

# March 2017 KEEPING IN TOUCH

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. PAUL LUTHERAN AND ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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## Lenten Season

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We no longer have an 8am Sunday service. Worship times are 5pm Saturday (Catholic) and 10:30am Sunday (Lutheran)

## Our Mission

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 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 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.

# Thoughts from the Pastor

## Council Retreat Sets Goals for Year

Saturday, February 18, the church council met for an all-day retreat at the office of the Bishop. The focus of the meeting was goal setting and receiving (in some cases again) the Ministry Review Report done by the bishop's staff in March 2016. Thanks to Maryanne for excellent note taking.

We opened by sharing our faith stories and it was a wonderful experience getting to know each other through our faith journeys, each different and yet all bringing us to God.

### **Worship and Music**

- Develop a plan to make the program fiscally responsible
- Make the worship and music accessible to visitors
- Increase the volunteer pool and recognize the work they have been doing

### **Evangelism**

- Implement better communication with congregation and among church leadership
- Develop and implement a marketing plan
- Deal with impressions of St Paul relating to Street Reach

### **Education**

- Continue adult forum
- Consider ways to rebuild a children's program
- Investigate doing a VBS style camp this summer

### **Stewardship**

- Plan a carry out a Stewardship campaign beginning mid-March
- Use alternate ways of giving, such as automatic withdrawal
- Stress all though the year the 3 reasons for giving:
  - o God tells us to
  - o Out of gratitude for the gifts God has given us
  - o To help our neighbor

### **Property**

- Review our insurance
- Deal with Street Reach issues
- Make the exterior more inviting

The Ministry Review Report will be made available to the congregation ASAP. Council will study the recommendations made and implement as appropriate. Pastor Judith clarified many issues that were problematic with the first review report and the council came away with a better understanding of the report.

Please ask any questions of council or me, these goals will need the work of the church to accomplish. God's blessings with us, Pastor Penni

### **Very brief synopsis of council meeting**

The full report will be posted on the bulletin board downstairs)

1. Made a list of short term tasks for council
2. Discussed exterior signage, approved Fr Don and Jeff to implement
3. Discussed upcoming Synod Assembly, will ask congregation if anyone is interested, Aaron and Lori E will go if no one else steps up,
4. Youth Works is interested in using St Paul as their Urban Camp location, approved
5. Lenten offering for Lutheran Refugee Services approved
6. Thank you for Fr Don, Ron Roschke, Dena Williams and outgoing council was discussed and gifts for them approved.
7. Volunteer and training opportunities were discussed

Blessings,

Pastor Penni

# Lenten Activities at St. Paul

## Wednesday Evening Soup & Study Suppers

This Lent, Saint Paul Lutheran and Roman Catholic Community of Faith comes together once again to share a simple supper and study together. This year we are reading *My Neighbor is Muslim*, a booklet from the Lutheran Refugee Services of Minnesota.

Our topic couldn't be more timely. What do we have to fear from a religion whose members' "chief duty was to create a just community in which all members, even the most weak and vulnerable, were treated with absolute respect." (Islam by Karen Armstrong.)

As we did last year, we will print off copies for those intending to join us on Wednesday evenings. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the nave for your copy.

**Schedule:** Wednesday evenings from March 8 through April 6.

Supper at 6:00

Study from 6:30 to 7:30

Evening prayer in the sanctuary from 7:30 to 8:00

Dismissal: 8:00

**March 8** – Pastor Penni and Father Don will lead the discussion of Chapter One.

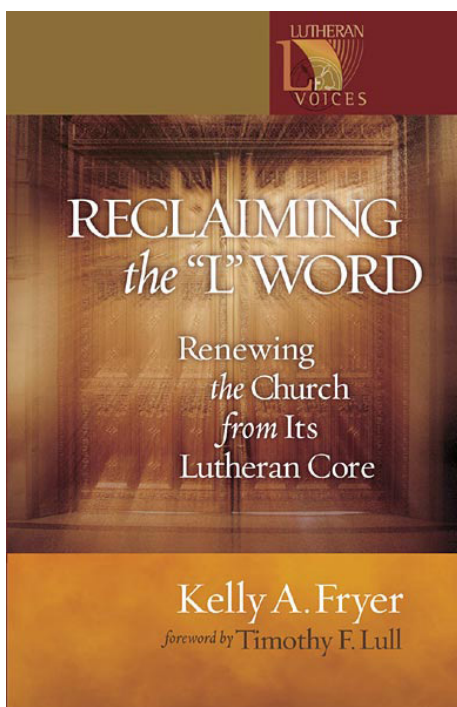
**March 15** – Chapters Two and Three

**March 22** – Bishop Gonia joins us to share his perspectives living among Muslims

**March 29** – Mr. Monir Ludin of the Colorado Muslims Society is our guest speaker.

**April 5** – Wrap up with Chapters Five and Seven

If you would like to make soup one evening, or bring bread and butter or cookies, please contact Liz Begalla. For any other information, please contact Pastor Penni, Father Don, or Maryann O'Brien



## Adult Forum for Lent 2017

This Lenten season, during our year of transition, we will be discussing ***Reclaiming the "L" Word: Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core*** by Kelly A. Fryer. If you've been with us these past few weeks for the discussion of *Our Iceberg is Melting*, you will know that Pastor Penni has been sharing her vision for St. Paul and listening to our hopes and fears. She has also been asking for our opinions on changes that must be made. If you would like to add your voice to these discussions, now is the time. Join us every Sunday morning.

