



# February 2019

## Keeping in Touch

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



## 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 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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## Church Staff

**The Rev. Barbara Berry Bailey** | Lutheran Pastor

**The Rev. Don Sutton** | Catholic Pastor

**Deacon Mark Alan Filbert** | Cantor

**Valerie Brown** | Musician

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## From the Council President

What a year! As we take a moment to look back at all we have accomplished in 2018 and look forward to all we have to accomplish in 2019, we should take a few minutes to celebrate!

But that isn't the real story. The real celebration is that more people were involved in the activities of the Church in more ways than we have been in a long, long time. We were engaged in the processes, we invested our time, talent, and treasure. We even stopped just to have fun every once in a while!

From tasks taken on by one or two people to committees and task forces that involved many folks — we participated.

The Council and its committees help lead the way. The Education, Finance, Fellowship, Evangelism, Property, Worship, and the Executive Committees are alive and well.

The Transition Team prepared us for the work of the Call Committee. We worked as close as ever with the staff of the Office of the Bishop. The Call Committee's work is evidenced by its wonderful results!

The Foundation watched over significant assets to help make funds available throughout the year for our special projects — especially those related to the upkeep of our property.

Three pastors, Penni, Stephanie, and now Barbara have led us as Father Don provided stability along the way.

Both singers and instrumentalists were led by Cantor Mark Filbert to make our worship the best it could be.

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There are those who decorate, and those who clean up. Those who cook, those who set up tables and prepare buffets. And God bless those who do the shopping and run the errands! Some landscape and others make repairs to the property. There are those who bake bread and those who serve communion. There are those who greet us as we enter the church for services.

Several were involved in our stewardship campaign. Others drop the money in the safe, count and record it, provide recordkeeping, and pay the bills.

The Homeless and Hungry Task Force is leading us into new ways to serve those in need in our neighborhood. Others visit and care for those who are homebound, hospitalized, or mourning

the loss of loved ones.

There are those who are out there “marketing our product,” those who work to educate us, some make sure the trash is taken away. Then there are those who produce our stellar newsletter and website and keep Facebook and other social media up to date.

The list is endless. Lots of people are doing lots of things. We notice your efforts! More people are more involved than ever.

2019 will offer more, new, and different ways to be involved. Different ways to share your time, talent, and treasure. Rest a bit — we’ll be at full speed again very soon.

Thank you to each and every one for your amazing contributions!

**Jeff Parrott**

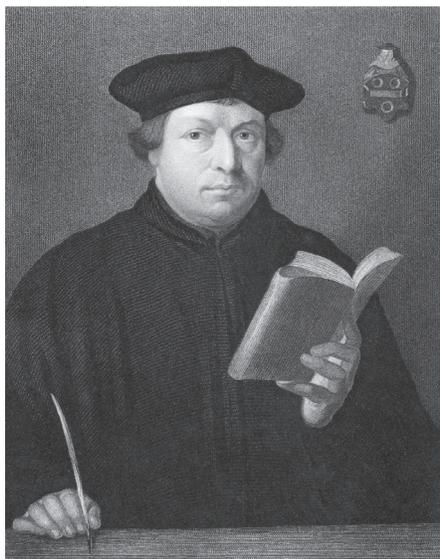
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## ADULT FORUM IN FEBRUARY

# New Eyes on the Catechism

Quick! Recite the Ten Commandments. Which Creed is explained in the Catechism? If, like many of us, you’ve gotten a little rusty since you were confirmed at age 13, come for a refresher in February. More than a refresher. See the Catechism with New Eyes.

What does it mean not to bear false witness against our neighbor? Are we always to speak well of him/her (even if we know them to be cruel, demeaning, misogynistic, homophobic, etc.)? Does our theology bias us to be too quick to forgive and not condemn? Is this pattern repeated across all our churches because Christians emphasize forgiveness more than accountability? How can



we be charitable about those in power in Washington? And all these questions are about only one of the Commandments!

If the present series of Heaven, Hell, and the Hereafter is anything to go by, we will have many lively discussions as Pastor Barbara leads us through Luther’s Small Catechism. Booklets will be provided if you need one. The five-week series begins on February 3 and ends on March 3. Everyone is welcome.

We hope to see you there.

