



# March 2018

## Keeping in Touch

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

### Holy Week at St. Paul

**March 24, 5pm:** Passion Saturday Mass

**March 25, 10:30am:**  
Passion Sunday Worship

**March 29, 7pm:** Maundy Thursday

**March 30, 7pm:** Good Friday

**March 31, 8pm:** Easter Vigil

**April 1, 10:30am:** Easter



It's not too early to be thinking about Easter and making plans to attend Holy Week worship. We begin our observance with Passion Saturday Mass at 5pm on March 24 and Palm Sunday Mass at 10:30am on March 25 as we process in from the courtyard waving our palms in celebration of Jesus' return to Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7pm, will usher in the solemn

time of walking with Jesus through His last days on Earth.

Good Friday Mass will be at 7pm on March 30 allowing us to remember and reflect on His final moments and crucifixion.

Easter Vigil will bring the Lutheran and Catholic communities together for worship at 8pm Saturday, March 31. (There will not be Catholic

Mass that evening.) This is a time to center ourselves and prepare for Jesus' triumph over the tomb on Easter Sunday when His promise will be fulfilled.

Join us for Worship on Easter Sunday at 10:30am as we celebrate together. Please share this schedule with friends and neighbors and invite them to join us, as ALL are welcome in this place.

## 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.**

## 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 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.*

## Church Staff

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## Pastor's Updates

It feels like I just got the Christmas tree down and suddenly it's almost Easter.

Incarnation and Resurrection, the story of God's amazing love for all of creation. March is the month we move through Lent to Holy Week and onto Easter. And it's the one time of the year that you are asked to attend worship five times in eight days!

**March 24:** Palm/Passion Mass 5 pm and/or

**March 25:** Palm/Passion Sunday 10:30 am

**March 29:** Maundy Thursday, 7 pm

**March 30:** Good Friday, 7 pm

**March 31:** the Vigil of Easter, 8 pm

**April 1:** The Sunday of the Resurrection, 10:30 am

Both of our communities along with the members of Pax Christi will gather together to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Please participate in this important part of our life in Christ.

**The Call Committee** continues to move forward. The members will finish the Ministry Site Profile this month and move our process into the hands of the Bishop's staff until we have names of possible candidates — most likely a month after the MSP is submitted.

*Blessings, Pastor Penni*





# Lenten Soup and Study Returns on Wednesday Evenings at 6

**Article and photo by Lin Holly**

Well, it actually returned on February 21, but there's still plenty of time to join us to share fellowship and then stick around for the educational portion of the program.

This year, we're being joined by members of House for All Sinners and Saints as well as Pax Christi as we all look to coming closer together.

The program is titled Advocacy and Social Justice. We see economic injustice everywhere; our neighbors are being deported; poverty and lack of housing has reached critical levels. What can be done? What part can we play? Thanks to Maryann O'Brien, we have a stellar lineup of speakers and topics for discussion that will help to get our minds working on our role in addressing those issues.

- On February 21, we heard from Sister Peg Maloney, who spoke about the social teachings of the Catholic Church.
- On February 28, Peter Severson, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Colorado, introduced the ELCA 2018 Advocacy Goals and Priorities Statement.

- March 7 brings Kenny Wylie, Program Director for Congregational Engagement at The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado, to lead a conversation about poverty and economic injustice.
- March 14 has Meredith Ritchie from Colorado Coalition for the Homeless here to chat with us about that program.
- March 28 winds up the schedule as Josh Stallings leads the dialogue on immigration and updates us on the Sanctuary situation.

Here's the schedule in summary:

- Wednesday evenings from February 21 through March 21.
- Supper at 6pm followed by speakers and discussion from 6:45 to 7:45.
- Prayers before departing.
- Home by 8:15.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us! This promises to be another stimulating and educational opportunity.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Irene McCahill at [I\\_McCahill@yahoo.com](mailto:I_McCahill@yahoo.com) or the church office at 303-839-1432.



# Council Highlights

## February 13, 2018 Meeting

- Constitution work continues with making changes to reflect the ELCA model constitution.
- The ECC needs a constitution from the St. Paul Catholic Community before they can be accepted. We also need a Bylaws Task Force and a Covent Task Force as soon as possible because Lutheran Bylaws will be taken into account in the Catholic version.
- Synod Assembly is May 3-4 in Westminster this year. We need two lay voting members, one female and one male. St. Paul is leading the opening worship this year, and we hope many people from St. Paul will come and be a part of this service.
- Our Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 15th.

