

**April 20, 2023**



**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Called into community by the Spirit, we worship our Creator in the reformed tradition. We proclaim God’s love by welcoming all seeking to know and serve Christ and to join us as we share His love in the community.*

**VISION STATEMENT**

*Continuously creating a vital congregation of faith, open to all, as we worship God, and boldly answer Christ's call to service.*

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**



**Children/Youth Sunday School - 9:00 am**  
**Adult Education will meet – 9:00 am**  
**Worship at 10:15 am**



Congregational Meeting following worship  
All Church Potluck following meeting.

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**



**Children/Youth Sunday School - 9:00 am**  
**Adult Education classes – 9:00 am**  
**Worship at 10:15 am**



## Staying Connected

Streamed and Recorded Services: <https://stppc.org/virtual-worship/>

Ask for a Prayer Request: Email [prayer-network@stppc.org](mailto:prayer-network@stppc.org) or [pastor@stppc.org](mailto:pastor@stppc.org)

Join Prayer Network Email List: Send email w/subject "Join List" to [prayer-network@stppc.org](mailto:prayer-network@stppc.org)

Food Pantry volunteer signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084faaa629a1ff2-fpvolunteer>

View Church Calendar: <https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/>

Add to Church Calendar Send request to [office@stppc.org](mailto:office@stppc.org)

Submit to the Newsletter Send request to [newsletter@stppc.org](mailto:newsletter@stppc.org)

## Offerings/Donations

You may mail a check to: St. Paul Presbyterian Church  
18901 E. Hampden Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80013

Online Donation options: <https://stppc.org/donations/>

In person donations: Sunday during Worship or office during office hours

## St. Paul Presbyterian's YouTube Channel

Scan this code with your smartphone to go to our YouTube channel or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmOQ>



## Hours

**Youth Sunday School & Adult Education** 9:00 am

**Sunday Worship** 10:15 am

**Office Volunteer Hours** 10:00 am – 2 pm Mon-Thurs; closed Friday

**Please note:** Our church office is run by volunteers. We appreciate your patience when we step away from the desk. If you reach voice mail, please leave your name/number, and who you are trying to reach so we can return your call. Thank you!

## St Paul News Publication Schedule – every other week

Please send submissions to [newsletter@stppc.org](mailto:newsletter@stppc.org)

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday May 2: noon	Thursday May 4
Tuesday May 16: noon	Thursday May 18
Tuesday June 13: noon	Thursday June 15
Tuesday June 27: noon	Thursday June 29

# Refrigerator Reminder Page

*Submit all calendar dates to [office@stppc.org](mailto:office@stppc.org)*

Full Calendar (all churches and activities) at: <https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/>

THURS	4/20		St Paul News Posts today
FRI	4/21		<b>Office Closed</b>
SAT	4/22	5:00 pm	MMF Fellowship Setup [Fellowship Hall]
SUN	4/23	9:00 am	Adult Education and Youth Sunday School
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		after worship	Congregational Meeting [Fellowship Hall]
		after worship	All Church Potluck [Fellowship Hall, Kitchen]
		after worship	MMO Meeting
		after worship	Food Pantry Box Packing
MON	4/24	9:30 am	Food Pantry stocking and setup [Fellowship Hall]
		6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
TUE	4/25	10:00 am	Piano Tuning [Sanctuary]
		10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		Noon	Contemplative Prayer [Sanctuary]
WED	4/26	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
THURS	4/27		
FRI	4/28		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
		1:30 pm	Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
		6:30 pm	Game & Craft Night [Narthex]
SAT	4/29	3:00 pm	Piano Recital Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
SUN	4/30	9:00 am	Adult Education and Youth Sunday School
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		after worship	Food Pantry Box Packing
		4:30 pm	Piano Recital [Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall]
MON	5/01	9:30 am	Food Pantry stocking and setup [Fellowship Hall]
		6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
TUE	5/02	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		12:00 pm	St Paul News deadline for this week [newsletter@stppc.org]
		12:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer [Sanctuary]
		3:00 pm	MCE Meeting
WED	5/03	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
THURS	5/04		St Paul News posts today
		6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting [Zoom]

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER HOURS NOW 10am –2pm. We recommend calling before you come!**

<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	<b>FOR...</b>
Saturday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Buildings and Grounds Service Day
Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	VBS, 10 am – 4 pm, Ages 5-14

## VOCAL CHOIR

Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:15-ish pm in the sanctuary. There are no auditions and - although reading music is a plus, it is not a requirement.

