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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 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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Pastor's Update

Just to keep everyone up to date, we are waiting for the Office of the Bishop to send names to consider calling for our new Lutheran pastor, hopefully within two or three weeks.

In the meantime we are continuing to finalize the by-laws and the Covenant with our Catholic members. The constitution is finished and will be voted on in June. There is also ongoing work on the Procedures and Policies handbook.

The Council appointed Greg Yonker to serve as Property Chair and Lin Holly to serve as at-large member until December at which time elections will be held. Both can run for election at that time.

The paperwork for acceptance into the Ecumenical Catholic Communion is being finalized. On Saturday, June 9, we will hold the service of Welcome and the Incardination for Father Don. Bishops of both traditions have been invited.

***Blessings,
Pastor Penni***

St. Paul donated \$7,500 to Metro Caring in 2017

A message from Teva Sienicki, Metro Caring:

Thank you for your 2017 total contribution of \$7,500. Your generosity has allowed us to distribute 1.9 million pounds of food to more than 23,000 households!

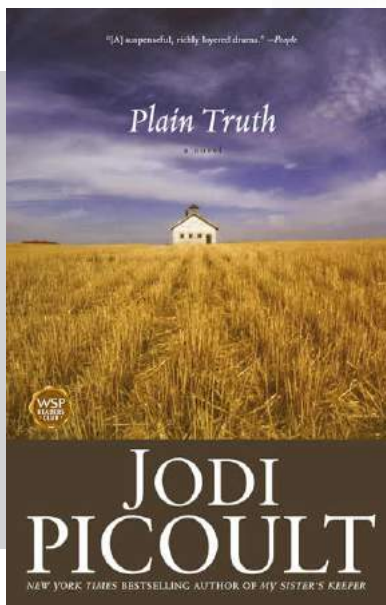
Update on the ELCA Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice

We began during Adult Forum on April 8 and continue till May 20 going over the draft paragraph by paragraph, suggesting changes, clarifying definitions, noting infelicitous wording, and generally giving our opinions on what needs to be done to make this Social Statement accessible and meaningful to the wider church.

During the summer we may 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 participating in the discussions as well.

Items for the Homeless

We're collecting small toiletries for the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. There's a basket 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 take them to the Coalition.



Book Talk

The next book for Book Talk is **Plain Truth** by Jodi Picoult. We will meet on Tuesday, May 29 at 7 pm at the home of Bonnie Carlson: 480 S Marion Pkwy #1206A.

All are welcome.

Lunch Bunch Visits Imperial Chinese May 3

Meet your friends at noon at the Imperial Chinese Restaurant on 431 S. Broadway.

Famous for its outstanding food from Peking Duck to Ghengis Khan's ribs, you can wash it all down with Chinese beer or, if you're brave, order a Zombie or a Scorpion!

Call Janice Ahrendt at 720 448-6045.

2018 Lunch Bunch Schedule

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

All Hands on Deck Rummage Sale

St. Paul Community of Faith has decided to have an All Hands On Deck Rummage Sale as a fund-raiser. The money raised from the sale of your in-kind, tax deductible donations will go towards upgrading the new Lutheran Pastor's office and the outer office space. New paint and new flooring are greatly needed to refresh this essential work space for our pastors and office support personnel. The office refurbishing will provide a more welcoming space for visitors, as well.

The All Hands On Deck Rummage Sale will be held on:

Friday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and on

Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The planning committee includes: Michele Yonker, Nancy Hauck, Liz Begalla and Irene McCahill. The contact person for the event is Irene McCahill. She can be reached by e-mail at i_mccahill@yahoo.com or by phone: 303-761-4326. Please feel free to contact her with questions, ideas or concerns regarding this important, upcoming event.

DONATIONS for the sale (see next page) can be dropped off at the church before or after services on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday May 6 and on Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13.

Michele Yonker has graciously offered to pick up items from members of the church beginning May 7th. She can be reached by calling: 303-819-7690 or e-mail: 4yonkerbills@gmail.com.