We are ordering copies of *Reclaiming the "L" Word*, which will be available for the first forum on March 8th.

**Lutheran and Roman Catholic Prayer Service:** Recognizing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, March 19, 3:00 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church. Please plan to attend.



# MUSIC AT SAINT PAUL

## Saint Paul Choir Welcomes Easter Singers

Calling all 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 during part or all of HOLY WEEK, including Passion Sunday, 9 April (10:30 am liturgy); Maundy Thursday, 13 April (7:00 pm liturgy); and/or Easter Sunday, 16 April (10:30 am liturgy)? If you

would like to do so, please contact Mark at [mark@stpauldenver.org](mailto:mark@stpauldenver.org) or 720.274.4708, and plan to join us for the Saturday morning dress rehearsal on 15 April (9:00 am-11:00 am), in addition to at least two of the following Thursday evening rehearsals: 23 March, 30 March, 6 April (7:00-9:00 pm). You'll be glad you did!

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### **Colorado Repertory Singers on 17 and 18 March**

On Friday, 17 March 2017, at 7:30 pm and again on Saturday, 18 March 2017 at 2:00 pm, the Colorado Repertory Singers, along with singers from Broomfield High School, will present Cathedral Classics, a program of sacred choral music featuring the Vesperae Solennes de Confessore of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, accompanied by orchestra under the baton of Music Director Kyle Fleming. Visit [www.coloradorepertorysingers.org](http://www.coloradorepertorysingers.org) for more information.

### **Hope College Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Art Collective on 19 March**

On Sunday, 19 March 2017, at 4:00 pm, the Hope College Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Art Collective from Holland, Michigan, will perform a spring tour concert entitled, Hope on the Road, under the direction of Christopher Fashun and Brian Coyle. Freewill Offering.

### **Seicento Baroque Ensemble on 24 March**

On Friday, 24 March 2017, 7:30 pm, the Seicento Baroque Ensemble will perform music of George Frideric Handel, including two major choral works with based on Psalms: Laudate pueri Dominum, HWV 237, a setting of Psalm 113, and Dixit Dominus, HWV 232, a setting of Psalm 110, accompanied by a period instrument orchestra and conducted by Artistic Director Evanne Browne and Music Director Mark Alan Filbert. Visit [www.seicentobaroque.org](http://www.seicentobaroque.org) for more information.

### **Columbine Chorale on 26 March**

On Sunday, 26 March 2017, at 4:00 pm, the Columbine Chorale, led by Music Director Brian Eichenberger, will present Sacred Sounds, a program of sacred choral music from the sixteenth to the twenty-first centuries. Visit [www.columbinechorale.org](http://www.columbinechorale.org) for more information.

### **Saint Martin's Chamber Choir on 2 April**

On Sunday, 2 April 2017, at 3:00 pm, the Saint Martin's Chamber Choir, led by Artistic Director Timothy Krueger, will perform a program entitled Forsaken, featuring the eighteen Tenebrae Responses of the Spanish Renaissance composer Tomás Luis de Victoria. Visit [www.stmartinschamberchoir.org](http://www.stmartinschamberchoir.org) for more information.



## Metro Caring Provides Healthy Food, Study Says

A team of researchers from Metropolitan State University of Denver recently studied the healthfulness of shopping carts at Metro Caring and compared them to what the average American eats. The preliminary results are in! Here are the highlights:

1. On average, participants leave MetroCaring with 8.35 days worth of food.
2. Participants are taking home 15 days worth of protein.
3. The shopping carts contain less sodium and sugar.

You can be a part of the solution to ending hunger in Denver by supporting MetroCaring's work through financial donations, in-kind food contributions or volunteering.

### Safeway, King Soopers Cards Now Available

Remember to get and use your grocery cards! King Soopers and Safeway are available, see Fr Don or Pastor Penni. Cards can be reloaded at the store, and St. Paul gets a portion of the proceeds.

## March Lunch Bunch Goes Fishing

Join your friends and make new ones at the Fresh Fish Company, 700 E. Hampden, on Thursday, March 2 at noon. Start with Oysters Rockefeller, go on to Swordfish with pepita pesto and sourdough bread, and finish it all up with a nice fish flan (just kidding about the fish flan.) How about strawberry shortcake instead? If this outing "floats your boat," call Janice Ahrendt at 303 797-7288 or Harriette Rubenstein at 303 238-8815 to reserve a place on the pier.