So, if you like to sing, consider joining us in this ministry.  
Questions? contact Karen Petty, choir director.

## April Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

Don Allensworth	Apr 3
Aprilmarie Rasperger	Apr 13
Lee Boteler	Apr 22
Terry Murphy	Apr 26
Lana Corbin	Apr 29

### Happy Anniversary

Emily & Donald Reh	Apr 7
Martin & Janice Cobb	Apr 11
Robbie & Sue Robertson	Apr 25

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize.*

Please leave a note in the church office, email [office@stppc.org](mailto:office@stppc.org), or call the church office at 303-693-3434 so we can make sure your birthday, anniversary, and other important information is recorded.

## May Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

Lisa Morin	May 2
Jacomina Kandijoh	May 2
Richard Hartung	May 5
Natalie Rasperger	May 6
Michelle Girard	May 6
Chris Iseminger	May 8
Vicki Iseminger	May 12
Cathy Walter	May 12
Craig Fidler	May 18
Kate Rothgeb	May 23
Matthew Gobla	May 24
Joni Evers	May 26
Randy Sheridan	May 27
Ernie Lefebvre	May 30
Chloe Wetzel	May 30

### Happy Anniversary

Randy & Jeanne Sheridan	May 2
Jill & Nathan Reed	May 20
Ken & Jeanne Pote	May 23
Liz & Robin Ludchak	May 25
Julius & Karen Petty	May 25



# 2023 Easter Dedications



Gayle Downen	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> my parents, Robert and Lorraine Zeman <b>IN HONOR OF</b> the Downen and Klaus families
Ora Brown	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> my father and mother and my in-laws and Christopher Brown
Joni Evers & Chris/Vicki/Michael Iseminger	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> Virginia Zick, Freida Evers, Pat Evers
Peter & Sheila Moskowitz	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> Sheila's parents Leonard & Louise Beckman and Peter's grandparents Friedrich & Auguste Sixt
Michelle Hodder	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> my brother, David and <b>IN HONOR OF</b> my Mom, Jo
Shirley Younger	<b>IN HONOR OF</b> the World's Peacemakers
Emily & Don Reh	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> our parents, Bill & Ruth and Helen & Carl <b>IN HONOR OF</b> our children Karalyn, Nicholas, Emily & Alec
Colleen Green	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> my Mom <b>IN HONOR OF</b> my family
Lee & Kay Boteler	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> Carolyn
Franjo & Louella Grgic	<b>IN HONOR OF</b> our families
Bill & Pam Jones	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> Bob Von Eschen
The Wetzel's, Doug, Cheryl, Nate and Chloe	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> Ginger Wilkinson and Liz and Jerry Wetzel
Richard Hartung	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> parents, Stuart & Jessie Hartung and sister, Janet Hartung <b>IN HONOR OF</b> Jules Cranston, granddaughter
Gayle & Craig Fidler	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> Matthew <b>IN HONOR OF</b> Jenna and Aidan
Deanna Gordon	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b> the Gordon Family, Mayfield Family and Smith Family <b>IN HONOR OF</b> Jean, Clif, Anne and Mia Gordon; Warren Gordon; David, Missy and Ryder McCormack





*Children's sermon  
Easter Sunday*



*Easter Sunday--center*



*Easter Sunday other side*



*St Paul Choirs*



*Holy Humor Sunday--Kim in her finery*



*Guest Pianist: Aimee Emerson*



*Is that Don groaning in the back?*



*The tambourine came back*



*Karen's little helper*

<sup>2</sup>Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”  
Psalm 126:2 (NIV)



We are blessed to have so many wonderful musicians here at St. Paul including special guests, and so wanted to give you a rundown of the next 5 weeks and the opportunities to hear them perform here and at end of season concerts.

