

September 2019

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



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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.

Church Staff

The Rev. Barbara Berry Bailey | Lutheran Pastor

The Rev. Don Sutton | Catholic Pastor

Deacon Mark Alan Filbert | Cantor

Valerie Brown | Musician

Jeff Parrott | Council President

Lori Arias | Office Manager

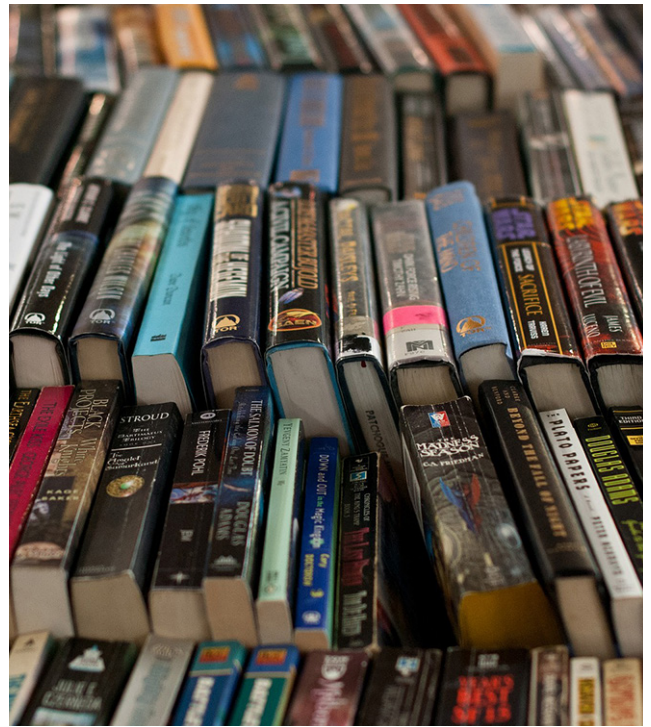
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Adult Forum Returns on September 15

We hope you all have enjoyed your summer and are getting ready to come back to study, learn and share at Adult Forum. We are bringing back a popular program that was a standard opener for many years: A Plethora of Poetry and Prose. You will remember that we bring a favorite poem, Scripture passage, paragraph from a book, or something of that nature to share. We have had some wonderful offerings in past years and this season will be no exception!

Stay tuned for more Fall offerings. We are incorporating many of the suggestions you all made at the end of Spring, so look for topics such as prayer, the creeds, Bible study, church history, the Lectionary Pericopes, and so on. We also will take turns offering a beginning and closing prayer each Sunday. Jim and Maryann look forward to seeing you all again on Sunday mornings.

Church Council Highlights August 13, 2019

Pastor Barbara's Report

- Tim Perlick will be doing his ministry field work at St. Paul beginning in September. He will be in the Worship Assistant rotation and involved in home visits and education.
- Pastor Gianzero is interested in a joint evening service the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, perhaps at St. Paul. Evangelism will get involved and perhaps invite other neighborhood churches.
- December 15 is scheduled for our Advent Jazz Vespers. Many people expressed a desire to donate to another visit from the jazz band.
- Topics for consideration, all of which Council is interested in pursuing.
 1. We could consider getting involved with the Multi-Faith Initiative. Rabbi Brien Field, Judaism Your Way, is head of an independent Colorado Based Jewish outreach organization.
 2. A possible Fellowship Dinner for Visitors and New Members
 3. An evening dinner alternative for those who can't make the Lunch Bunch.
 4. Council Leadership Retreat on October 19th.
- Stewardship Team agreed to use ELCA Stewardship materials this year and is recommending October 27 as Commitment Consecration Sunday

Council President's Report

Council members were asked to mention one thing they would like to get accomplished before the turnover in January.

- Evangelism wants to nourish the people we have at St. Paul and to continue the mailings.
- We need to be intentional about the projects the Task Force identified.
- We need to resolve the issue of the Church Mutual Insurance and get our new roof.
- ADA handrails are desperately needed for the north side lower entrance.
- Parking issues are critical. We need to get all the stakeholders together to talk about this problem.

