



# April 2018

## Keeping in Touch

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

### Holy Week at St. Paul

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

**March 30, noon:** Stations of the Cross

**7pm:** Good Friday

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

**April 1, 9:15 am:** Brunch

**10:30am:** Easter





## 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 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.*

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## Church Staff

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## Pastor's Thoughts

There are no real updates on the transition process except to let you know the Ministry Site Profile has been submitted and now we wait for names from the Office of the Bishop. So I'm sharing my thoughts this month.

As I write, it's the eve of Palm/Passion Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. It's my most beloved week of the year and at the same time it come with some anxiety. The "Hosannas" of the Palm parade give way to "crucify." I know how significant it is to walk to the cross and stand at the foot and experience the grief of Christ's death, but it always hurts. I know all of these different services demand that I stay on top of where I am and what I'm doing. I know I will be exhausted by the close of the worship on Resurrection Sunday. But most important of all, I know that on Resurrection Sunday the "Alleluia, Christ is Risen" will be shouted out by voices all over the world, and I too will be lifted up to new life. May the season of Easter also fill you with the living Lord and give you hope and peace.

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## Upcoming Budget and Stewardship

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, June 30, we will be doing budget planning and our annual Stewardship campaign. Aaron, our treasurer, will be holding several budget discussions, so please plan to participate. Our budget reflects our ministry priorities and therefore needs all of us.

The Stewardship campaign, "Out of our Past and into our Future," will kick off April 15. (Kind of ironic on purpose.) We'll finish out the campaign May 6 with a celebration brunch, so watch for information in your email or your snail mail.

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## Sanctuary Opportunities

Carolyn Swenson plans to attend the “Guardian Angel” training being organized through the Rocky Mountain Synod later this month. This program of the ELCA was formed to accompany migrant children through the court system. The program will need to identify some “**Welcoming Congregations**” in the Denver metro area. She consulted with Ron Hoffman, and they agreed that this may be a great opportunity and fit with the steps we are taking to explore offering St. Paul as a sanctuary congregation.

She talked with the coordinator about our upcoming training on the 24th, and she said that it would be nice to have some Welcoming Congregations in place before we start going to court. That way we have some ELCA congregations to which we can refer people.

Welcoming Congregations commit to four things:

1. Welcome and minister to migrant guests and identify a contact person in the congregation who speaks enough Spanish for basic communication;
2. Attend occasional meetings of the Welcoming Congregations Network in your synod for mutual support, fellowship and training;

3. Participate in conference calls to be updated on the current situation of migration of children and families and receive policy updates; and

4. Advocate for public policy that will positively impact the current immigration crisis — including working in partnership with the ELCA Washington Office and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service on immigration reform.

Being a WC does not mean that everyone in the congregation is on board. It only requires the pastor to be willing and there to be a small team.

This will be presented to the Council in April and then opened to the congregation. Please share any feedback you have with any Council member, Pr Penni, Fr Don, Carolyn or Ron.

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## Congregational Meeting Change

There will be no Congregation Meeting April 15, but we will have a Congregational Conversation after worship to bring everyone up to date on various activities/issues going on at St. Paul, so we hope you can be there.

*Blessings,*  
**Pastor Penni Walsh**





# All Are Welcome *for* Holy Week



**Easter.** It brings many emotions to the forefront of our minds all during one short week.

We began by celebrating Christ's triumphant return to Jerusalem on Passion Saturday or on Palm Sunday, when we gathered in the courtyard and processed into the Nave waving palms and singing joyously.

Then, on Maundy Thursday, at 7pm we're plunged into sadness when we recall the Last Supper, Jesus' betrayal by one of His friends, the time He spent in prayer and meditation alone in the Garden of Gethsemane while He struggled with the knowledge that He would soon die, and His arrest and trial at the hands of Pontius Pilate.

On Good Friday, we first observe the Stations of the Cross at noon and later, at 7pm we worship

together again remembering the suffering and death of Christ on the cross as He fulfilled the promise of dying so that we can all receive His forgiveness by grace.

Holy Saturday finds us together starting at 8pm to take part in the Easter Vigil, where we wait and hope for Christ's victory over death.

And then at 9:15 Easter morning, we'll begin by sharing a brunch to break the fast begun on Holy Saturday and continue the celebration at 10:30am with joyous Alleluias, greetings of "Happy Easter" and shouts of "He IS Risen! He IS Risen, Indeed!"

