

# ST. PAUL NEWS

A BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## 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.



## Kim's Corner

*Reverend Kim Graber,  
St. Paul's Pastor*

## A Stone of Hope

It's one of the most famous lines from one of the most famous speeches in U.S. history, and it wasn't even in the script.

The podium was set up in front of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963. Martin Luther King Jr. (who, by the way, was named after the Martin Luther - father of the reformation), was already

widely known as the spiritual leader of the American Civil Rights Movement, and was scheduled to speak that day. Dr. King had prepared his text carefully, but, by the time he'd finished multiple edits, the speech still was not what he wanted it to be. At the podium, as Dr. King struggled to find the words to connect to the audience,

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### Office Hours:

M-Th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
closed Fridays.

The office is staffed by volunteers. Additional times are available by appointment.

## All Are Welcome

All Ages Sunday School

9:00 am

Sunday Worship Service

10:15 am

in-person/livestream



## A Stone of Hope continued . . .

American gospel singer, Mahalia Jackson, who was sitting behind him, said, "Tell them about the dream, Martin."

So he told the audience about the dream. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

A few lines later, Dr. King went on to say, "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it."

After quoting these words of the prophet Isaiah, Dr. King continued: "This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go

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*Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Taken in North Carolina in 1960. Image from the Smithsonian Collection.  
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## St. Paul to Host Health Screening Event

Friday, February 23, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, St. Paul will host a health screening event. Those interested in gaining information to assess the risk of cardiovascular disease

can be screened by Life Line Services (not church affiliated) at a cost of \$139 for carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, atrial fibrillation, and osteoporosis. To learn more, call 1-877-792-8480, give priority code HSOC001.



## From the Editor's Desk

**The St. Paul community is blessed by dedicated volunteers who give so much time and talent. We could not do it without you.**

**Colleen Green exemplifies dedication to volunteerism. She saw to it that everyone could stay informed by producing and editing the St. Paul News and handed off the task with preparation and care. Colleen improved administrative processes, made computers work against long odds, took many photos, operated the soundboard, taught Sunday School, and more. Thank you!**

## REMINDER: Annual Congregational Meeting



**Come to the Celebration Center after worship to hear and discuss the annual report, ministry unit reports, and the proposed 2024 budget. All members are welcome.**

## A Stone of Hope continued . . .

back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope."

As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 15th, may we reflect once again on his dream. May the words of the prophet Isaiah speak to us as they did to

him, for in this same passage from Isaiah, the prophet also says, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem." With these words of assurance from our God, may we too be able to hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope.

## Update From the Ministry of Membership and Fellowship

By *Sheila Moskowitz*

This Sunday, January 14th, is the **Regular Fellowship Meeting** in the Celebration Center immediately following worship.

### WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP?

St. Paul routinely has fellowship opportunities on the second and fourth Sundays of each month after worship. We welcome everyone to attend. We look forward to these opportunities to get to know each other better!

On the second Sunday, we call our time together "**Regular Fellowship**." Light refreshments are served. In the past, Care Groups would host a month.

We have changed this. Now, **everyone** is welcome to bring a sweet or savory snack each month as you are able or inspired. Beverages are provided.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we have **Potluck Luncheons**. Again, we treasure this opportunity to break bread together as we get to know each other! Everyone is welcome! Our meals are dependent on what everyone brings. Beverages are provided.

On the 4th Friday of every month, we host **Game & Crafts Night** from 6:30-8 pm. These are family fun night opportunities to play games together or bring a craft that you are working on. Occasionally, our traditional dates may change, but we always enjoy our time together!

