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Keeping in Touch

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

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visit www.rmseica.org/immigration



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 Ecumenical Catholic Community.

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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Pastor's News

If the Call process continues as it is now, September 9 will be my last Sunday with you. This may or may not mean your new Lutheran pastor will be here just yet, so there may be a few Sundays with Fr Don or our other "in-residence" clergy. (If the process stalls, we may revisit this plan.)

I have been so blessed by my time as your pastor! And I thank every one of you for your willingness to walk the difficult path of moving from the familiar into the new and for your commitment to St. Paul. You are the gift of this place and because of you St. Paul will thrive, opening a new chapter in the legacy of this special place.

I will move on to another interim call, but as my time allows I will visit occasionally. I will however, not be available for any pastoral issues. Those are now given to your new pastor.

I do invite all of you to an Open House on August 26, 2pm to 5pm just to say thanks. I will have wine, coffee, tea and light snacks.

Directions: Take I 25 north to US 36 toward Boulder. (If you live on the west side of town you can take Wadsworth Blvd north to Broomfield.) Get off US 36 at the exit for Wadsworth Blvd. There will be signs saying Broomfield, but the exit only says Wadsworth Blvd. Take the ramp north and get on north bound Highway 287. Go through three lights and at the fourth light turn east onto Miramonte Blvd. There is a King Soopers on the southeast corner. Stay on Miramonte through the first stop sign then turn left at the second street, Holly Drive. Holly is a U-shaped street, so if you miss the turn you can take the next one. My address is 1445 Holly Drive W, Broomfield 80020. My house is at the curve of the U, gray with blue and brown trim. I'll put a balloon on the mail box.

Blessings, Pastor Penni

Updates for the Congregation

Call Committee

Mark your calendars: Sunday, August 26, 12 noon

Congregational Meeting: Possible Call Candidate

The Call Committee and Congregational Council are hopeful they will be able to present a candidate to the congregation on August 26. There are still several hoops to get through. However, it might be helpful at this time to simply ask everyone to save the date on their calendars.

While this might be optimistic planning, it is necessary to meet the church constitution requirements for the notice of meetings.

We will keep you posted in the meantime!

We are grateful to Ron Thorne, who led the Call Committee during the first part of the process. Jeri Rodrick and Maryann O'Brien are now acting as Co-Chairs for this next part of the process in calling a new Lutheran pastor.

Grant Street Reach

Ian Sanders from Grant Street Reach, the Denver police assigned to our area, Jeff Parrott and Pastor Penni meet with the property owners and managers for the buildings around us in early July. We are working on ways to mitigate the impact of the food program, but there are some among the owners who simply want Street Reach shut down. Where they will go with that is unknown, but it is important to keep you up-to-date so there are no surprises.

— Pastor Penni

St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community Foundation

The Foundation's quarterly meeting will be Sunday, August 12, at church after Lutheran worship.

Newborns in Need Project

Last November we had our kick-off event to help supply Denver Health with much needed baby items for the more than 3,000 babies born there every year. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to buy enough yarn for approximately 50 new baby blankets. Our knitting group now has members from Our Savior Lutheran Church and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as well as from St. Paul. We have made five trips to the hospital with our donations and each time, we are warmly thanked. Unfortunately, our supply of yarn has run out. If you feel you could spare \$5 or \$10 for more yarn to keep our fingers busy and the babies warm, talk to Nancy Hauck, Betty Wolsey, or Maryann O'Brien. Thank you so much!



Lunch Bunch Returns to Evergreen on Aug. 2

On Thursday, August 2, join us at Creekside Cellars, 28036 Highway 74, Evergreen. Phone: 303-674-5460.

RSVP Janice Ahrendt at 720-448-6045.

2018 Lunch Bunch Schedule

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

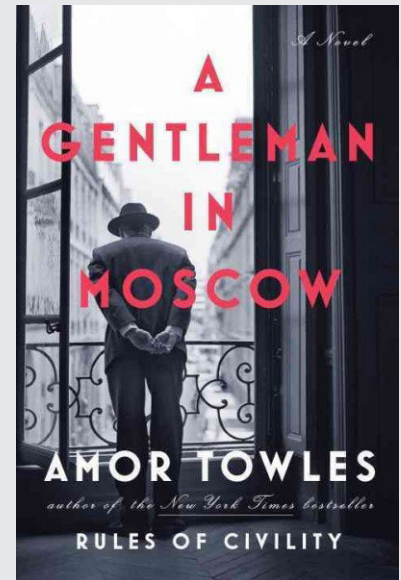
November 1: Brio's, 2500 First Avenue, Cherry Creek

December 6: 240 Union, Lakewood

Book Talk

Book Talk is taking a break until September. When we return we will be discussing **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors.