Please plan to join us for one or all of the worship opportunities of Holy Week and experience how this journey will touch you.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**— By Lin Holly**

# Council Highlights

March 13, 2018 Meeting

## Pastor Penni's Report

- Lenten Soup Suppers are going well and having House for all Sinners and Saints join us for dinner has been good. Thanks to Irene, Lin, Diane and Maryann for organizing.
- Outside Ashes on Ash Wednesday with the evening service counted 77 people. There are more people joining us for weekend services and some interested in becoming members.
- St. Paul is no longer leading worship for the Opening Ceremony at Synod Assembly in May. We are waiting to see if Pastor Penni and Father Don will be able to have an opportunity to highlight our unique relationship.
- Jeff and Jeff will organize an Easter Brunch at 9:00 instead of a Potluck.
- The April 15 Congregational Meeting is postponed until June 24 to accommodate completion of the Constitution and By-laws. (See New Business)

## Father Don's Report

- A pianist has been found for the Saturday Mass.
- Acceptance into the ECC is almost complete. On June 24, the Feast of Corpus Christi, there will be an induction service with many guests including ECC bishops.
- A Christian Seder will be held at Father Don's on Palm Sunday evening.

## Treasurer's Report

- We have made great strides since last year in balancing the budget. We have \$164,800 in savings.
- Aaron will give presentations / discussions of the upcoming budget during Adult Forum on March 25, April 15, and May 13.

## Old Business and Updates

- Rummage Sale May 18-19. Irene, Liz, Michelle, and Lin are in charge. We'll get hanging signs and Facebook notifications.

## New Business

- Building Use Fee Schedule discussed and approved with changes. It was moved and seconded that we remove all fees except a \$50 Custodial Care Charge for Non-Profit Functions and say that Donations are accepted. These and the For-Profit Functions fees effective as of July 1, 2018.
- Constitution and Bylaws. Council's Consensus was to expedite the process so that the Catholic Community could file their own Constitution and By-laws as soon as possible. To allow more time, the Congregational Meeting will be moved from April 15 to June 24.

**Stewardship Campaign** begins on April 14 and 15. The theme is *Out of our Past and Into our Future*.

- April 16 Mail / emails sent announcing Stewardship 2018 with an invitation to Consecration Weekend on May 5/6
- April 23 Council will call members of committees and all volunteers to get reservation commitments.
- May 5/6 Consecration Weekend Pledges returned at Saturday Wine and Cheese Reception and Sunday at Lunch Buffet.

Next Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 9

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

## Help Draft the ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice

During the next few months, St. Paul will participate in a Study and Response for the ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ.

We begin in Adult Forum on April 8 and continue till May 20. During the summer we will arrange to keep working and meet at convenient times to finish our report by the deadline of September 30, 2018.

If you are interested in being part of this policy making project, see Maryann O'Brien for a booklet or for more information.

The Catholic Community is invited to participate as well. Watch for a handout on the table in the narthex.

## Basket Drives Resume

Last year we collected many basketsful of donated items to benefit our neighbors — from socks in spring, diapers in the fall, and fleece items at Christmas. We're asking you to be generous once again and bring small toiletries for the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and put them at the back of the nave.

Meredith and Jill, our two Wednesday night speakers from the Coalition, make frequent rounds to identify and supply needs of those they meet and distribute small bags of necessities.

Once the baskets are full, we'll bag everything up for easy distribution and take them to the Coalition.

Thank you again for being such supporters of those less fortunate.



## April 5 Lunch Bunch Visits Buckhorn Exchange

Denver's original steakhouse, **The Buckhorn Exchange** is located in the city's oldest neighborhood, just five minutes from downtown Denver — with a light-rail stop right across the street. This National Historic Landmark and Western Museum has been serving the finest in Old West fare since 1893.

Located at 1000 Osage St, Denver, CO 80204. Call Janice Ahrendt at 720 448-645 for a reservation.

### 2018 Lunch Bunch Schedule

**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



# Lent Brought Fellowship, Learning

By **Lin Holly**

During the past month, the Evangelism and Outreach Committee has joined with the Education Committee to present the Lenten Soup and Study Series. Starting on February 21, we were joined by members of Pax Christi and House for All Sinners and Saints as the St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community of Faith shared wonderful soups and bread followed by Holden Service for the House of All Sinners and Saints folks and presentations designed to enlighten us on Social Issues for the rest of the attendees.

