</b>	Dec. 1	<b>Rev. Dr. Kevin Maly</b>	Dec. 14
<b>Patricia Olson</b>	Dec. 4	<b>Emil Garcia</b>	Dec. 17
<b>John Serfling</b>	Dec. 7	<b>Judith Wascher</b>	Dec. 22
<b>Helene Pauly</b>	Dec. 8	<b>Michael Dorosh</b>	Dec. 24
<b>Leatrice Sorensen</b>	Dec. 10	<b>Alex Garcia</b>	Dec. 24
<b>Mildred Vaag</b>	Dec. 11	<b>Rev. Barbara Berry-Bailey</b>	Dec. 25
<b>Nicole Garcia</b>	Dec. 12	<b>Rayna Ahrendt</b>	Dec. 28



# 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 7:30 p.m. prelude and the 8 p.m. liturgy. This year the extended Prelude and the liturgy that follows will feature a variety of carol arrangements for choir, harp, and flute, including traditional carols, traditional carol texts with new music, and totally original carols with new texts and music. “Seasonal” singers would need to commit to three Thursday evening rehearsals from 7-9 p.m. on the 5th, 12th, and 19th of December, as well as a Saturday dress rehearsal on the 21st, from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Mark at [mark@stpauldenver.org](mailto:mark@stpauldenver.org) or 720.274.4708 for more information about seasonal choir participation.



## **Ars Nova Singers on December 8**

On Sunday, 9 December 2019, at 4:00 pm, the Boulder-based Ars Nova Singers, one of Colorado’s finest vocal ensembles, will present a program entitled, Northern Lights, under the direction of Thomas Edward Morgan, and

featuring the double-chorus Renaissance mass *Missa Hodie Christus natus est* by Palestrina, as well as Ars Nova’s renowned eclectic mix of holiday repertoire in fresh arrangements. Visit [www.arsnovasingers.org](http://www.arsnovasingers.org) for more information.

## **Rocky Mountain Ringers on December 13 and 14**

On Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m., and again on Saturday, December 14 at 2 p.m., the Rocky Mountain Ringers, Denver’s leading semi-professional handbell ensemble, will present

joyous holiday music in a concert entitled, Ring in the Season, under the direction of Jeffrey Harms. Visit [www.rmringers.com](http://www.rmringers.com) for more information.

## **Columbine Chorale on December 15**

On Sunday, 15 December 2019, at 4:00 pm, the Columbine Chorale, led by Music Director Brian Eichenberger, will present Under the Winter

Moon, featuring music for winter celebrations in many cultures. Visit [www.columbinechorale.org](http://www.columbinechorale.org) for more information.

# Lunch Bunch Hits 240 Union to Wrap Up 2019



DECEMBER'S LUNCH BUNCH gathering will be held at 240 Union Restaurant in Lakewood. For those who aren't familiar, the address really is 240 Union Street. We'll begin gathering at 11:30 and enjoy good food and good company until about 1:30 or until we're asked to leave (just kidding). If you've been thinking about checking out Lunch Bunch or wondering what it's all about, touch base with Sue Barden or Lin Holly or just come join us on the first Thursday of each month or whenever it works for your schedule.

**December 5:** 240 Union, Lakewood

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

*"If we have two cloaks, let us give one away."*

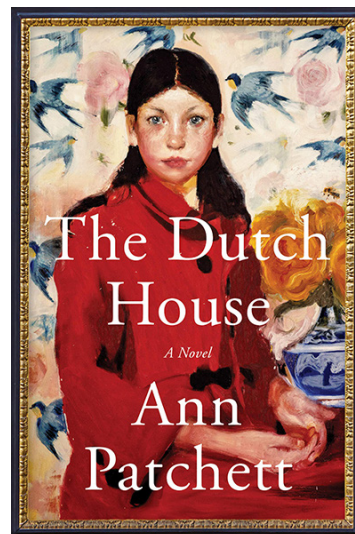


## Fleece Navidad: Advent Tradition Returns

Every Advent, George puts a big basket at the back of the church for all the sweatshirts and sweatpants that St. Paul Catholics and Lutherans give so generously to people at the St. Paul Care Center. They need all sizes — both men's and women's. We've been doing this for years now, and the need is as pressing as ever. The folks at the care center are so grateful to be remembered at this time of year. Thank you all.

## Fr. Nicosia Participates in Regional Art Show

The 25th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show continues from now through December 6 (just in time for some special Christmas shopping). Among the participating artists is Fr. Michael Nicosia. Check out some of his paintings!



## Book Talk

Book Talk will meet at the home of Nancy Hauck, 888 Logan St. #4B, on Wednesday December 4 at 7 p.m. December's selection is "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.



# Advent JAZZ VESPERS

December 15th • 7pm

St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic  
Community of Faith

1600 Grant St., Denver

Readings, a message and jazz  
lifting up the meaning of Christmas.

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## Events at Messiah Lutheran Church

# A Wicked Pitches Christmas

Join us for an evening of holiday music! The Wicked Pitches is thrilled to be presenting an evening of holiday standards, with plenty of holiday jazz mixed in!

*A portion of the proceeds of this event will go to support Casa de Paz. Casa de Paz works to provide shelter, meals, transportation and emotional support to families who are separated by immigrant detention. Please visit their website at [www.casadepazcolorado.org](http://www.casadepazcolorado.org) for more information.*

**Tickets:** \$10 at the door (cash only please)

**When:** Sunday, December 8 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Messiah Community Lutheran Church, 1750 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80220

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## Messiah Community Church Presents Our Annual Fair Trade Market

**Saturday, December 7 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | 1750 Colorado Blvd.**

The sale of fair trade goods will be accompanied by the music of "Frenchie and Friends."

Vendors include: Earthlinks, Women's Bean Project, Mission Wear, SERRV, Equal Exchange, and African Market Baskets.

Among the fair trade goods will be coffee, tea, olive oil, purses, reusable shopping bags, scarves, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, Nativity sets, baskets, and more!

Nermin's Christmas trees will be for sale on the south side of the church.

***Come and join the fun!***

**>>Plenty of parking and entrance on the east side of the church**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Advent 1</b> <b>1</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>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
				<b>11:30am</b> Lunch Bunch		<b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Advent 2</b> <b>8</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> Ars Nova Singers concert	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
		<b>6:30pm</b> Congregational Council			<b>7:30pm</b> Rocky Mountain Ringers concert	<b>2pm</b> Rocky Mountain Ringers concert <b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Advent 3</b> <b>15</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 <b>7pm</b> Advent Jazz Vespers	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
					<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	<b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Advent 4</b> <b>22</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>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
		<b>4pm</b> Christmas Eve worship <b>7pm</b> Choir warmup <b>7:30pm</b> Prelude <b>8pm</b> Christmas Eve worship	<b>10:30am</b> Christmas Day worship			<b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass
<b>Christmas 1</b> <b>29</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>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
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