

June 13, 2024



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, June 16, 2024

Note Summer Times for Sunday School & Church!!

Sunday School Adults 8:30 am

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Sunday School Adults 8:30 am

Worship: 9:30 am

If there is a pastoral concern or emergency while Pastor Kim is out of the office this summer, please contact Deacon Michelle Hodder or Deacon Martin Cobb. One of them can contact a pastor if necessary.

Upcoming Social Event:

Elderberries! The next Elderberries gathering will be Thursday, June 20 at 11:30 at BJ's Restaurant, 14442 E. Cedar Ave., Aurora, CO 80012. Please RSVP to Lucy Carlson so we have a count.

Session Updates:

Meeting of the Congregation – On June 16, we will hold the postponed January Annual Meeting of the Congregation to receive the reports from ministry units and committees for the year 2023. Due to the water line break and closure of the building, the original meeting scheduled for January 28 had to be postponed. Following worship on June 16, we will have copies of the 2023 annual report available and will be able to ask questions about St. Paul’s mission and work this year. There will be an update on the reconstruction progress in the basement. The Ministry of Finance and Stewardship will also be able to answer any questions you might have about this year’s budget and expected expenses.

A Recent Session Decision

Approximately eight months ago, St. Paul was contacted by a small real estate company, *Real Estate 501c3*. Last year this company, working with Denver Presbytery and the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, helped that church sell five acres of their land in Brighton. *Real Estate 501c3* specializes in trying to identify possible “excess or under-used” property owned by churches, to determine if there could be a benefit in considering selling such parcels. After almost eight months of dialogue with *Real Estate 501c3*, and conversations with the City of Aurora, Denver Presbytery and the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP), Session made the decision at a Special Session meeting on June 4, to test the Aurora real estate market to see if a parcel 1.66 acres in size to the north of the church might be of interest to be developed into to single family or duplex housing development. Our property is zoned R-2, which limits it to just single family or duplex residential units on one to four lots. The land fronts along South Cathay Street and would be three separate lots of approximately 10,000 square feet each. The lots would be offered either individually or as a single parcel. The parcel we are considering is shown below:



Although we are optimistic, until the land is actually offered for sale, we will not know if any developer would find this land attractive. The only costs that St. Paul would incur, if the land is actually sold, is a commission to *Real Estate 501c3* for its work (\$25,000). All other costs would be borne by the developer(s).

Most importantly, any sale of the land would have to meet a minimum expected value of approximately \$415,000 or higher, which would then have to be approved by both Session and the congregation. If approved by the congregation, the sale would be then presented to the Denver Presbytery for their final approval.

Although we do not know if any sale might take place, we ask your patience and prayers in support of the Session on this possible opportunity. Please feel free to contact any elders with your questions, concerns or support.

Construction, Building and Grounds Updates:

Basement Update – As of June 10, meetings with the contractor have confirmed that painting in the basement rooms will begin this week. Due to some health issues, work was delayed more than a week, but our contractor, Luis, indicates that he still thinks everything will be complete in the basement by the end of June. We know that schedules do slip, but we are hopeful that he is right. The colors for each room have been determined. Work in the bathrooms will include flooring similar to that in the kitchen, but leveling of the floors in the two restrooms is required. One complication to working in the basement is that the contents are sitting haphazardly in the stairwell and rooms 10, 7 and 6. The current plan is to try to finish room 6 or 10, first, except for carpeting and then move as much of the furniture and other contents into those rooms so work can be done more easily in the remaining rooms. It will be a slow process, but Luis thinks it can be done without too much difficulty. Once painting and plumbing is completed, then the ceiling tiles, window areas and flexible ductwork can be done. As we have before, we again ask for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask Rich Hartung or any member of the Ministry of Building and Grounds.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer is here so Children and Youth Sunday School will be taking a break. We will resume again in September.

The Adult Sunday School will continue to meet throughout the summer. They are beginning a study of Ruth this Sunday. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is happening this Saturday June 15! It's not too late to register now or to just show up on Saturday morning. To register a child, click this link: <https://forms.gle/kZXwDY5NqoiPKEVi6>. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help!