## St. Paul Presbyterian



### Night

**Saturday  
January 20, 2024**

**Dinner  
6:00 pm-6:30 pm  
BINGO  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Please bring an appetizer to share and a white elephant gift. Friends and family are welcome. Join the fun!**

## Games & Crafts Night



**Join us on the fourth  
Friday  
of each month  
6:00 pm -8:30 pm**

**Get ready to laugh and have fun. Have a family game night, or play a game with friends. Bring a craft project with you or start a project.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



# Prayer Requests



- **Colleen Green** requests prayers for **Mike McCarthy**, his medical team, and **Beth McCarthy** as she is on this journey with her husband. Mike continues cancer treatment (t-cell infusion).
- Prayers for peace as violence continues to escalate in Ukraine and Gaza.
- Please pray for **Michelle Hodder's** health and peace of mind. She is home recovering following hospitalization for an irregular heartbeat.
- Please pray for the health of the **Turvin family**. **Lilliana** is home and continuing to recover after being hospitalized with RSV and pneumonia. **Rebecca** also acquired RSV, though the worst of it was while Lilliana was in the hospital; she is still on the mend. **Patrick** has a cold.
- **Sharon and Terry Murphy** request prayers for **Reid George**, who had sudden liver failure and a liver transplant. Reid is ten years old. His father is the Murphy's nephew. Please pray that Reid's body accepts the liver. Cover Reid, his immediate and extended family, and the medical team in prayer through the significant healing process.
- **Sarah Hall** shares a joy and requests prayers for two concerns. The joy is **Kathleen's** positive medical report and the potential of no longer needing certain medications. Regarding concerns, **Gary** is having ankle replacement surgery on the 31st. Please pray that the surgery is successful and free of complications. Please also keep the **Sievim family** (former members of St. Paul) in prayer for comfort in their grief, as **Pam Sievim** died last week.
- A prayer of joy that **Deanna Gordon** got to see **Barbara and Tom Boyd** when she was in Oklahoma. They asked that Deanna bring their warmest regards to our church family.
- **Shirley Younger** asks for prayers for her brother **Greg** and his family. Greg had a heart attack and is now facing quadruple bypass surgery on Jan. 18 in Oregon.

## *Fel·low·ship* */'felō,SHIP/*

noun

*A friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.*

### Regular Fellowship on the second Sunday



After worship, relax, have a chat  
and enjoy light refreshments in the  
Celebration Center



### Potluck on the fourth Sunday

After worship, bring your  
appetite, and a dish to share  
enjoy the company of others



Vocal Choir Practice  
Wednesdays 7:00 pm-8:15 pm  
in the Sanctuary

## Do You Know an Unhoused Person?

Please help someone come in from the cold. The state is keeping a list of shelters and other warming center resources available on its Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website at [dhsem.colorado.gov](https://dhsem.colorado.gov).

# Stay Connected, Find Information

## The St. Paul Presbyterian Food Pantry

**Tuesdays from 10:00 am to noon**

**This is a curbside food pantry. Pull up to the curb, your box or bag will be brought to you.**

**Walk-ups welcome.**

**When Aurora schools are closed, so are we.**



**Go to our YouTube channel or**

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

Need	Contact
Streamed and recorded services	<a href="https://stppc.org/virtual-worship/">https://stppc.org/virtual-worship/</a>
Submit a Prayer Request	<a href="mailto:prayer-network@stppc.org">prayer-network@stppc.org</a>
Join the Prayer Network email List	Send email w/subject "Join List" to <a href="mailto:prayer-network@stppc.org">prayer-network@stppc.org</a>
Food Pantry Volunteer Sign-Up	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084faaa629a1ff2-fpvolunteer">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084faaa629a1ff2-fpvolunteer</a>
View Church Calendar	<a href="https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/">https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/</a>
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## Elderberries



Are you a person of a certain age (50 years or older) looking for a local, low-pressure opportunity to socialize with welcoming people? Do you want to build or strengthen new friendships at St. Paul? Consider joining Elderberries.

Elderberries is a St. Paul social club. Once a month, members of Elderberries gather for lunch or attend an event together.

**Join us for lunch:  
Thursday, January 18th  
at Cheddars  
1575 E. Briarwood Circle**

Let Pam or Bill Jones know if you plan to come so they can save you a seat.

Your company matters. If you'd like to participate but the cost of the activity is outside of your budget, please reach out to Pastor Kim.