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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SAINT PAUL CHURCH



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Saint Paul Church 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 Roman Catholic Church. 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 we 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY DR. KEVIN MALY

This and That

As a part of my calling, I have the privilege of communicating with a wide cross-section of people. Some of that communication is face-to-face; some is by phone; and in this cyber-age, the much communication happens through email, Facebook, and even through messaging applications of various sorts. This month I'm sharing with you a couple of great questions that have come my way of late as well as an observation that comes from conversations I've had with visitors to the liturgy as well as with people who have long been a part of the St. Paul community.

First is a question asked and answered half-a-dozen or more years ago in this space, but one that continues to come up. "In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, during the Sanctus, why do you lift up the bread and wine when we get to the part where we sing, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord?'" A short answer: The elements of bread and wine are lifted here to indicate the fulfillment in the Eucharist of Jesus' words: "And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (St. Luke 13.15b; St. Matthew 23.39) And seeing Christ Jesus now truly present in the Eucharist, we praise God in

Christ singing, "Hosanna in the highest!!"

Second, some observations concerning The Peace, which immediately precedes the Eucharist Liturgy. Unbelievable as it may seem to some, not everyone likes or enjoys this part of the liturgy! One rather frequent

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visitor, while noting the warm welcome extended to him during The Peace, reports that he feels like "an outsider at a family reunion." He says that it is obvious who "belongs" to the family and who doesn't. I think I know what he means. We who are "family" are everywhere in the aisles greeting one another like long-lost friends! We enjoy this part of the liturgy. My question – one to which I have no answer myself – "How can we greet one

another with a sign of Christ's peace yet not seem like a tightly-knit family of which visitors – and even some of those who are formally affiliated with the community – are clearly not a part?" I'm asking each of you to look around during the Peace and to take the perceptual and conceptual point-of-view of those who remain in their places and not out in the aisles enthusiastically embracing people they don't know or feel affiliated with.

Continuing with The Peace, I'll share the observation of a long-time Sunday "regular" at St. Paul: "The Passing of the Peace is not a time for conversations, setting dates for lunch, or exchanging anything other than a simple sign of Christ's peace." Well, I'm certainly guilty here. Now and again, I've used this time in the liturgy to "catch up" on where someone has been, how someone is doing, and/or when I should try to call someone. I value being reminded that the Passing of the Peace is precisely what it is called: a time to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, not a time for information-sharing, socializing, or chit-chatting. So, thank you kind Sunday "regular" for passing on your observation.

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MUSIC at St. Paul

MARK ALAN FILBERT, CANTOR

Summer Choir begins on Sunday, 22 June

Calling all singers to join us for Summer Choir beginning on Sunday, 22 June 2014, and continuing through Sunday, 31 August 2014. Summer Choir will only rehearse on Sunday mornings in the choir loft at 9:45 a.m. to prepare for the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Thus, singers need only commit to one Sunday at a time. Summer Choir will focus on leading congregational singing and may also sing an anthem. All ages are welcome (2nd grade-adult), so the entire family can participate, and, despite having air conditioning now, we will continue the tradition of not wearing choir robes during the summer months. Please contact Mark at mark@stpauldenver.org or at 720.274.4708 for more information.

Tenth Annual Cristo Rey Music and Arts Camp from 4-8 August

The Tenth Annual Saint Paul Music for Children Summer Music and Arts Camp will be held from 4-8 August 2014 at Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey Rey, 501 Raleigh Street, in Denver. As in past years, the camp for children from age 4 through grade 8, will offer daily classes in basic music, Orff instruments, recorders, drum playing, art, and recreational activities, from 9:00 am-2:00. Partners in Ministry from Saint Paul are most welcome to assist with the camp. No particular skills, including speaking Spanish (the children all speak English), are required for those who serve as assistants to the music and art teachers or for those who accompany the younger children from class to class throughout the day. If you would like to participate in this ministry for the entire week, an entire day, part of a day, an hour each day, or any combination thereof, please contact Mark at mark@stpauldenver.org or at 720.274.4708.



MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL CONCERTS IN JUNE

Saint Paul Choir Cantata on June 1—On Sunday, June 1, at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am liturgies, the Saint Paul Choir will sing the Alice Parker cantata, *An Easter Rejoicing*, for mixed choir, soloists, organ, harp, and percussion. The work, interspersed with Scripture readings, was presented last year to conclude the Easter season on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and it will fulfill that role again this year. Contact Mark (mark@stpauldenver.org or 720.274.4708) for more information.

Filbert and Friends Concert for a Cause on June 6—On Friday, June 6th, at 7:30 pm, a Concert for a Cause will be presented by organist Mark Alan Filbert, harpist Catherine Rands, and flutist Fran Piazza, with a Freewill Offering to benefit the 2014 Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey Summer Music and Arts Camp in August.

Columbine Chorale Concert of June 15—On Sunday, June 15, at 4:00 pm, the Columbine Chorale will present at spring concert entitled, *A Spring Mix*, featuring music from the Renaissance, Baroque, Romantic, and Contemporary eras, as well as music by composers from Poland, Lithuania, France and Spain. Visit www.columbinechorale.org for more information.

Michael Nigro Guitar Concert on June 18—On Wednesday, June 18, at 7:30 pm, classical guitarist Michael Nigro from Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California, returns to Saint Paul once again to perform a recital. Suggested Donation: \$10.

ST. PAUL COMMUNITY OF FAITH  **June 2014**  CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Easter 7 1 8:00 am - Lutheran Mass 9:15 am - Hospitality / Blood Pressures 9:15 am - Finance Ministry 9:30 am - St. Paul Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - Lutheran Mass 11:45 am - Hospitality / Blood pressures	2 1:00 pm - Grant Ave. Street Reach	3	4 5:45 pm - St. Paul Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm - St. Paul Choir Rehearsal	5 10:30 am - Staff Meeting 7:00 pm - Fibert & Friends concert	6 5:00 pm - Catholic Mass	7
Pentecost 8 8:00 am - Lutheran Mass 9:15 am - Hospitality 9:15 am - Congregation Council 9:30 am - St. Paul Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - Lutheran Mass 11:45 am - Hospitality	9 1:00 pm - Grant Ave. Street Reach	10	11 5:45 pm - St. Paul Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm - St. Paul Choir Rehearsal	12 10:30 am - Staff Meeting	13 5:00 pm - Catholic Mass	14
Holy Trinity 15 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:00 am - Lutheran Mass 9:15 am - Hospitality 9:30 am - St. Paul Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - Lutheran Mass 11:45 am - Hospitality 4:00 pm - Columbine Chorale concert	16 1:00 pm - Grant Ave. Street Reach	17 6:30 pm - Advocates for Change concert	18 7:30 pm - Michael Nigro concert	19 10:30 am - Staff Meeting	20 <i>Newsletter deadline!</i> 10:30 am - Staff Meeting	21 <i>Catholic Community's 11th anniversary</i> 5:00 PM - Catholic Mass
Pentecost 2 22 8:00 am - Lutheran Mass 9:15 am - Hospitality 9:45 am - Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - Lutheran Mass 11:45 am - Hospitality	23 1:00 pm - Grant Ave. Street Reach	24	25	26	27 10:30 am - Staff Meeting	28 5:00 pm - Catholic Mass
Apostles 29 8:00 am - Lutheran Mass 9:15 am - Hospitality 6:30 pm - Finance Ministry 9:45 am - Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am - Lutheran Mass 11:45 am - Hospitality	30 1:00 pm - Grant Ave. Street Reach	JULY 1	2	3	Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	4 5:00 pm - Catholic Mass



July 2014



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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY, CONTINUED