The committee urges everyone to actively participate in the Rummage Sale to ensure its total success and there are a number of ways to be involved.

- Start cleaning out closets and fill a box or boxes with any of the following items listed on the next page.
- Contribute a **home-baked good**. Baked goods can be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. on either of the dates of the sale.
- Volunteer the day of the sale. We will need lots of people to help with set-up. We need people to re-arrange items, as items are picked up for sale. We need people to kindly assist those purchasing items. Of course, we will need people to help clean up after each day's sale. Please call or Irene McCahill 303-761-4326 regarding your chosen volunteer hours for either day of the sale.
- Contact friends and family about our sale. Word of mouth is fabulous advertising.

Your positive attitude and prayers will make the All Hands On Deck Rummage Sale a huge successful fund raiser.

Thank you for your participation in this important fund-raiser.

RUMMAGE

Donate to Our Rummage Sale

We will be collecting items for the St. Paul Lutheran and Catholic Community of Faith Rummage Sale on Saturdays and Sundays before and after services. You may drop off the items before or after either service on:

Saturday and Sunday - **May 5 and May 6.**

Saturday and Sunday - **May 12 and May 13.**

Here is a list of items that will be accepted. A tax deductible receipt will be given at the time of donation.

- ☐ **Home decor:** Picture frames, vases, art work, working clocks, pottery, knickknacks,
- ☐ **Lovely light fixtures.**
- ☐ **Kitchen supplies:** Dishes, flatware, glassware, pots and pans.
- ☐ **Toys and games:** Puzzles and games with all the pieces, toys that are clean.
- ☐ **Baby items:** Strollers, swings, highchairs, gently used baby clothing.
- ☐ **Books:** Hardback or paperback.
- ☐ **Clothing:** Clean and gently used clothing only. Gently used boots and shoes will be accepted.
- ☐ **Blankets:** Clean and in good condition. NO PILLOWS
- ☐ **Furniture:** End tables, coffee tables, desks, wooden side chairs, book cases, bed frames. NO SOFAS, NO MATTRESSES
- ☐ **Small appliances in good working order:** Toasters, mixers, small microwave ovens.
- ☐ **Electronics:** In excellent working order.
- ☐ **Tools that are clean:** shovels, hoes, rakes, hoses, hammers, screwdrivers, etc., toolkits.
- ☐ **Bicycles and tricycles:** With tires inflated and in riding condition.
- ☐ **Craft items:** Scrapbooks, yarn, craft kits.

NO CAR PARTS or MOTOR OIL

Rule of thumb for donations: Please help us by making sure your donated items are clean, usable and in operating condition. We are unable to accept very large and/or heavy items.

The word "SALE" is rendered in large, three-dimensional wooden block letters. The wood has a natural grain and some knots, giving it a rustic appearance. The letters are arranged in a slightly staggered, overlapping fashion.

Thanks for your donations!!

Benjamin Britten Choral Cantata on June 10!

On Sunday, June 10, 2018, during the 10:30 am liturgy, the Saint Paul Choir will present **Rejoice in the Lamb**, a choral cantata for soprano/alto/tenor/bass chorus, SATB soloists, and organ composed by the great twentieth-century British composer Benjamin Britten (1913-1976), in 1943. For a text, Britten chose excerpts from a longer poem entitled *Jubilate Agno* by the eighteenth-century poet Christopher Smart (1722-1771). Described as “deeply religious, but of a strange and unbalanced mind,” Smart was committed to a London insane asylum in 1757 and remained there until 1763. The extended poem was a product of that period of almost solitary confinement during which Smart’s only regular companion was his cat, Jeoffry, but it was not published in a modern edition until 1939.

A Psalm-like paeon of praise focused on the worship of God by all created beings and things, “each in its own way,” the poem moves back

and forth from child-like simplicity to mystical profundity. Seemingly lighthearted one moment and tragic the next, it has been characterized by one author as “a terrain where profound religious fervor brushes up against madness and hints at an author trying desperately to discern the real from the imagined, to make sense of traumatic events.”