Tuesday, September 18, 7pm
Bonnie Carlson's home, 480 S. Marion Pkwy #1206A.
303-722-9892



Vietgone Opens New Season

Our season begins with two plays that will be seen in September and which have August reservation deadlines.

The first play is Vietgone, written by playwright Qui Nguyen. It is a modern twist on the All-American love story where boy meets girl – except the boy and girl are refugees from the Vietnam War newly settled in a relocation camp in middle America. Borrowing elements from the world of up-to-the-minute popular culture to recreate the playwright's own parents' meeting, Vietgone ranges from hilarity to heart-wrenching drama. Nguyen skips through time and around the globe to present a fresh theatrical take on a moving account of one real family's history.

THEATRE &
THEOLOGY

The second play is Oklahoma, which is known to most theatregoers. This production holds a special place in musical theatre history. The story centers on farmhand Laurey in the American West of 1906 and the two men who are competing for her affection.

Vietgone will be seen on September 4 with a reservation deadline of August 14.

Oklahoma has a reservation deadline of August 28 with

a performance date of September 18. A ticket costs \$35. Make check payable to the Rocky Mountain Synod. Please note on check: T&T – Name of play – St, Paul ELCA. Mail check to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street #1203; Denver, CO 80203-3125.

Lutheran Family Services Helps Victims of U.S. Border Crisis

On Friday, July 20, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain was asked by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) to provide emergency services to 300 immigrant families in Albuquerque, NM who were separated under the short-lived family separation policy.

Overnight, they organized the team in their Albuquerque office and sent additional help from the Denver office..

An update from LFS:

On July 26, we were informed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), that we would not be receiving any more reunited families for transition services at our Albuquerque office at this time. As a result, we have formally begun to demobilize this phase of our Rapid Response Family Reunification Project. The response of the community at large and partner organizations was overwhelming and conversations are already underway regarding the redistribution of excess backpacks, clothing, gift cards, toiletries, etc., to other community organizations and congregations that assist immigrants throughout the year that are released from detention.

The next phase of work on this project will involve providing follow-up services with the 57 individuals that came through our program in Albuquerque and through other transitional programs in Arizona and Texas. LFSRM and agencies like ours across the country will be providing on-going services to these families in their new communities, up to and perhaps



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“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man?”
“The one who showed him mercy.”
“Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:36-37

: beyond their required hearings in Immigration
: Court. Funding contributed to the Albuquerque
: Family Reunification project will continue to
: follow the families that passed through our
: doors, and to support those who may follow in
: New Mexico and Colorado, including families,
: single moms and other immigrants being

released from detention without supports, whether through LFSRM or in conjunction with other local partners. We will continue to provide updates on the ongoing work that began this past week, but it is far from finished.

Finally, our hearts continue to break for the large numbers of children that have yet to be reunited with their parents. As a leading child welfare organization in the Rocky Mountain region for the

: past 70 years, we have considerable expertise
: in the life-long effects of trauma on children.
: LFSRM believes that our work simply cannot be
: complete until the last child is reunited with their
: parents and is receiving appropriate treatment
: and support, no matter what the final disposition
: of their case is. We continue to pray that this
: period of separating families ends as soon as
: possible. We ask all of you who have chosen a
: compassionate and generous response to the
: needs of these vulnerable neighbors to continue
: to stand with them, to witness to their humanity
: and dignity, and to show them welcome and
: hospitality.

— Reprinted from Rocky Mountain Synod
eConnection and Lutheran Family Services email

PARTY!!

LABOR DAY AFTERNOON



**All are invited
to our annual
Parish Party!**

Let's get
together for a
great time!

**Monday, September 3 • 5:30pm
Father Don Sutton's Condo Party Room
1250 Humboldt St., Denver**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>August2018</div>			1	2	3	4 5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 18 5 10:30am Lutheran Worship/ 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA meeting	6 1-5pm Street Reach	7	8 12noon Interim meeting	9	10	11 11:30am SAA meeting 5pm Catholic Mass
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