Last, several of you have asked over the course of the past several months why I, Fr. Sutton, and others make a small sign of the cross upon our foreheads, lips, and heart prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel. What does this mean? Is it something we all should be doing? The meaning of this gesture is simple, and is expressed by these words: "Christ be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart that I might worthily hear (or for the Presider, "proclaim") his Holy Gospel." As far as whether anyone "should" or "ought to" do this three-fold sign – that's entirely up to the individual. In the Lutheran tradition we make no rules mandating various observations and practices while at the same time we make no rules forbidding various observations and

practices. One MAY make the sign of the cross on one's forehead, lips, and chest but this is neither mandated nor forbidden. One may bow at the name of Jesus (see Philippians 2.10) but one doesn't have to. One may genuflect; raise one's hands in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving; bow during words sung or said to the glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – but one doesn't have to. One may bow when the processional cross passes by – as one might salute or doff one's hat or put one's hand over one's heart when the nation's flag passes by on parade. As regards any and all of these things there no "must" nor any "thou shall not"! That's the beauty of our tradition: while keeping good order in the assembly a whole range of

expression is possible and not forbidden. We are free!!!

I close with a brief reminder that one of the High Holidays of the Christian tradition is fast approaching. On 8 June we will observe the Feast of Pentecost, marking the coming of the promised Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. See you at St. Paul Church for one of the weekend liturgies celebrating the Holy Spirit who reveals Christ to us and to the whole world.

Kevin +



Birthdays in June

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| 6.2 Michelle Evans | 6.19 Bonnie Lorenz |
| 6.2 Judy Harrer | 6.20 Dee Vellinga |
| 6.2 Angela Kimber | 6.22 John Boese |
| 6.5 Ezra Bersagel-Breise | 6.22 Lilly Fisher |
| 6.11 Harriette Rubenstein | 6.23 Hailey Voight |
| 6.12 Carolyn Bolden | 6.23 Dean Zessin |
| 6.14 Rick Greene | 6.24 Laura Meixell |
| 6.14 Catherine Kite | 6.24 Sharon Wellnitz |
| 6.17 Jaymes Leslie | 6.27 Stacey Johns |
| 6.17 Michael Leslie | 6.30 Thomas Kite |

Birthdays in July

- 7.2 Aiden Johns
- 7.2 Louise Petersen
- 7.9 Judy Marxhausen
- 7.12 Arika Beckman
- 7.12 J. Michael Peck
- 7.13 Ellen O'Keefe
- 7.15 Alfred Garcia
- 7.15 Anna Winkler
- 7.16 Rex Burton
- 7.18 Joshua Koch

- 7.20 Azlea Coffman
- 7.20 Michael Wallin
- 7.22 Belinda Vellinga
- 7.24 Aiden Linden-Johnson
- 7.24 Betty Woolsey
- 7.26 Carl Wallenstrom
- 7.28 Sandra Byrd
- 7.30 Jonathan Spillane
- 7.31 Matthew Buschagen



Follow the Son

*Sunflower, how I long to be like you!
 Glorifying God in all I do.
 Following His Son and His Path of Light
 in worship Him in His glory bright.*

*I can learn from you, my friend,
 With every breath, praise to God, I might you'd
 With all of His emotion telling the story,
 Might I with you, proclaim His glory!*

Save the date!

Metro East Fall Cluster Event
 September 20, 2014
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 111 Del Mar Circle
 Aurora, Colorado 80011

Registration \$5 per person, payable at door.
 Deadline for registration is September 8th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SUNDAY JUNE 22

PRIDEFEST SUNDAY!

(WE'LL NEED EXTRA VOLUNTEERS)

Volunteers are needed to pour beer at the Wrangler Charity Beer Bust on Sunday June 22.

Proceeds will benefit Treatment Educat1on Network (TEN) programs (including the Retreat at Shadowcliff)

Please volunteer by email or phone:
retreat.shadowcliff@gmail.com
 or call 303.777.7208



17th St and Logan, Downtown Denver, Colorado

***** NEW THIS YEAR! *****

To comply with City & County of Denver licensing laws, all volunteers must complete a training to be certified to pour beer. You can do this ANY Sunday at 3:00pm. You will then be listed as a certified pourer and are good to go on June 22. (the class will not be conducted on June 22)

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FROM ST. PAUL...

Please contact Ryan at 303.839.1432 or ryan@StPaulDenver.org if you'd rather receive our newsletter by email!

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