

June 2017

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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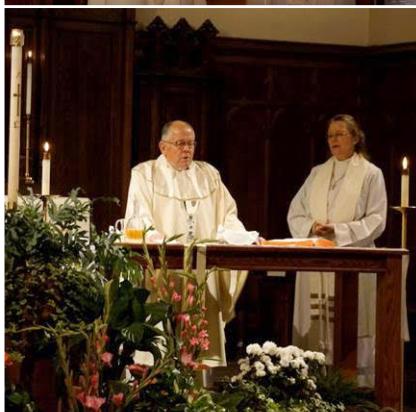
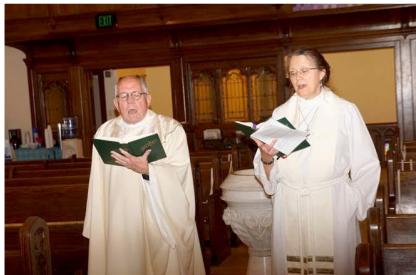
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A Busy, Important Month for Saint Paul

Service of Healing and Reconciliation • June 4

Congregational Conversation: Values • June 4

Budget Meetings • June 4 and 11

Pridefest • June 17 and 18

Celebration of Lutheran-Catholic Anniversary,
Pastor Penni and Father Don milestones • June 17

Congregational Meeting and Potluck • June 25

Details Inside

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.

Pastor's Corner by Pastor Penni Walsh

On the Budget

We will be discussing and then voting on the budget for 2017-18 during June, and our decisions are nothing less than the future of St Paul.

We need everyone participating. It's also important to know that a budget is not just income and expenses, it is a statement about our ministry, about where we want our money to be used for the mission of the church, our core values. Our income is finite and St Paul can no longer operate on the expectation that a "windfall" will come along and save the church. So we are going to have to make hard decisions on where to spend our financial resources: outreach, property, music, evangelism, education? Please join the conversation.

A Service of Healing and Reconciliation will be part of our worship on June 4. It will finish the conversations we've been having on our history, and as those who have participated know there has been much pain both given and received. So we are going to put our prayers for forgiveness and our prayers of forgiveness on small pieces of paper and at the close of the service process out to the Columbarium and burn those papers and "let our prayers rise like incense." If you are in contact with any of the members we seldom see, please invite them to this service that they too might hear the words of absolution and healing.

Worship Notes: The season of Pentecost begins June 18, this is a season of Ordinary time. The altar color will change to green, and we will return to using the Processional Crucifix, but the decision of the Worship and Music team was to leave the gold cross on the back altar. Please talk with Carolyn Bolden, Pastor Penni or Fr Don if you have comments.

Timeline for the Transition

June 4: 9:15 budget meeting
Healing and Reconciliation Service
12:00 Congregational Conversation on Core Values I

June 11: 12:00 budget meeting

June 25: Congregational meeting and Potluck.
We will be adopting the 2017-18 budget

July 9: Congregational Conversation on Core Values II

July 23: Congregational Conversation: Putting our Core Values into our mission plan

July 26: Brats, Beer and Luther. We will invite our sister congregations to join us.

Update on happenings at St. Paul

- Thanks to Joe and Jeri Rodrick, we have finished a successful stewardship campaign. The counting is not done yet, but we'll report as soon as possible.
- The hail storm caused the office area to flood and it made the leak over the men's bathroom big enough to bring down the ceiling. We have had the insurance company out and the roof and ceiling will be covered, but the office most likely won't since it was "flood" damage not hail damage.
- Thanks to Fr Don and Jeff Parrott, Street Reach has instituted some new policies that are keeping the area around St Paul much cleaner and calmer.
- Meetings are being held with Messiah and Our Savior's to consider what the possibilities are for various joint ministries. The Transition Teams and the Executive Councils of all three churches are meeting June 10.

Please note all the events happening June 4 and plan to be here.

Pastor's Corner (continued)

Evangelism and Outreach

We're going to hold a meeting June 6 at 6:30 p.m. to begin a discussion on a strategy for Evangelism and Outreach. Currently we have no Council representative for outreach, and Irene McCahill is the only person we have doing evangelism. So... we need people interested in this ministry. These two activities together will be the means by which we reach out into our community and bring people the Good News of Christ. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you. (The answer is yes!)

Master Calendar

Are you putting your events on the Master Calendar (or asking Lori to)?

A large wall calendar has been hung up in the office. It will be the MASTER calendar for the church (both communities). Please be sure your activity is on the calendar. After we become familiar with this process, we will institute a policy that if it's not on the calendar, it's not happening.



New banner welcomes visitors and old friends

Have you noticed?