**Jim Harrer and Maryann O’Brien, Education Ministry Co-Chairs**

# Congregational Council Highlights • Jan. 8, 2019

## Pastor Barbara Berry-Bailey's Report

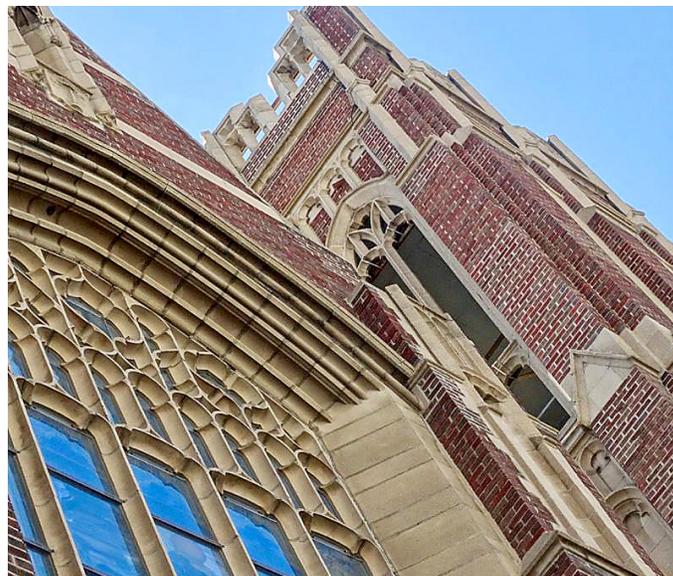
- The Council retreat will take place on Saturday, February 9, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Synod Offices.
- Lutheran Day at the Legislature will be held at St. Paul on February 21 at 7:30 am. Bishop Gonia will give a welcome before the training, and the day will conclude with a walk to the Capitol at 11:30 to meet the legislators.
- We would like to send a mailing to the new residents of nearby ZIP codes inviting them to Easter services. We need money for this mailing.
- Parish visits are going well.
- Lutheran Family Services: It was moved and seconded that we give \$2,000 to help support a volunteer for a year to work with refugee clients. Approved.

## Father Don Sutton's Report

- Food Bridge Proposal Handout from Marin Toscano discussed. What, if any, is the relationship between this program and the Homeless and Hungry Task Force? We will ask Ms. Toscano to come at the end of our council retreat on February 9 to answer any questions before Council decides on this project.
- Parking Lot at 16th and Logan. Father Don would like to explore the possibility of acquiring that lot for St. Paul.

## Treasurer's Report

- Aaron spoke of a recent \$20,000 bequest to St. Paul, half of which would go into the



general fund and half into a program similar to LAM (Lutheran Assistance Ministry.) It was moved and seconded that the entire bequest of \$20,000 not be spent in this current fiscal year. Then, half would be set aside for the purpose of supporting a homeless ministry as near as possible to the goals and purpose of LAM. Passed.

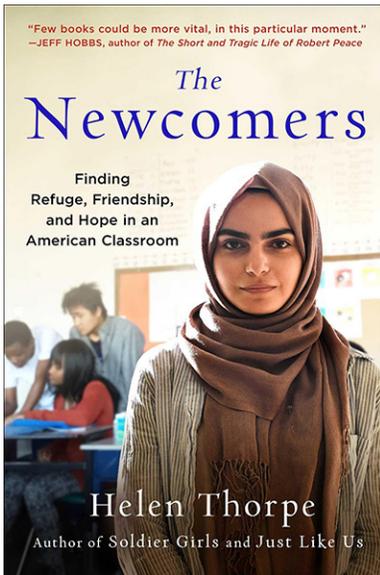
- Pledges are above expectation with 52.4% for the year so far, which is half a year. We are half way to the Facilities rental line in the budget but behind on parking and grocery cards.

## Property Report

- Greg said that the coffee maker was on its way.
- An engineer is coming to inspect the roof.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12.

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



## Book Talk

The next selection for Book Talk is **The Newcomers** by Helen Thorpe.

From the book jacket: “The Newcomers follows the lives of twenty-two teenagers from around the world over the course of one school year as they land at South High School in Denver, Colorado, in a beginner-level English language acquisition class. Speaking no English and

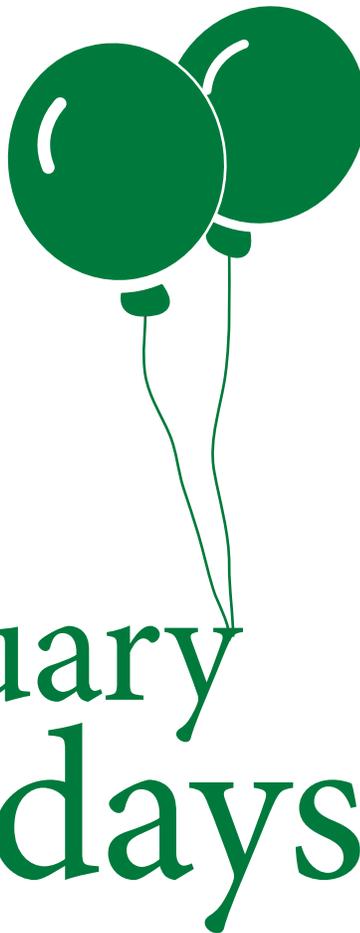
unfamiliar with American culture, they face the enormous challenge of adapting to life in the developed world, in addition to navigating the usual pangs of adolescence.”