### 1. Father Don's Report

- St. Paul will go to the Lenten Fish Fry at Good Shepherd together on Friday, March 2.
- Pax Christi will join us for Lent and Holy Week and the Wednesday evening soup supper.
- A Historical Remembrance of the Seder will be held at Father Don's again this year. It will be a potluck on Palm Sunday evening, March 25th.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- We're not spending as much as we had anticipated.
- The budget we adopted for this fiscal year was \$298,000. Our projected budget for 2018-19 will be \$245,000.
- We are to think about things that give us only a little return but cost a lot, and things that give us a great return without costing a lot. What are we doing at St. Paul that is a good use of our resources?

### 3. Committees

#### Evangelism: Irene's Report

- Carolyn Swenson spoke at the Evangelism Committee on February 1 on advocacy groups. There is training on March 23 for AMPARO, a group that trains people as "guardian angels" to be present at court hearings for immigrants.
- Anna Hanel is involved with Mango House, where refugees can get clothing, etc.
- Easter signs outside the church will cost \$84 and will be ordered.

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- Wednesdays in Lent: Speakers from five advocacy and social justice organizations will be our program speakers this year: Rocky Mountain Synod Advocacy, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Interfaith Alliance of Colorado, Sanctuary and Immigration, and Catholic Social Teaching.
- There will be no Volunteer Fair this year. Perhaps we could hold a Rummage Sale in the spring.

**Nominations:** In the absence of a chair on Council, Pastor Penni will call a worship committee meeting.

#### **4. President's Report**

- Constitution Changes: We will leave the original name of St. Paul as is in the constitution, but in the Bylaws, we will say DBA St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community of Faith.
- It was moved and seconded that we present to the congregation the Constitution as amended to include the ELCA required changes. Passed.
- It was further moved and seconded that we accept the attached amendments. Passed.
- Street Reach problems are not being addressed. There are many alternatives to feeding the hungry that we as a church community could do that would not impact the building or the neighbors in such a negative manner. Pastor Penni, Father Don and Jeff will meet with Street Reach again on March 5. We are to look at a program in Seattle <http://www.giveshareeat.com/> to see the success of a different lunch ministry.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer. The next Council meeting will be held on March 13.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Maryann O'Brien, Secretary*



## **Lunch Bunch at Fresh Fish Company March 1**

The Mesquite grilled seafood includes Alaskan king crab, lobster, halibut and more. The Fresh Fish Company has come in first or second on Denver's "A List" for seafood every year since 2007. Located at 700 E. Hampden Avenue, Fresh Fish Company offers such delicacies as New Zealand cockles, Chesapeake oysters, and clam chowder. Call Janice Ahrendt at 720 448-6045 for a reservation.

### **2018 Lunch Bunch Schedule**

**March 1:** Fresh Fish Co., 700E. Hampden

**April 5:** Buckhorn Exchange, 1000 Osage St.

**May 3:** Imperial Chinese Seafood, 431 S. Broadway, Denver

**June 7:** Dushanbe Tea House, 1770 13th St., Boulder

**July 5:** The Lariat Lodge., 27618 Fireweed Dr., Evergreen

**August 2:** Creekside Cellars, 28036 Highway 74 , Evergreen

**September 6:** Monaco Inn, 962 S. Monaco Parkway, Denver

**October 4:** Black Eyed Pea, 94 Wadsworth, Lakewood

**November 1:** Brio's, 2500 First Avenue, Cherry Creek

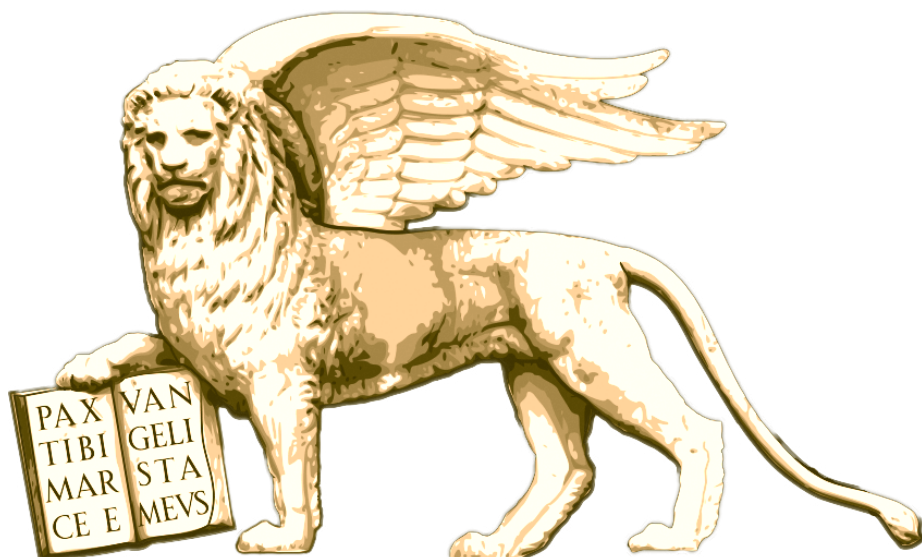
**December 6:** 240 Union, Lakewood



# The Gospel of Mark

*Mark 1:1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

Adult Forum in Lent continues with the Gospel of Mark every Sunday through March 18 from 9:15 to 10:15 am. We have different leaders every Sunday