A new banner greets all people who enter our Church, as they ascend the steps to the right of the doorway. Liz Begalia designed and crafted the inviting banner, welcoming members and visitors to St. Paul. Liz used a variety of materials for the beautiful banner, and it adds a fresh new look to our lovely, historical church.

One member of the congregation commented that the delightful banner reminded her of Spring and new beginnings. Perhaps the banner symbolizes the many possibilities our faith community is slowly and thoughtfully transitioning toward with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our gratitude and appreciation goes out to Liz. She is an example that we all can use our talents for our church community.

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.

Highlights from the May meeting of St. Paul's congregational council

Pastor's Report:

- Doors Open Denver was a great success with over 250 people coming in.
- Action Item: Pastor Penni met with the pastors of Messiah and Our Savior along with Pr. Judith VanOsdol to begin the dialogue with all three congregations. The Transition Team, the Executive Council, and representatives from the other two churches will meet together on June 10. We are compiling an agenda.
- Transition Team Update: The Core Values Conversations coming up need research on our surrounding community, including businesses, street closures, churches, demographics, etc. We need volunteers to help with the research.

Father Don's Report: Bishop Gonia will speak after mass on May 13 on church structure and possibilities for a clearer statement on the relationship of the two congregations.

Cantor's Report: Mark handed out a detailed plan about the position of Music Director. Aaron will work out the finances of these plans as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report: (see budget discussion under New Business).

Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Shortfall
Year to Date	\$84,280	\$124,992	\$39,479

Old Business Updates:

- Pledge cards for the Stewardship campaign have gone out in time for Consecration Weekend May 20 and 21.
- Parking spaces for rent in the garage are still being explored. It was moved and seconded that we gather facts of our options as soon as possible since this impacts our budget. Motion accepted.
- Street Reach: Fr. Don met with Ian and Kathleen a second time and reached an agreement on many of the suggestions from St. Paul; Ian and Kathleen agreed the system is working better.

New Business:

- Constitutional Amendments: Moved and seconded that Council submit the 32 amendments necessary for compliance with the ELCA as a body at the Congregational Meeting. Passed.
- Maintenance Concerns: The flooding caused

considerable damage to our office carpets, the roof tiles, etc. Jeff will work with our insurance agent.

- Budget Proposal for fiscal year of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 – Aaron distributed the budget proposal that had been accepted by the Executive Council. The goal was to come as close as possible to a balanced budget.
- The Budget will be the only item on the June 13 Council Meeting as it needs to be presented at the June 25 Congregational Annual Meeting.
- The budget will be discussed at Adult Forums on June 4th and 11th.
- What is the lowest amount in cash savings that we are comfortable with?
- Much discussion followed on the Music Program, which is unsustainable at present levels.

*Minutes by Maryann O'Brien,
Secretary*

You're invited!

A Celebration in Two Parts

On Saturday, June 17, we are celebrating the 14th anniversary of the St Paul Lutheran and Roman Catholic Community of Faith. And we also will celebrate Father Don's 75th birthday and 35th ordination anniversary, plus Pastor Penni's 25th ordination anniversary. We will begin at St. Paul Church at 5pm and then move to Father Don's condo party room (about 6:30). The address is 1250 Humboldt St. Come to the whole celebration or any part of it you'd like!

Please see the signup sheets at the back of the church.



Music at St. Paul Columbine Chorale on 4 June

On **Sunday, 4 June 2017, at 4:00 pm**, the **Columbine Chorale**, led by Music Director Brian Eichenberger, will present *Stuff and Nonsense*, a collection of folksongs and spirituals, punctuated with whimsical ditties and songs without words.
Visit www.columbinechorale.org for more information.



Pridefest 2017

June 17 and 18,
Civic Center Park.

We need volunteers
to staff our booth
both days.

Please contact
Lori in the office at
(303) 839-1432

The Wit of Martin Luther



In 1542, Luther's constant adversary, Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz, decided to display his vast collection of holy relics. Just gazing upon them piously granted the penitents an Indulgence. Luther decided to mock the practice rather than to rail against it. He wrote an anonymous pamphlet, later admitting to its authorship, listing some of the marvels that could be viewed:

- Three flames from the burning bush on Mt. Sinai
- Two feathers and an egg from the Holy Spirit (*aha! So she is female!*)
- One half of the Archangel Gabriel's wing
- A large heavy piece of the shout with which the children of Israel tumbled the walls of Jericho
- A large lock of Beelzebub's beard
- A nice section of Moses' left horn

From *The Wit of Martin Luther*, by Eric W. Gritsch, 2016

Help Celebrate World Refugee Day

We are hosting a donation drive for Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains Refugee & Asylee Programs.

World Refugee Day is Tuesday, June 20th, and we'd like to provide LFS with some household items for newly-arrived refugee families. While the numbers are lower this year, there are still families that could use our help.

We have boxes in the back of the church to collect the following items:

(Please only these items at this time)

Twin and full-sized sheets (new or gently-used)

Twin and full-sized blankets (new or gently-used)

Pillows (NEW only)

Pots and pans (new or gently-used)

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Hanel at annabhanel@gmail.com or 303-332-8761.

Thank you!



Budget meetings and Adult Forum in June

The first two Sundays in June, the 4th and the 11th, will be a discussion of the budget, led by Aaron Oberg, Treasurer of the Church Council.

The June 4 meeting will be at 9:15, and the June 11 meeting will be at noon. This is the coming

budget for our new fiscal year of July 2017 to June 2018. Please plan to attend these meetings if you possibly can. This is your chance to help Council prepare the final budget to be presented at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 25.



Lunch Bunch ascends to legendary El Rancho

Grab your oxygen tanks and ascend 2400 feet to the El Rancho Brewing Company in Evergreen, 29260 U.S. 40. You will find hearty sandwiches and burgers, famous Bar-B-Que and a dozen locally brewed beers to choose from. Call Janice Ahrendt at 720 448-6048 (note the new number) to reserve a place. It's coming fast! Thursday, June 1 at noon.

Lunch Bunch Schedule for the remainder of 2017

June 1 El Rancho, 29260 U.S. 40,
Evergreen

July 6 Creekside Cellars, 28036
Hwy. 74, Evergreen

Aug. 3 The Lariat Lodge, 27618
Fireweed Dr., Evergreen

Sept. 7 Chad's, 275 Union,
Lakewood

Oct. 5 240 Union, Lakewood

Nov. 2 Brio's 2500 First Ave. Cherry
Creek, Denver

Dec. 7 Briarwood Inn, 1630 Eighth
St., Golden



Loaves and Fishes

A drive for Metro Caring

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets of broken pieces and of the fish, and those who ate the loaves were 5,000 men."

When Jesus fed the five thousand, He did the improbable with the scarce resources at hand. Many thousands of Coloradans face food insecurity. As in the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, through our faith and relatively few resources, we can feed Colorado's hungry too.

The food pantry needs our help in keeping the market stocked with nutritious food. We need to care about our neighbors who are less fortunate and struggling with hunger for a variety of reasons.

Metro Caring invites you to help feed those who are hungry with your own figurative loaves and fishes. See the box for recommended items.

St. Paul's "loaves and fishes" drive will take place from Sunday, July 17th through Sunday, July 24th. Please find it in your heart to support this worthy organization. Together we can all feed Colorado's multitudes.

A thank you
and a new
call to action

One hundred pairs of socks!

Thirty-five jars of peanut butter and jelly so far this Easter Season (as of three weeks before Pentecost!)

These donations will help so many in our neighborhood. Thank you all for your generosity.

After Pentecost on June 11, we'll begin collecting Ordinary Items for Ordinary Time. You can bring hygiene items like toothpaste, Band-aids, Vaseline, feminine products, razors, lotion, or anything that might be useful. It's so wonderful to see the baskets at the back of the nave fill up Sunday after Sunday.

We are indeed a generous community!



Items needed at Metro Caring

Beans, canned or dry
Brown or white rice
Quinoa
Peanut butter
Rolled oats (unsweetened)
Fruit, canned in juice
Vegetables, canned
Corn, canned
Tuna (canned in water)
Pasta, whole grain
Cereal, whole grain
Oil, olive or canola
Nuts, unsalted
Apple sauce (unsweetened)

June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	2	3 8:30am Baptism 5pm Catholic Mass
4 Pentecost 9:15am Adult Forum: budget 9:30am Choir 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 12 Congregational conversation 4 Columbine Chorale concert	5 1-5pm Street Reach	6 5pm Transition Team 6:30 Outreach and Evangelism	7	8 7:15pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	9	10 11am Hukum Singh Khalsa Piano Studio Recital 5pm Catholic Mass
11 Holy Trinity 9:30am Choir 10:30am Lutheran worship 11:45am Coffee 12 Budget meeting	12 1-5pm Street Reach	13 5pm Transition Team 6:30 Congregational Council meeting	14	15	16	17 Pridefest 5pm Catholic Mass 6:30 Celebration of Anniversaries
18 Orindary Time 11 Pridefest 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	19 1-5pm Street Reach	20 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 5pm Transition Team	21	22	23	24 5pm Catholic Mass
25 Ordinary Time 12 10:30 am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 12 Congregational meeting and potluck	26 1-5pm Street Reach	27 5pm Transition Team	28	29	30	