Fellowship Report

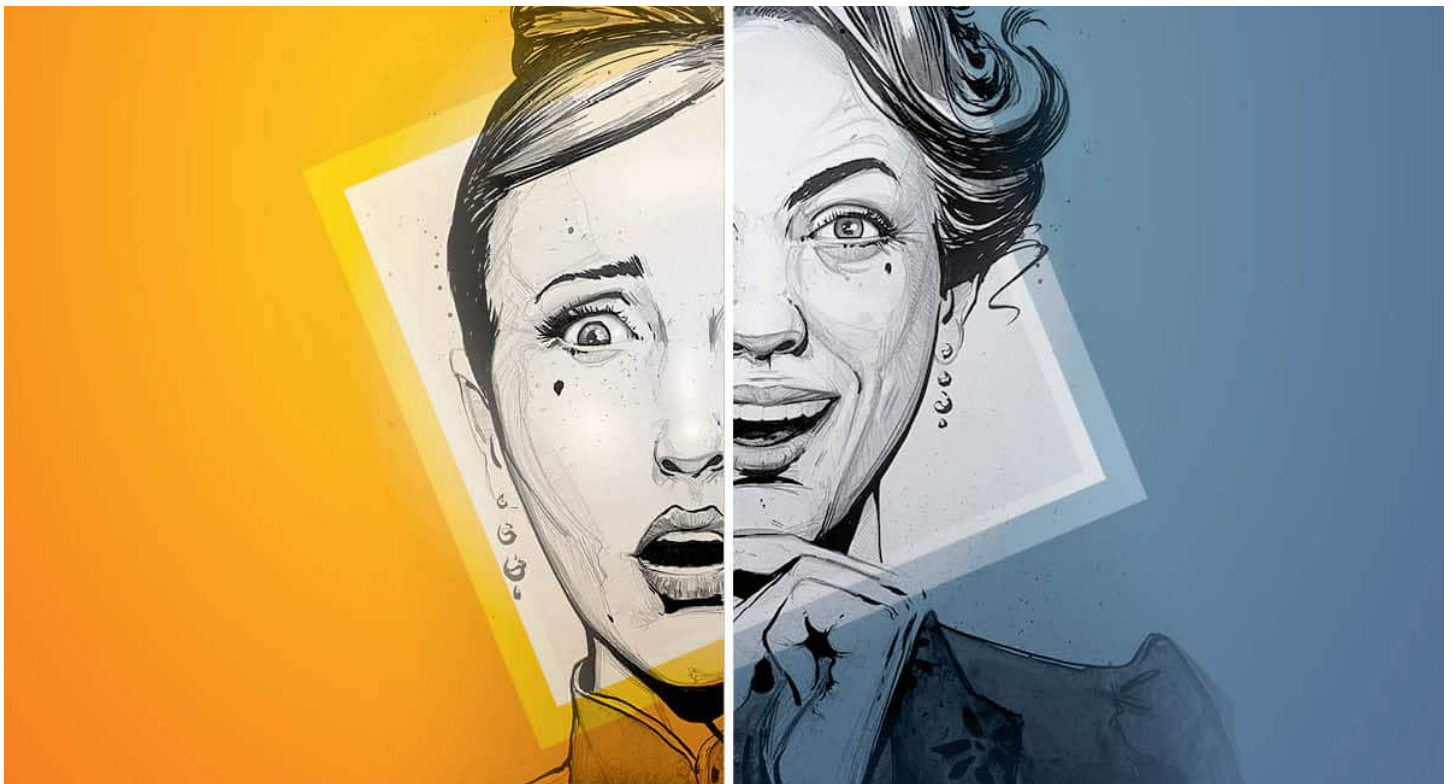
- Sue Barden has volunteered to coordinate Lunch Bunch, perhaps moving the time from noon to 11:30.
- The all church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 at Windsor Gardens.
- A new pictorial on-line directory is coming. Lin passed out a draft of an information sheet. The cost would be around \$200 a year to maintain the directory.