We will meet at Bonnie Carlson’s home, 480 S. Marion Pkwy #1206A, on February 26 at 7 pm. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Bonnie at 303-722-9892.

## Lunch Bunch to meet at The Olive Garden

Join your friends and make new ones on Thursday, February 7, at noon at the Olive Garden at 2390 S. Havana. Call Janice Ahrendt (720 448-6045) to reserve your plate of spaghetti!



# February Birthdays

<b>Liz Cooper</b>	February 2
<b>Ruth Miller</b>	February 9
<b>Jill Coffman</b>	February 10
<b>Zach Harrer</b>	February 11
<b>Jeff Jacob</b>	February 12
<b>Tristan Robinson</b>	February 15
<b>Helen Jackman</b>	February 16
<b>Mike Fyler</b>	February 19
<b>Sue Barden</b>	February 25
<b>Carol Wehling</b>	February 25
<b>Ron Roschke</b>	February 26
<b>David Stubbs</b>	February 27

# THEATRE & THEOLOGY



## See a World Premiere Play by a Brilliant Writer

In early March, we will see **The Whistleblower**, a world premiere play by Itamar Moses, author of *The Band's Visit*, which received ten 2018 Tony awards. Itamar Moses is an absolutely brilliant playwright.

This play is hilarious, thought-provoking and really kind of a spiritual journey. When the main character recognizes that there is a discord between his inner self and his authentic self, he begins telling the truth about the relationships in his life, and the people around him think that he has lost his mind. He comes to a place that you will think is very hopeful at the end. The playwright takes us on a humorous exploration of our purpose and whether our actions have the power to affect others.

We will see this play at the Denver Performing Arts Space Theater on March 5. You are invited to

A whistleblower is a person who exposes any kind of information or activity that is deemed unethical or not correct within an organization that is either private or public. The information of alleged wrongdoing can be classified in many ways: violation of company policy/rules, law, regulation of threat to public or national interest.

stay after the play to have a discussion with the actors led by Pastor Dan Bollman.

The deadline for purchasing a \$35 ticket is February 12. Make your check payable to the Rocky Mountain Synod and write T&T –The Whistleblower – St. Paul ELCA on the memo line and mail check to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street - #1203; Denver, CO 80203-3125.

# Please Help Us by Completing the Fellowship Ministry Team Survey

The Fellowship Ministry Team would like to have your input and ideas regarding events, programs that you would like to see take place, what level of interest you have in participating in planning and putting on those events and what the Fellowship Ministry Team could be doing to better serve our community.

In order to save trees and to allow you to participate anonymously, I created a Survey Monkey survey in early January and sent it to the people whose email addresses were provided to me by the Church office staff. There are no names attached to that list (unless your email address includes your name) and the surveys are returned to Survey Monkey, not to me directly; Survey Monkey then sends me your responses, but there are no names attached to them unless you

include your name in your comments. Hopefully, knowing this might encourage more participation and help you to feel free to be very candid in your responses.

I'm reaching out to remind everyone that I'd like to have the surveys returned by January 30 and to ask that in case you didn't receive it already, you still have time to complete and return the survey. Just send me an email at [blazerneon@gmail.com](mailto:blazerneon@gmail.com) and I will send you the survey.

Thanks in advance for your help and I look forward to using this information to plan events for our community throughout the year.

***Lin Holly, Chair, Fellowship Ministry Team***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>February 2019</h1>						1	2
<b>Epiphany 4</b> 3 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Choir warmup 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA meeting	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers rehearsal		7pm Hungry and Homeless Task Force	7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal		5pm Catholic Mass	
<b>Epiphany 5</b> 10 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Choir warmup 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA meeting	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers rehearsal	6:30pm Congregational Council		7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal		5pm Catholic Mass	
<b>Epiphany 6</b> 17 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Choir warmup 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers rehearsal		<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	7am Lutheran Day at the Legislature 7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal		2pm Worth-Roach wedding 5pm Catholic Mass	
<b>Epiphany 7</b> 24 9:15am Adult Forum 9:30am Choir warmup 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 4pm Ars Nova Singers concert 6:30pm SAA meeting	25	26	27	28			
	6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers rehearsal			7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal			