

May 4, 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, May 7, 2023



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



Sunday, May 14, 2023



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



Graduate Recognitions

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

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: Volunteers run our church office. 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

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday May 16: noon	Thursday May 18
Tuesday May 30: noon	Thursday June 1
Tuesday June 13: noon	Thursday June 15
Tuesday June 27: noon	Thursday June 29
Tuesday July 11: noon	Thursday July 13

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	5/04	6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting [Zoom]
FRI	5/05		Office Closed
SAT	5/06	4:00 pm	Baby Shower – G. Downen [Fellowship Hall]
SUN	5/07	9:00 am	Adult Education and Youth Sunday School
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		after worship	MBG Meeting
		after worship	MMF Meeting
		after worship	Food Pantry Box Packing
MON	5/08	9:30 am	Food Pantry stocking and setup [Fellowship Hall]
		4:00 pm	MoFS Meeting
		6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
TUE	5/09	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
WED	5/10	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
THURS	5/11	6:00 pm	Session [Fellowship Hall]
FRI	5/12		OFFICE CLOSED
SAT	5/13	5:00 pm	MMF Fellowship Setup [Fellowship Hall]
SUN	5/14		Celebrating our 2023 Graduates
		9:00 am	Adult Education and Youth Sunday School
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		after worship	Fellowship Sunday [Fellowship Hall]
		after worship	Food Pantry Box Packing
MON	5/15	9:30 am	Food Pantry stocking and setup [Fellowship Hall]
		6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
TUE	5/16	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		11:30 am	Piano Tuning [Sanctuary]
		12:00 pm	St Paul News deadline for this week [newsletter@stppc.org]
WED	5/17	6:00 pm	Michelle Girard Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
		7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
THURS	5/18		St Paul News posts today
		4:30 pm	Michelle Girard Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

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

SAVE THE DATE	FOR...
Friday, May 19th	Brass Contest [Sanctuary] – 7pm
Saturday, May 20 th	Buildings and Grounds Service Day
Saturday, June 3rd	VBS, 10 am – 4 pm, Ages 5-13
Sunday, July 23 rd	Preach in the Park – Great Plains Park

May Celebrations

Happy Birthday

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

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.

STPPC SERVICE DAY Saturday, May 20, 2023



Time to be determined.

(Note change from previous date)

REMINDERS: *STILL so much music!*



Michael Kastner

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 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!)



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.

And lastly, SO excited...**Friday, 5/19**, the BRASS CONTEST is back. 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 a salsa played on a tuba! They rehearse together 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.



<https://www.rockymountainbrassworks.org/>

5/21/23 is the last Sunday that the vocal choir and handbells will be leading worship until the fall.

I am looking for special music for our summer worship! If you've been wanting to share a talent to enhance our worship, please let me know. 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 we love all music!

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!***

ST. PAUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday, June 3
10:00am to 4:00pm
(Drop off begins at 9:45am)

Let's Go! Journey to Jericho

We will adventure into God's Word and enjoy games, food, crafts, songs, and stories! Lunch and snacks provided.



Free and open to children ages 5-13
Bring a friend
Everyone welcome

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Celebration of Women, Sunday, May 14th!



On this day we lovingly thank God and honor all the women of St. Paul! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship, for a time to visit with each other. Special cupcakes will be provided. Bring a snack to share!

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, May 26th, is **Game & Craft Night**, 6:30 pm - 8 pm in the Narthex
Sunday, May 28th is Potluck Sunday immediately following worship



STPPC Food Pantry



STPPC FOOD PANTRY BOX OF THE MONTH CLUB

Join the **BOX OF THE MONTH CLUB**. Donate \$30 to the food pantry or create a box of food. Boxes should include: 2 soups, 1 peanut butter, 1 shelf stable milk, 2 vegetables, 2 tomatoes, 2 beans, 2 chicken or tuna, 1 rice, 1 pasta, 1 oatmeal.

[Online Donations - \(stppc.org\)](http://stppc.org) mark the donation STPPC Food Pantry.

STPPC Food Pantry Basics

Tuesday, April 25: 48 Boxes Distributed, 2 new clients

Monday, May 1: Pickup from FBR 1,734 pounds--\$1,264.73

Tuesday, May 2: 56 Boxes Distributed, 7 new clients included yogurt, hummus, potatoes, bell peppers, lettuce and bread

VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up to distribute on Tuesdays

[FPGroup: FP Volunteer Signup \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)

Click above to sign up for a Tuesday

Or a Monday to unload



Or take a picture of the circle

The problem with not signing up is sometimes we have 2 people or 7 people. There is no way to plan if you do not sign up. See me if you need help to use Signup Genius.

There are openings in May for distribution!

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church granted \$500 towards St. Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.

Mary and Carolyn, two of our distribution volunteers who attend St. Michael's, applied for this grant through their charitable stewardship committee.

Thank you, ladies.





Every other Monday, STPPC Food Pantry picks up from Food Bank of the Rockies. Currently, there are three volunteers to pick-up: Parra's, Dave Goss, and Reh's. This makes pick up's challenging. If you can

help with this, see Sue Shaw.

PRAYERS

- ♥ **Kathleen Hall** will be having lots of tests to determine the health of her heart and lungs and to determine the best treatment for her.
- ♥ Don Allensworth asks for prayers for his son, **Tanner**, for his ongoing struggle with substance abuse.
- ♥ Shirley Younger asks for prayers for her cousin, **Joseph**, and her friends, **Gail, Claudia**, and **Patricia**, all of whom are recovering from critical accidents, injuries, and surgeries.
- ♥ Sue and Robby Robertson ask for prayers for their brother-in-law, **Connel**, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer.
- ♥ Prayers of thanksgiving for the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program** and their work responding to all types of disasters in our country.
- ♥ Andrew Lee asks for prayers for **Darryl Wright** who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer and has also been experiencing acts of racism against him.
- ♥ Emma Girard asks for prayers for **students** who are heading into testing season with finals, SATs, and other various tests.
- ♥ Sarah Hall shared a prayer of thanksgiving that her sister, **Rachel** and **Rachel's 3 children** were baptized on April 23rd.



Prayer for the Innocents



Pentecost

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

investing in our greatest resource

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth, and young adults.

our impact

Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact on the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Pentecost Sunday falls on May 28, 2023, and we will collect the Pentecost Special offering that day. The Ministry of Mission and Outreach has determined that the 40% of the collected offering that we get to use locally will go to Urban Peak <https://www.urbanpeak.org/>. Urban Peak is the only non-profit in Denver that provides and full convergence of services to youth experiencing homelessness. Long term St Paul members will remember Suzanne Kittelson, who in addition to being the spouse of our pastor, and a Deacon, worked at Urban Peak. She sadly died in a boating accident in 2020. We will send our donation in her memory.