*Minutes by Maryann O'Brien,
Council President*

September Birthdays

Marcia Bollman	September 10
Carolyn Swenson	September 18
Dorothy Stenman	September 26





A Doll's House Offers a Double Dose

Our next two plays are entitled **A Doll's House – Part I** and **A Doll's House – Part II**. The main theme is about independence.

THEATRE & THEOLOGY

In Part I, Nora Holmar has an oppressive husband who thinks of her as a child. Nora has successfully borrowed money to help her sick husband. She has kept this secret from him. During this time period, there was enormous prejudice against a woman's right to think for herself as a viable citizen who can make valuable contributions to society.

Throughout her entire life, Nora has been under male control. She went from her father's house to her husband's home. She has kept her mind hidden and played the charming little girl for male approval. The one time that she acts with an independent focus, she signs a document that is not legal for her to sign, in order to help her sick husband.

Rather than being grateful, he's abusive, which makes her realize that she must go out on her own, alone, without her children.

Part II takes place 15 years later when Nora has returned. This sequel crackles with razor-sharp humor that speaks directly to today's audiences giving new voice to the predecessor's themes of marriage, fidelity and personal independence.

After the performance, join Pastor Dan Bollman and the actors for a discussion of the play. Part I will be seen on October 8 and Part II will be seen on October 15.

The deadline for purchasing a \$35 ticket for Part I is September 17 and September 24 for Part II. Make check payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod. Note on memo line of check: T&T – A Doll's House – Part I and/or Part II - St. Paul ELCA and mail check to Dorothy Stenman, 818 Logan Street-#1203, Denver, CO 80203.

Church Picnic Set For October 13

The church picnic sign up sheet will be available on the table in the front of the Nave on Saturday evenings and in the back of the Nave on Sunday mornings until Sunday, September 15. Please remember to include the number of people in your party so we don't run out of food (hopefully).

The church is providing brats, veggie burgers, buns, condiments, ice, water, iced tea, lemonade, paper plates, napkins, cups and utensils, and we're putting a bit of a twist on the definition of "pot luck" by asking everyone to follow this alphabet using the first letter of your last name to

decide what kind of dish to bring:

- **A-E** Salads & Dressings
- **F-M** Side Dishes
- **N-Z** Desserts

For those who would rather not or are unable to prepare a dish, a \$15/person donation is suggested.

The picnic will be on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th from noon to 4 p.m. at Windsor Gardens. Please be aware that we can not bring in alcoholic beverages per Windsor Gardens policy. Questions may be directed to Lin Holly.

New Pals in the Pumpkin Patch



John Stencil has been faithfully watering Nativity Lutheran's pumpkin patch all summer. The pumpkin patch will be open to children from the surrounding Commerce City neighborhood between 4 and 7pm on Saturday, October 26. Food trucks will be there, and St. Paul Church is invited to join in the festivities!

Lunch Bunch September Switcheroo

Our original plan was to go to the Euro Grill in Georgetown next month, but it has closed permanently.

So let's try a place called Jack's and Steamers in Arvada. Jack's is a bar and grill with a diverse menu and Steamers is their coffee shop. They employ developmentally delayed and people with Down Syndrome in the restaurant and in the industrial prep kitchen across the street, where they also produce homemade jams that are sold on site. Their manager, Heather, is looking forward to greeting us at 11:30ish on Thursday, September 5.

Their address is 8565 Five Parks Drive #100 in Arvada. Questions or comments, please contact Lin Holly.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ordinary Time 22 1 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	2	3	4	5	6	7
				11:30am Lunch Bunch		5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 23 8 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	9	10	11	12	13	14
		6:30pm Congregational Council				5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 24 15 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	16	17	18	19	20	21
						5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 25 22 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Newsletter deadline					5pm Catholic Mass
St. Michael and All Angels 29 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee	30	September 2019				