STPPC Food Pantry part of MMO

Food Pantry June 10, 2024

	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Total Served	165	147	116	120
Total Families	45	39	32	33
Family receive 2 boxes	10	12	8	7
Family receive 3 boxes	1	1	1	1
Total Boxes	56	52	41	41

May receipts \$2,755.27

May FBR orders \$779.58

Please use this connection to sign up for distribution or pickup. [FPGroup: FP Volunteer Signup \(signupgenius.com\)](#) Sunday—just show up after service to pack.

Thanks for keeping St. Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry thriving—your volunteer hours, donations both financial and items, and prayers are appreciated.

Items needed: women's sanitary items, spices, diapers, miscellaneous items.

DON'T FORGET—your extra garden items are appreciated. Bring them on Sunday!!!

Sue Shaw

Prayer Requests:

- Bruce's grand niece Amanda who is fighting for her life.

If you have prayer requests that you would like to appear in the newsletter, you can email them to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com and we will do our best to include them. Please note that this will not get your request onto the prayer chain as this email is only monitored during the two days that the newsletter is being written every other week.

Staying Connected

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

Ask for a Prayer Request: Email prayer-network@stppc.org or pastor@stppc.org

Join Prayer Network Email List: Send email w/subject "Join List" to 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

Submit to the Newsletter Send request to 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

Sunday School – Adult 8:30 am

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

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

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!

We recommend calling before you come!

We are not going to cover bad weather days and risk our volunteers driving and walking on ice.

Please send submissions to newsletter@stppc.org

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday June 25 noon	Thursday June 27
Tuesday July 9 noon	Thursday July 11

June & July Celebrations

If you have a birthday or anniversary in June or July we wish you the happiest of days!

<u>Name (First Last)</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Marsha Belt	6/01
Ethan Klaus	6/01
Rev. Kim Graber	6/01
Lucy Carlson	6/08
David Rageth	6/12
Molly Crownover	6/13
Caleb Babcock	6/15
Terrie Russell	6/15
Apollo Klaus	6/16
Deanna Gordon	6/19
Kevin Burnett	6/21
Robin Ludchak	6/23
Kelsey Klaus	6/26
Donna Layne	6/26
John Max Manoy	6/26
Kay Cary	7/04
Michael Gobla	7/09
Cheryl Rageth	7/11
Rebekah Turvin	7/12
Jill Reed	7/13
Sheila Moskowitz	7/15
Sean Pepler	7/16
Ellen Ingram	7/17
Alex Klaus	7/18
Martin Cobb	7/19
Sarah Hall	7/23
JoAnn Cunningham	7/29

Happy Anniversary

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Marriage date</u>
Terry & Sharon Murphy	06/16
Gary & Patty Childress	06/25
Cassie & Conrad Parra	06/25
Kate & Steven Rothgeb	06/30
Dave & Joann Goss	07/06
Rev. Kim & Karl Graber	07/07
Gayle & Craig Fidler	07/12
Kelsey & Alex Klaus	07/18
Scott & Lucy Carlson	07/29
Lana & Layne Corbin	07/30

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

Please leave a note in the church office, email 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.

Refrigerator Reminder Page

Submit all calendar dates to office@stppc.org

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

THURS	6/13		
FRI	6/14		Office Closed
SAT	6/15		Books and Brunch (zoom)
		10:00 am	Vacation Bible School
SUN	6/16	9:30 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		10:30 am	Congregational Meeting
		11:00am	Ministry of Worship Meeting
		11:00am	Food Pantry Packing
MON	6/17	9:30 am	Food Pantry Setup
TUE	6/18	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
WED	6/19		
THURS	6/20	11:30 am	Elderberries (BJ's - RSVP with Lucy Carlson)
FRI	6/21		Office Closed
SAT	6/22		
SUN	6/23	8:30 am	Sunday School for adults
		9:30 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		after worship	Food Pantry Box Packing
MON	6/24	9:30 am	Food Pantry Setup
TUE	6/25	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		Noon	St Paul News submission deadline [newsletter@stppc.org]
WED	6/26		
THURS	6/27		St. Paul News publishes
FRI	6/28	6:30 pm	Craft & Game Night at church