Given the distinctiveness of the text, it is reprinted here to provide a devotional and programmatic introduction to the piece so that, perhaps, when encountered in worship on June 10, its eccentricities will not distract from its universal theme and timeless meaning. Keep it handy between now and then, and ponder it often in the context of your own awareness of and empathy for the mentally ill in our contemporary society.



Rejoice in the Lamb

Chorus

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues; give the glory to the Lord, and the Lamb.

Nations, and languages, and every Creature in which is the breath of Life.

Let man and beast appear before him, and magnify his name together.

Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter, bind a Leopard to the altar and consecrate his spear to the Lord.

Let Ishmail dedicate a Tyger, and give praise for the liberty in which the Lord has let him at large.

Let Balaam appear with an Ass, and bless the

Lord his people and his creatures for a reward eternal.

Let Daniel come forth with a Lion, and praise God with all his might through faith in Christ Jesus.

Let Ithamar minister with a Chamois, and bless the name of Him that clotheth the naked.

Let Jakim with the Satyr bless God in the dance.

Let David bless with the Bear — The beginning of victory to the Lord — to the Lord the perfection of excellence.

Hallelujah from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable,

and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty.

Soprano solo

For I will consider my cat Jeoffry.
For he is the servant of the Living God, duly and
daily serving him.
For at the first glance of the glory of God in the
East he worships in his way.
For this is done by wreathing his body seven
times round with elegant quickness.
For he knows that God is his Saviour.
For God has bless'd him in the variety of his
movements.
For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when
at rest.
For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in
beauty, from whom I take occasion to bless
Almighty God.

Alto solo

For the Mouse is a creature of great personal
valour. For this is a true case:
Cat takes female mouse; male mouse will not
depart, but stands threat'ning and daring.
If you will let her go, I will engage you, as
prodigious a creature as you are.
For the Mouse is a creature of great personal
valour.
For the Mouse is of an hospitable disposition.

Tenor solo

For the flowers are great blessings.
For the flowers have their angels even the words
of God's Creation.
For the flower glorifies God and the root parries
the adversary.
For there is a language of flowers.
For the flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.

Chorus

For I am under the same accusation with my
Saviour, for they said, he is besides himself.
For the officers of the peace are at variance with

me, and the watchman smites me with his staff.
For Silly fellow! Silly fellow! is against me, and
belongeth neither to me nor to my family.
For I am in twelve Hardships, but he that was
born of a virgin shall deliver me out of all.

Bass solo and chorus

For H is a spirit and therefore he is God.
For K is king and therefore he is God.
For L is love and therefore he is God.
For M is musick and therefore he is God.
For the instruments are by their rhimes.
For the Shawm rhimes are lawn fawn moon boon
and the like.
For the harp rhimes are sing ring string and the
like.
For the cymbal rhimes are bell well toll soul and
the like.
For the flute rhimes are tooth youth suit mute and
the like.
For the Bassoon rhimes are pass class and the
like.
For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place beat
heat and the like.
For the Clarinet rhimes are clean seen and the
like.
For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound soar
more and the like.
For the Trumpet of God is a blessed intelligence
and so are all the instruments in Heaven.
For God the Father Almighty plays upon the Harp
of stupendous magnitude and melody.
For at that time malignity ceases and the devils
themselves are at peace.
For this time is perceptible to man by a
remarkable stillness and serenity of soul.

Chorus

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hand of the artist inimitable,
and from the echo of the heavenly harp in
sweetness magnifical and mighty.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal		5pm Catholic Mass
Easter 6 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Lutheran Worship 11:45am Coffee 6:30pm SAA meeting	1-5pm Street Reach 6pm Rocky Mountain Ringers	6:30pm Congregational Council		7pm St Paul Choir rehearsal		5pm Catholic Mass
Easter 7 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Pentecost 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Holy Trinity 28	29	30	31	May 2018		
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