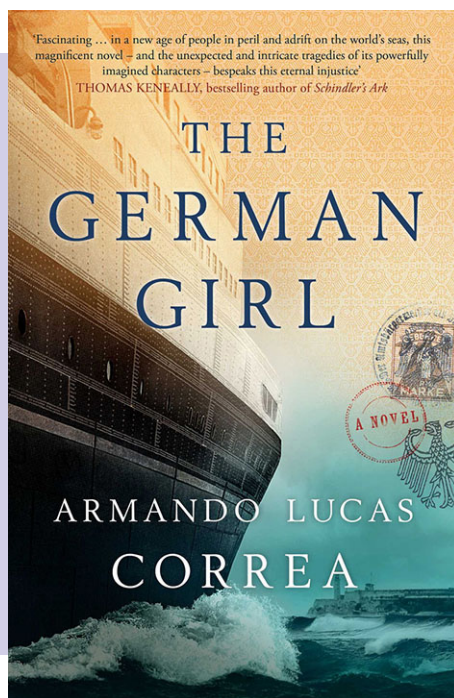
— clergy and lay — so we get new perspectives on Bible study from each one. Pastor Ron Roschke gave a very interesting interpretation of the Feeding of the 5,000 and again of the

4,000. Join us to hear Pastor Penni Walsh, Jeri Rodrick, and Jim Harrer as we work our way through this wonderful Gospel.

Everyone is welcome.

## Book Talk

The next selection for Book Talk is **The German Girl** by Armando Lucas Correa. We will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 pm at the home of Bonnie Carlson, 480 S Marion Pkwy, #1206A. All are welcome. For more information, call Bonnie at 303-722-9892.



## Brief News

### Foundation Funds Repairs

The St. Paul Foundation met on Sunday, February 25, 2018, and approved the Church Council's request for \$13,750 for building repairs. Repairs include fixing the flat roof over the restrooms, structural repair to the Columbarium, and work to update interior and exterior door locks and security.

### Call Committee Meets

The St. Paul Call Committee will hold its third meeting on Sunday, March 4, at St. Paul. A short summary of the meeting will be published in the bulletin.



## Play Explores Petty Disputes and Shared Decency

**Native Gardens** is our April play in the Space Theatre at the Performing Arts Complex. It is a hilarious comedy wherein you can't choose your neighbors. In this brilliant new comedy, cultures and gardens clash, turning well intentioned neighbors into feuding enemies.

Pablo, a rising attorney, and doctoral candidate Tania, his very pregnant wife, have just purchased a home next to Frank and Virginia, a well-established D.C. couple with a prize-worthy English garden. However, an impending barbecue for Pablo's colleagues and a delicate disagreement over a long-standing fence line

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soon spirals into an all-out border dispute, exposing both couples' notion of race, class and privilege.

This play is a true breath of comic fresh air. It is a biting, perceptive and ultimately hopeful send-up to our fraught relationships with those around us — even right next door. Beyond snappy one-liners and garden hose fights, the play challenges audiences to look beyond petty differences and rediscover our shared decency. It has sharp,

witty writing, lots of laughs, a strong cast, a beautiful set, a sense of currency and immediacy. Plus it is only 90 minutes long (no intermission).

It will be seen in the Space Theatre at 6 pm on April 18. Please remain after the performance for Pastor Bollman's theological discussion of the play with the cast. The reservation deadline is March 27.

Mail your \$35 check, payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod and note on the check: T&T – Native Gardens – St. Paul ELCA. Mail to Dorothy Stenman, 818 Logan Street #1203, Denver, CO 80203-3125.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>March2018</div>				1	2	3
				7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal		8:30am Council retreat 5pm Catholic Mass
Lent 3 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA meeting	1-5pm Street Reach 6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers		6pm Lenten soup and study	7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal	7:30pm Rocky Mountain Ringers concert	2pm Rocky Mountain Ringers concert 5pm Catholic Mass
Lent 4 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Passion Sunday 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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