

**February 6, 2025**



**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, February 9, 2025**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15 am

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15 am

## **News from Pastor:**

My Dear Church Family,

The schedule will be as follows from now until the Sunday before Lent:

- Feb. 9 – Healing of the Centurion’s son and raising the widow’s son, Luke 7:1-17
- Feb. 16 – The disciples report to John the Baptist about what Jesus is doing, Luke 7:18-35
- Feb. 23 – A sinful woman weeps at Jesus’ feet and is forgiven, Luke 7:36-50
- Mar. 2 – Transfiguration Sunday, Luke 9:28-45

Many Blessings,

Pastor Kim

## **Note from the Editors:**

We are loving the responsive Psalms in services this year. Do you ever enjoy the verses we read in church, but go back and read the context around those excerpted few? If you’ve never checked out [The Bible Project](https://bibleproject.com/) (<https://bibleproject.com/>), we recommend some of their fantastic videos and resources. For example, there are several videos about Psalms and while we’ve personally not seen a bad one, those walking through the overview of the book’s structure (<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/psalms/>) are particularly worth a watch.

## **News from Session:**

The Session is planning to meet with two representatives from Denver Presbytery at our next meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. These two will answer questions we have about the transition process following Pastor Kim’s retirement. There are a number of options available to us, but there is a specific process we will follow as well. Following this meeting, we will provide more details.

The January annual meeting of the congregation was held on January 26 at which the annual reports of ministry units and committees were presented to the congregation. A copy of the 2024 annual report will soon be posted on the St. Paul website under the “Who Are We” pulldown menu.

Also, February 19 beginning at 9:00 am, St. Paul will host a Life Line Screening session at the church. Please call and schedule your appointment for that day using the number below.

## Special screening package for \$159 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ FREE Hypertension Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!  
**888-814-0466** and use code: **HSCA001**



## News from the Deacons:

### Upcoming Fellowship Group Events:

Elderberries will meet on Thursday February 20, 2025; 11:30am at:  
Thai Gardens  
16911 E. Quincy Ave. Ste A7  
Aurora, CO. 80015  
303-400-1173

PLEASE RSVP to one of these lovely ladies:

[gayledownen@icloud.com](mailto:gayledownen@icloud.com)

[terden89@comcast.net](mailto:terden89@comcast.net) (Terrie Russell)

[stongrm82@gmail.com](mailto:stongrm82@gmail.com) (Ruby Strong)

Hope to see you there! (Menu can be viewed online.)

The first St. Paul Men's Fellowship breakfast is tentatively planned for Friday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Inn near the church. Watch for additional reminders in upcoming newsletters as we get closer to that date. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Bill Jones or Elder Dave Goss. All men are welcome.

## News From Our Service Ministries:

### **MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL [MAP]**



Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts to Maisie for her years of service as one of our regular and incredibly dedicated Office Angels!!!!!!! Maisie has helped in the office for many years especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays with ordering office supplies, stocking the copier, making bulletins, cutting checks, and generally serving as a friendly face for anyone needing help on those days.

If you are interested in helping volunteer on a part-time, intermittent or (even better) a regular basis with any of the mentioned tasks, please reach out to Pam Jones.

**Thank You, Maisie!!**

### **MINISTRY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS [MBG]**

### **MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]**

#### **Sunday School for All Ages at 9:00 every Sunday!**

- Children and Youth meet downstairs in our classrooms.
- The Adult Class is doing a study on the book of James as we look toward the Lenten season.
- Anyone interested should come. There are no tests, no homework, and we have plenty of room in the Fellowship Hall!

#### **St Paul Youth (SPY)**

Keep watching here for planned activities:

<https://sites.google.com/view/spy-stpaulyouth/home>

We had our first SPY event Friday night bowling together!



**Agape Women’s Bible Study – Ellen Ingram is coordinating**

This Bible Study is from the Presbyterian Women’s Organization is “Let Justice Roll Down, God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and all Creation.”

Meetings are at 1pm at the church on the following Tuesdays: February 11 and February 25.

**Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday - Feb 9th**



Help the St Paul Youth (SPY) collect money and canned goods for our food pantry during this nation-wide event.

## **MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP [MOFS]**

PER CAPITA..., It's the amount St Paul contributes annually to Denver Presbytery in support of the work of our denomination. Per Capita for 2025 is \$32 for each of St Paul's 115 members. The Session recently approved \$3,680 from the general operating budget to fulfill our 2025 obligation, holding the faith that each member will donate as they are able. In 2024 to offset the expense to the church's budget, 76 of St Paul's members were able to share in this commitment and it is hoped that more members will be able and are moved to participate this year.

Denver Presbytery, in the way of direct grants and loan forgiveness to St Paul, has given much more than we've contributed through the years. As an example: prior to our insurance settlements Presbytery provided \$75,000 allowing us to pay vendors and move forward with repairs after last year's water damage; most recently we were awarded a \$10,000 grant to assist with escalating Board of Pension dues which severely impact our operating costs. These grants and other financial assistance have enabled us to improve our church facility, meet emergency repair needs and provide for the ongoing needs of our community.

Once again, our 2025 budgeted Per Capita is \$3,680 (\$32.00 per member) and we humbly ask that you consider contributing as you are able. This amount from each member is beyond any amount you may have pledged. Per Capita envelopes will be waiting for you in the Narthex, and we thank you for your consideration.

## **MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]**

### **Sunday, February 9th, Regular Fellowship: SOUPer BOWL of CARING.**

Meeting in our Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship.

