



# November 2019

## Keeping in Touch

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

*I know that God is calling us to a holy purpose, and that God wants us to be united. ... This is the work of Jesus, that we will be able to desire the God in each other and once again be in unity.*

**The Most Rev. Francis Krebs,**  
Presiding Bishop of the  
Ecumenical Catholic Communion



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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

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**Valerie Brown** | Musician

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# Adult Forum: The Creeds

## November 3 - 24

When we recite the Creed every Sunday, do we think about what we are really saying and what we mean when we do say the Creed together?

Is it a communal prayer like the Lord's Prayer? Is it a prayer at all? Are we free to change the parts we don't like or don't understand?

Some Protestant churches don't even use the Creed in their worship services. Do we really need it?

How many Creeds are there and where did they come from? And more to the point, what relevance do they have for us today?

Join Father Don and Maryann for a discussion on "The Creeds" on Sundays in November. Adult Forum is brought to you by St. Paul's Education Ministry. Join us downstairs at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday.

## November Birthdays



<b>Bonnie Carlson</b>	Nov. 02
<b>Sue Hester</b>	Nov. 04
<b>Dee Tribbett</b>	Nov. 10
<b>Jeri Rodrick</b>	Nov. 20
<b>Walker Williams</b>	Nov. 25
<b>Claire Fagan</b>	Nov. 26





**<<The Most Rev. Francis Krebs, Presiding Bishop of the ECC, reads the Gospel at St. Paul on October 30.**

**Below, Bishops Gonía and Krebs sign the agreement.**

## **Ecumenical Catholic Communion – ECLA Rocky Mountain Synod Agreement**

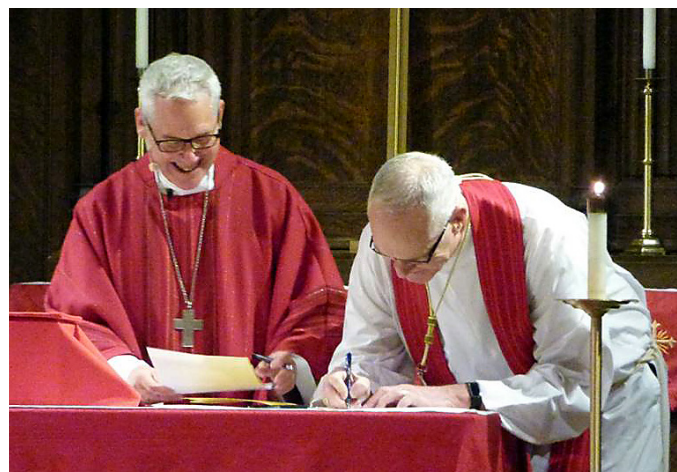
# Historic Moment

It's bigger than just us now.

Lutherans and Catholics have been acting as God's Church together at St. Paul for two decades. We share not just a building, but a community. We share clergy and finances.

On Wednesday, October 30, 2019, Catholic and Lutheran leaders took official notice of what we have been doing and urged others to do the same.

Bishop James Gonía of the ELCA's Rocky Mountain Synod and The Most. Rev. Francis Krebs, Presiding Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion, held a joint service at St. Paul to sign a historic statement of unity among Lutherans and Catholics.



While the accord stops just short of full communion, it encourages ELCA and ECC congregations to move ever closer to each other (*see next page for the text*). The two bishops expressed hope that a grassroots ecumenical movement will grow out of this moment and spread far and wide.

How blessed are we at St. Paul to be doing the work of unifying God's church.

**—Joe Hanel**

# Considerations for Collaboration in Mission and Sharing in Worship between Congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Congregations of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion in this Territory

Over many years, a number of congregations from our two churches in this Rocky Mountain territory have developed important relationships in their local settings. These relationships rest on strong affinities in mission, including substantial proximity on many issues of our time, and thus enrich the witness of these communities to the world. Members of these communities also desire to share together as much as possible in worship.

These Considerations seek both to celebrate and to provide guidance for these relationships.

## General Principles

The ELCA's 1991 Policy Statement, "A Declaration of Ecumenical Commitment,"<sup>1</sup> articulates principles helpful for these Considerations:

- "Ecumenism has as its focus and goal clarity of understanding among Christians and a greater realization of unity among Christ's people."
- "Local ecumenism, and its synodical and regional forms, provides a rich area of progress and challenge for the unity of the church. It has much to teach and much to learn from the national and international ecumenical movement."
- Ecumenical collaboration in many forms, including through the National Council of Churches to which both national church bodies belong, can be an important step toward deeper relationship.