**Next Sunday, 4/23/23**, we will have a guest flautist joining us for worship. He will be playing an accompanied solo as the prelude and providing an obligato to the Celebration Singers' anthem.

**Sunday, 4/30/23**, our own handbell choir will be providing the prelude and the anthem. As we head to the end of the year, this is the last time the big group will all perform together.

**Sunday, 5/7/23**, my friend and one of the top bell soloists/composers/arrangers in the US, will be playing prelude and anthem during worship. You might find some of the ringing done by our own handbell choir to be impressive and fun to watch, but solo ringing is a whole different ball game. I am very excited to have him coming here for our service.

Coming up on **Sunday 5/7, Tuesday 5/9, and Saturday 5/13** are 3 opportunities to come see the Denver Bronze Handbell Ensemble's end of year concerts - it's ALL DISNEY. I'm considering wearing 2 eye patches during the Pirates of the Caribbean piece. Check out the poster with flyers on the mobile bulletin board in the narthex or come see me at church with any questions. (Yes, you can wear a tiara!) <https://denverbronze.org/events.php>

One of our newer attendees, Jim Degnar, has posted a flyer for The Colorado Choir's upcoming performances **5/19 and 5/20**. It is also located on the mobile bulletin board in the narthex, so snap a picture to get all the pertinent information. <https://thecoloradochoir.org/performances/>

And lastly, SO excited . . . **Friday, 5/19**, the BRASS CONTEST is back, and they've chosen our sanctuary over the Wheat Ridge Performing Arts Center. The last time this was held was May 2019. Included will be various brass instruments played in the local Brass Bands who compete each year in Indianapolis, IN. There is nothing like salsa played on a tuba! They rehearse together for up to 15 hours the last couple of weeks before they travel. Incredibly dedicated instrumentalists--these are some of the most proficient musicians that I accompany anywhere in the Denver Metro area. Probably will start at about 6 pm, but I'll give confirmation on that soon.

**5/21/23** is the last Sunday that the vocal choir and handbells will be leading worship until the fall. If you've been wanting to share a talent to enhance our worship, please let me know, as it's wonderful to have special music during the summer. All are welcome--I can help you prepare, accompany, find the best time based on your schedule. . . Whatever you need. St. Paul's congregation is the BEST and love all music and we would be thrilled to have you add to our service.

Thanks to all!  
~Michelle Girard

*Michelle's contact information is in the church directory.*

*You may contact the church office for assistance in contacting our staff!*

## MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

**Sunday, April 23: POTLUCK.** We will meet in our Fellowship Hall immediately following the congregational meeting. Please bring a food dish to share, if you are able, and spend time with us as we break bread and fellowship together.

**Friday, April 28th: GAME & CRAFT NIGHT.** 6:30 pm - 8 pm. We will meet in the Narthex to play games or you can bring a craft project that you are working on. Feel free to bring a snack to share and come prepared to have a good time as we get to know each other better.

### A BIG EASTER THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who made our Easter Sunday fellowship celebration such a wonderful event! The sweet breads were delicious, Jeanne Sheridan took some festive photos, and the current church directory was available for your updates.

We had some very generous donations and volunteers who helped with our Egg Hunt, and many excited children! Connor Girard served as our Master of Ceremonies and led the charge!

Ginger Norman helped assist the paid sitter in our nursery. Watching our little ones was a blessing to their parents. We had many helping hands with both our set up and take down.

THANK YOU ALL!






## STPPC Food Pantry



join our team

**STPPC Food Pantry is looking for help.** Needed: A food pantry assistant manager. The tasks will be shared with Sue--so not every week. The volunteer assistant manager would be here every other Monday from 9 to 11, Tuesday from 9 to 12, and every other Wednesday at 6 pm to place the order. You will need to train at the Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR) for about 2 hours to learn how to order food and get your code.



Did you know?

**In Christianity, ecumenical refers to the concept and principle that Christians who belong to different Christian denominations should work together to develop closer relationships among their churches and promote Christian unity.**

STPPC Food Pantry is ecumenical. Along with our volunteers, our distribution Tuesdays are run by two Catholics, a Mormon, a non-denominational, and two new volunteers that have been attending our services for about a month. Also, our neighborhood stops by regularly with food and monetary donations.