Thanks to the great work of Maryann O'Brien, we learned about the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church from Sr. Peg Maloney from Regis University; the ELCA 2018 Advocacy Goals and Priorities Statement from Peter Severson, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Colorado for the ELCA; Meredith Ritchie from the Colorado Coalition on the Homeless who enlightened us on issues faced by people who become homeless even though they are working and caring for their families; and lastly, Josh Stallings shared information about Immigration and updated us on the Sanctuary Situation.

We couldn't have presented this great opportunity for fellowship, worship and education without the generous support of those who provided the soups and breads each week, the help of the folks who set up and took down the serving tables, the leadership of Pastor Penni and Father Don and all the last-minute assistance of Lori Arias, Mo and George Ertle. Thanks to everyone who made the sessions successful. If anyone's name or contribution has been overlooked, please accept both our gratitude and my apology.

While this was happening, the Evangelism and Outreach Committee also arranged for



**Peter Severson talks about the ELCA's advocacy goals for 2018 during a Lenten Soup and Study.**

advertising and signage for the Holy Week Worship Opportunities. Another BIG thanks to Joe and Anna Hanel for the wonderful design work on the signs and banners hanging outside. Their generosity of time and talent is always appreciated. Irene McCahill worked with the sign maker to finalize the signage and to pick them up in a timely manner. Mo was the brave man who hung the banners on the building, and we thank him for that. Again, a great group effort — thanks to each of you!

# The Who's Tommy finds triumph amid trauma

We have two more plays before the end of our theatre season. The next play, *The Who's Tommy*, will be shown at the Stage Theatre on May 1 with a reservation deadline of April 10th. It is the story of a young boy named Tommy who witnesses a traumatic incident that causes him to retreat from the world around him. However, a newfound talent for pinball introduces him to the fame and fortune of success. Tommy and his family give voice to The Who's iconic 1969 concept album as they

## THEATRE & THEOLOGY

navigate the troubles and joys of being alive.

A ticket costs \$35.00 made payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod. Note on check: T&T – *The Who's Tommy* – St. Paul ELCA.

Mail check to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street - #1203; Denver, CO 80203-3125.



## Book Talk

Book Talk's next selection is **The Little French Bistro** by Nina George. We will meet on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 pm at Bonnie Carlson's home: 480 S. Marion Parkway #1206A. For more information contact Bonnie at 303-722-9892.

All are welcome.





| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday                                  | Saturday  |
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| <b>Easter 1</b><br><b>9am</b> Brunch, Choir warm-up<br><b>10:30am</b> Easter Worship<br><b>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting  | <b>2</b><br><b>1-5pm</b> Street Reach<br><b>6pm</b> Rocky Mountain Ringers  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br><b>7pm</b> St Paul Choir rehearsal   | <b>6</b>                                | <b>7</b><br><b>10am</b> SAA meeting<br><b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass |
| <b>Easter 2 8</b><br><b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum<br><b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship<br><b>11:45am</b> Coffee<br><b>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting  | <b>9</b><br><b>1-5pm</b> Street Reach<br><b>6pm</b> Rocky Mountain Ringers  | <b>10</b><br><b>6:30pm</b> Congregational Council | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br><b>7pm</b> St Paul Choir rehearsal  | <b>13</b>                               | <b>14</b><br><b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass                           |
| <b>Easter 3 15</b><br><b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum<br><b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship<br><b>11:45am</b> Congregational Conversation<br><b>3pm</b> St. Martin's Chamber Choir concert<br><b>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting | <b>16</b><br><b>1-5pm</b> Street Reach<br><b>6pm</b> Rocky Mountain Ringers | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br><b>9am</b> Rock Canyon HS recording day<br><b>7pm</b> St Paul Choir rehearsal | <b>20</b><br><i>Newsletter deadline</i> | <b>21</b><br><b>5pm</b> Catholic Mass                           |
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| <b>Easter 5 29</b><br><b>9:15am</b> Adult Forum<br><b>10:30am</b> Lutheran Worship<br><b>11:45am</b> Coffee<br><b>4pm</b> Anima Chamber Choir concert<br><b>6:30pm</b> SAA meeting                             | <b>30</b><br><b>1-5pm</b> Street Reach<br><b>6pm</b> Rocky Mountain Ringers |   |           | <h1>April 2018</h1>  |   |   |