## Particular Guidelines for Worship

- Especially when sharing the same facilities, ECC and ELCA congregations are

encouraged to pray together, to study the Scriptures, and to gather together for special occasions of the church year. In particular, they can make a practice of presence at one another's baptismal celebrations and on occasions like the installation of a new pastor.

- Both the ELCA and the ECC practice eucharistic hospitality, welcoming all baptized persons to the eucharistic table. Therefore, ELCA Lutherans are welcomed to participate in ECC Eucharists, making "conscientious decisions" about receiving the sacrament,<sup>2</sup> as ECC members do at Lutheran celebrations.
- Both churches allow for clergy from other traditions to preach in worship, including at celebrations of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper. Therefore, ECC clergy are welcome to preach in ELCA congregations when invited to do so by the local congregation and vice versa.
- Both churches provide for lay persons to assist in certain roles in their own and in other Eucharists, e.g., as lectors, eucharistic ministers, etc. Therefore, lay members present at a liturgy of the other community are welcome to assume roles which the hosting community deems to be lay roles.

Since our two churches are not in full communion with each other, it is not permitted for ECC clergy to preside at an ELCA liturgy or vice versa, or for ministers from the two churches to co-preside at a Eucharist. Nor are they to administer other sacraments or ecclesial rites.

Exceptions may be made only by joint agreement of the local ELCA and ECC bishops and only in cases of genuine pastoral need.

— Signed at St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community of Faith, October 30, 2019



**December 14 and 15**

# Join us for Advent Jazz Celebrations

**By Tim Perlick, Seminarian**

Please join us in celebrating the joy of Advent with local ministry partners at two exciting community events.

On December 14, "Razzle Dazzle Christmas" is a community awareness event for Auraria Campus Ministries. Check out this inspiring ecumenical campus ministry and their great work in supporting and developing faithful followers of Christ <https://www.aurariacampusministry.org/>

Hosted at the legendary Dazzle Jazz Club <https://dazzledenver.com/> from 3:00-4:30, we will celebrate with the students the end of semester with Christmas music, sing alongs and jazz standards. This event is open to everyone with

no cover charge.

On December 15 we will celebrate Gaudete Sunday with Advent Jazz Vespers at St. Paul Church at 7:00 PM with our ministry partner Nativity Lutheran of Commerce City. This Advent Jazz Vespers will be a celebration of "Rejoice" in anticipation of Christmas. We will share fellowship with a reception afterwards.

Both events will feature the return of the Barry Sames Jazz Ensemble. <https://thejazzsanctuary.com/barry-sames/>

Please save the dates and times for both of these exciting Christian outreach events: December 14 from 3- 4:30 at Dazzle and December 15 from 7- 9p.m. at St. Paul Church.



**October 30th through December 6th**

***Reception to be held, November 1st, 5-7:30 pm***

***Special Events:***

***Wednesday November 6th*** 1 pm to 3 pm.

Ellen Westbrook will show you how to turn your Art into a digital image - come see a demo on the kaleidoscope computer program that Ellen uses to make her Mandalas from. She has turned her Nature Mandalas into skirts, mugs, puzzles, shopping bags, etc.

***Wednesday November 13th*** 1 pm to 2:30 pm.

Jo Ann Nelson will talk about her experiences teaching art in a jail setting for juveniles.

***Thursday November 21st,*** 7 pm to 9 pm.

the Cabaret is coming back to entertain us!  
Community College of Aurora,  
Fine Arts Building, Lobby Area

***All credit cards  
accepted***



Community College of Aurora, Fine Arts Building  
16000 E. CentreTech Parkway, Aurora, Colorado 80011

**<<Father Michael Nicosia will participate in this show. He and his friends will be doing a Broadway Cabaret in the gallery space on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 7-9pm.**

## Lunch Bunch

**November 7:** Brio's,  
2500 First Avenue,  
Cherry Creek

**December 5:** 240  
Union, Lakewood

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.



# Advent JAZZ VESPERS

December 15th • 7pm

St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic  
Community of Faith

1600 Grant St., Denver

Readings, a message and jazz  
lifting up the meaning of Christmas.

~ RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ~ A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED ~

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# A Thank You and an Invitation

Project Angel Heart says, 'THANK YOU!!!!' for donating 58 boxes of cereal during their summer cereal drive. Dorothy Stenman received a letter in September from Jennifer Lackey, Vice President of Development at Project Angel Heart, thanking all of us at St. Paul for our generosity and explaining that the cereal donations make it possible for Coloradans who are living with cancer, HIV/AIDS, kidney/heart disease, or other serious illness to get the extra nutrition they need without expending precious energy to do food prep. Lackey said that 'your generosity ensures that over 3,000 Coloradans with life-threatening illness receive the nutrition they need to keep fighting. Thank you for your support!'

If you're interested in learning about how you can help Project Angel Heart here's some more information and brief descriptions of what each volunteer position does. The contact information for Kamisha Jones, Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistant is also included:

**Kitchen dish-up** on Mondays or Fridays from 1-4pm, must be able to volunteer twice a month: During the dish-up shift you and other volunteers assist the kitchen by portioning and packaging the daily meal. This process is assembly-line style. The interesting part of the dish-up process is that you get to see the slight variations in the recipe to accommodate the five different diets available to clients!

**Shuttle drivers**, Saturdays noon-1pm, volunteer once a month or more: For those of you that don't have a lot of extra time but want to still volunteer, being a shuttle driver is a flexible and quick opportunity! Satellite shuttle drivers come to Project Angel Heart's facility to pack up meals in their own large vehicles (vans, SUVs, and trucks) and deliver those meals to a designated satellite

location near their home.

## **Friday meal**

**delivery**, Fridays 10:30-1pm, volunteer once a month or more: Deliver alone or with a friend or family! Delivery drivers pick-up meal bags from Project Angel Heart (4950 Washington St, Denver) and use their own vehicles to deliver nutritious meals to clients living within a 5-mile radius of the facility. Each volunteer is given a route with an average of 10 clients and delivery locations.

**Saturday meal delivery**, Saturdays 12:30-3pm, volunteer once a month or more: Deliver alone or with a friend or family! Delivery drivers pick-up meal bags from one of several satellite locations and use their own vehicles to deliver nutritious meals to clients living near the satellite locations. Each volunteer is given a route with an average of 10 clients and delivery locations.

To get started, please email us back with your name and which of the upcoming Saturday morning orientations you can attend. If you cannot make an orientation, email us back with your name and the above volunteer position you are interested in and we can schedule another time to meet.

Upcoming new volunteer orientations at Project Angel Heart (4950 Washington Street, Denver):

**Saturday, November 16:** 10a m-11:30am

Thank you,

Kamisha Jones | Volunteer & Administrative Assistant

In Office: Tues.- Sat.

Project Angel Heart DIRECT 303.407.942







# 2019 Ends on Twelfth Night

Our December play is entitled **Twelfth Night or What You Will**. It is a romantic comedy by William Shakespeare, believed to have been written around 1601-1602 as Twelfth Nights entertainment for the close of the Christmas season.

The play centers on the twins Viola and Sebastian, who are separated in a shipwreck. Viola (who is disguised as Cesario) falls in love with Duke Orsino, who in turn is in love with Countess Olivia. Upon meeting Viola, Countess Olivia falls in love with her thinking she is a man. If you are into treasured Shakespeare stories, unconventional romantic comedies,

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THEOLOGY**

classic theatre experiences, and shaking up your holiday entertainment, *then this show is for you*. We will see this play on Thursday, December 12 at the Performing Arts Space Theatre.

Please remain after the show for a discussion of the play by Dan Bollman. Cast members will participate in this open forum. Deadline for purchasing a \$35 ticket is November 19.

Make check payable to The Rocky Mountain Synod. Please note on the check memo line: T&T – Twelfth Night – St. Paul ELCA and mail it to Dorothy Stenman; 818 Logan Street - #1203; Denver, CO 80203.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2019						
					1	2
						5pm Catholic Mass
All Saints' Sunday 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee				11:30am Lunch Bunch	7:30pm St. Martin's Chamber Choir	5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 32 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee		6:30pm Congregational Council				5pm Catholic Mass
Ordinary Time 33 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee			Newsletter deadline			5pm Catholic Mass
The Reign of Christ 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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