HELP is still needed for Tuesday distribution. Please signup—it helps to know if we have 2 volunteers or 8 (which has happened). Three is the minimum that is needed to run distribution. Four makes it easier. Other jobs that can be done include wiping down shelves, packing boxes, taping boxes, and sweeping the floor. Use this hyper link to sign up. [FPGroup: FP Volunteer Signup \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com) (I can't call to let you know we don't have enough people—I usually send out an email to the FP Group if we are low.)



**STPPC Food Pantry Update** Food Pantry Fund Balance is **\$9,312.85 as of March 31, 2023.** Wow—we are gaining. Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> was a small load because we only had 1 truck. The 17<sup>th</sup> was a bigger load—trying to prepare for Memorial Day with Food Bank of the Rockies being closed Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> and going for 3 weeks.

**ANYONE HAVE A TRUCK AND WANT TO PICK UP FROM FBR EVERY OTHER MONDAY? REALLY—SEE ME. (Sue Shaw)**

**Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> 47 boxes** were distributed. (This was a great pick-up day because there is produce.)

**Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> 60 boxes** were distributed. Only 3 CSFP boxes were distributed. Ellen Ingram's service club brought in a bunch of food. Thanks!

**Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> 47 boxes** with 7 CSFP. Great day with produce bags including carrots, cucumbers, bell peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, hummus. Eggs were also purchased from FBR.

FBR has not had rice or pasta for the past 2 orders. Weird!



Victoria Crownover's Girl Scout troop donated lots and lots of cookies. Our clients are getting a full box of GS cookies. This will continue into the summer.

Then we use the boxes to pack food.

WIN, WIN!

*-Sue*

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## Courtesy Reminder.

A couple of our congregation have received emails that look like they are from the church members but are not. I get them daily. Please be vigilant, as this does not indicate that their email has been hacked. Emails and phone numbers are picked up on the internet easily, which is also why we do not put them in our newsletters any more.

**PLEASE be so careful about emails, phone calls, and texts that come from any source you don't know or expect.**

**Sadly, even if the NAME says it is from someone you know, check out the actual email address it came from before opening.**

**When all else fails, if it looks suspicious - ask that person directly. And DON'T open links on ANY of these risky emails!**

**And do not reply saying "leave me alone" or any response. That just confirms to the SPAM generator, mostly by computer, that the email is active.**

## PRAYERS

- ♥ **Gary and Kathleen Hall** - Gary has recovered from COVID, but Kathleen is still struggling. Gary was not able to have the foot surgery that was scheduled to repair 2 ruptured tendons because he has recently had COVID. When this surgery is rescheduled, recovery will be about 6 months. After that he will have an ankle replacement.
- ♥ **Mary Apodaca** had surgery on her foot Sunday to remove an ongoing infection.
- ♥ A joy that **JoAnn Cunningham** was in church on Sunday.
- ♥ Erika Pepler asks for prayers for her **Aunt Carol** whose cancer has come back with a vengeance and has metastasized to all the major organs. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family as they move forward and travel safely for Erika as she travels to Pennsylvania to be with them.
- ♥ Prayers for God's grace and mercy as we grieve the **continual gun violence** in our country.
- ♥ **Steve Morin** thanked the congregation for all the support for him and Lisa.
- ♥ The Goss's are thankful that their daughter in law, **Trish** is home from the hospital and recovering after surgery for ovarian cancer.
- ♥ Michelle Girard asked for prayers for the **pastor at St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church**, who had to have emergency surgery on Good Friday.
- ♥ **Theresa Harris** asks for prayers for her family, which is struggling right now.
- ♥ **Joelle Brouner** is thankful that the church still loves members of the flock who have not been as present as they would like to be.
- ♥ **Chris Swanson** asks for prayers for his family following the death of his father, Gordon.
- ♥ Rebekah Turvin is thankful for a **full church** on Easter Sunday.
- ♥ Tom Frerichs – On Holy Humor Sunday, Tom prays that the church and its pastor have day jobs that have nothing to do with comedy.





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