### Lunch Bunch Schedule 2017

- March 2** Fresh Fish Co., 700 E. Hampden, Denver
- April 6** Buckhorn Exchange, 1000 Osage St. Denver
- May 4** Bone Fish Grill, 14770 W. Colfax, Lakewood
- June 1** El Rancho, 29260 U.S. 40, Evergreen
- July 6** Creekside Cellars, 28036 Hwy. 74, Evergreen
- August 3** The Lariat Lodge. 27618 Fireweed Dr., Evergreen
- September 7** Chad's, 275 Union, Lakewood
- October 5** 240 Union, Lakewood
- November 2** Brio's 2500 First Ave. Cherry Creek, Denver
- December 7** Briarwood Inn, 1630 Eighth St., Golden

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# Your Help is Welcome! *Volunteering at St. Paul*

By Anna Hanel

Do you want to help out on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings by serving as an usher once a month? Or bringing in treats and helping set up Coffee & Conversation on Sunday mornings? Perhaps you'd like to sing in the choir, help teach kids in Children's Church, or help out with grounds work like planting flowers or vegetable seedlings outside the building in the spring.

Now there is one place where you can get information on how to volunteer at St. Paul and learn who to contact when you want to sign up. We've created a shareable document that is accessible at this link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cTuReK5L9Lf17Lw4unzUiEB\\_o-FtqqMSN1We9YZhuxg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cTuReK5L9Lf17Lw4unzUiEB_o-FtqqMSN1We9YZhuxg/edit?usp=sharing)

We are also posting this information on our bulletin boards, and plan to have copies available at upcoming services. St. Paul needs helpers of all sorts to not only assist our pastors during weekend services, but help create a welcoming atmosphere at the church by preparing coffee on Sunday mornings, making the grounds beautiful, planning special events and gatherings and more!

The volunteer opportunities document is a work in progress, so please feel free to email me at [annabhanel@gmail.com](mailto:annabhanel@gmail.com) or call me at 303-332-8761 if you have any corrections or updates. Thank you to everyone who gives their time.

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## THEATRE & THEOLOGY



On April 25th, we will see ***Disgraced*** at the Ricketson Theatre. In this "breathtaking, raw and blistering" play, Amir has spent his adulthood downplaying his upbringing to build the perfect life. But as a high-profile court case and his wife's Islamic-inspired art show reveal just how little his culture is understood by the people around him, their misconceptions become too much to bear. The expectation to be true to yourself and to fit into mainstream society collide in this 2013 Pulitzer Prize-winning play. The reservation deadline is April 4th. Tickets cost \$35.00. Make checks payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod. Note on check: T&T – Disgraced – St. Paul. Mail to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street, #1203; Denver, CO 80203-3125.



## Book Talk

Our next selection will be ***Nightingale*** by Kristin Hannah. We will meet at the home of David and Bonnie Carlson: 480 S. Marion Pkwy #1206, on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Bonnie Carlson at 303-722-9892.

# MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Noon Liturgy 6pm Choir warmup 7pm Liturgy	<b>2</b> 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5pm Catholic Mass
<b>5</b> <b>Lent 1</b> NO 8am Worship! 9:30am Choir 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 12 Bell Choir rehearsal	<b>6</b> 1-5pm Street Reach 6:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 6pm Theatre & Theology	<b>8</b> 6pm Lenten Soup and Study	<b>9</b> 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	<b>10</b> 6pm If Not Now Colorado Chapter Shabbat Potluck Dinner	<b>11</b> 5pm Catholic Mass
<b>12</b> <b>Lent 2</b> NO 8am Worship! 9:30am Choir 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 12 Bell Choir rehearsal 2pm Colo NO-CIRC meeting	<b>13</b> 1-5pm Street Reach 6:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Congregational Council meeting	<b>15</b> 6pm Lenten Soup and Study	<b>16</b> 7pm Colorado Repertory Singers Dress Rehearsal 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	<b>17</b> 7:30pm Colorado Repertory Singers Concert	<b>18</b> 2pm Colorado Repertory Singers Concert 5pm Catholic Mass
<b>19</b> <b>Lent 3</b> NO 8am Worship! 9:30am Choir 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 12 Bell Choir rehearsal 4pm Hope College Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Art Concert	<b>20</b> 1-5pm Street Reach 6:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers Rehearsal 7pm Seicento Dress Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6pm Lenten Soup and Study 7pm Seicento Dress Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	<b>24</b> 7:30pm Seicento Baroque Ensemble Concert	<b>25</b> 5pm Catholic Mass
<b>26</b> <b>Lent 4</b> NO 8am Worship! 9:30am Choir 10:30 am Lutheran Worship and Healing Service 11:45am Coffee 12 Bell Choir rehearsal 4pm Columbine Chorale Concert	<b>27</b> 1-5pm Street Reach 6:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6pm Lenten Soup and Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	