**SHARE: Your favorite Super Bowl snack food**, as we visit together during our Fellowship Hour! Beverages will be provided.

### **Saturday, February 22nd, BINGO FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**



**6 pm: Potluck Dinner!** Meeting in our Fellowship Hall. Share your favorite **"GRAB & GO"** type food to share, because honestly, **BIN-GO!**

**6:30-8 pm: Let the games begin!** Our mistress of ceremonies will be Michelle Girard. Invite your friends and family to join in on the fun! Helpers are always appreciated!

**BRING:** An unwrapped white elephant item to be used as our Bingo Prizes.

**We hope to see you there!**

NOTE: There will not be a church potluck, on the following day, February 23rd.

At the conclusion of any of our Fellowship Events, we welcome everyone's assistance for a speedy cleanup, as you are able. If you are looking for a "FUN" Membership Group to join, you found us! Can't attend every meeting or help with every event? No problem. We would love to have you join us!

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]**

**MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]**

**St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)**

STPPC Food Pantry February 6, 2025



Hi all! I need help. Running the food pantry is challenging and I would like to travel more. The job description is at the very end of the newsletter. Please see Sue Shaw if you have any questions.

STPPC Food Pantry is now computerized versus our previous paper and pencil attendance. Clients bring their card assigned by Food Bank of the Rockies or our pantry, the cards are scanned and attendance is taken. Nifty, skippy.

Link2Feed counts attendance by families. For January, 40 families per week on average have been served. Our numbers have dropped a little. Not sure of the reason: it could be the immigration issue since more information is required and has been computerized.

Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR) sent out 2 notices that will affect the pantry due to the new administration. First, ICE visits. FBR recommends complete compliance. Second, Federal grants supplementing food purchased have been put on hold. Food purchases will cost more.



**Tuesday, February 11, Valentine candy will be shared with the clients. Drop a bag of candy by the food pantry door if you want to join.**

**As always, volunteers are needed for every other Monday FBR pickup, Tuesday distribution, and Sunday bag packing. Here is the link to sign up for Monday and Tuesday online. [FPGroup: FP Volunteer Signup](#)**

***PS—The food pantry is out of bags and boxes. If you have shopping bags, paper bags, or small boxes, it will help!***

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Prayers for Thea and her sister who was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Please pray for civility, respect, and compassion from our elected and appointed officials as they make decisions that impact lives of our neighbors and people in our country.



## Staying Connected

<b>Streamed &amp; Recorded Services:</b>	<a href="https://stppc.org/worship/">https://stppc.org/worship/</a>
<b>Ask for a Prayer Request:</b>	Email <a href="mailto:prayer-network@stppc.org">prayer-network@stppc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:pastor@stppc.org">pastor@stppc.org</a>
<b>Join Prayer Network Email List:</b>	Send email w/subject "Join List" to <a href="mailto:prayer-network@stppc.org">prayer-network@stppc.org</a>
<b>Food Pantry volunteer signup:</b>	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084faaa629a1ff2-fpvolunteer">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084faaa629a1ff2-fpvolunteer</a>
<b>View Church Calendar:</b>	<a href="https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/">https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/</a>
<b>Add to Church Calendar</b>	Send request to <a href="mailto:office@stppc.org">office@stppc.org</a>
<b>Submit to the Newsletter</b>	Send request to <a href="mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com">stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</a>

## 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>



## Offerings and Donations

<b>You may mail a check to:</b>	St. Paul Presbyterian Church 18901 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80013
<b>Online Donation options:</b>	<a href="https://stppc.org/donations/">https://stppc.org/donations/</a>
<b>In person donations:</b>	Sunday during Worship or office during office hours

## Hours

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<b>Please note:</b> 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!	
<b>We recommend calling before you come!</b> We are not going to cover bad weather days and risk our volunteers driving and walking on ice.	

## Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday, February 4, at noon	Thursday, February 11
Tuesday, February 18, at noon	Thursday, February 20

**Please send submissions to** [stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com)

## February Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Thomas Moe	02/01
Patty Childress	02/02
Kathleen Hall	02/07
Mary Hagen	02/09
Bruce Larson	02/14
Logan Gaudreau	02/14
Nathan Reed	02/15
Gary Crossover	02/16
Nancy Dixon	02/20
Colleen Green	02/20
David Bill Manoy	02/24
Doug Wetzel	02/25
Cheryl Wetzel	02/27

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Don & Laura Allensworth	02/15
Erika & Sean Pepler	02/25

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.

## **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	2/6	6:30 pm	Deacon's meeting
FRI	2/7		<b>Office Closed</b>
SAT	2/8		
SUN	2/9	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		11:15 am	Fellowship Potluck - Super Bowl snacks
		11:30am	Food Pantry box packing
MON	2/10	9:30 am	Food Pantry Setup & packing boxes
TUE	2/11	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		1:00pm	Agape
WED	2/12	7:00pm	Vocal choir rehearsal
THURS	2/13	6:00 pm	Session
FRI	2/14		<b>Office Closed</b>
SAT	2/15		
SUN	2/16	9:00 am	Sunday School for adults
		10:15 am	Worship [Sanctuary & Live Stream]
		after worship	Food Pantry Box Packing
		11:30 am	Ministry of Worship
MON	2/17	9:30 am	Food Pantry Setup
TUE	2/18	10:00 am	Food Pantry [Fellowship Hall]
		Noon	St Paul News submission deadline [ <a href="mailto:newsletter@stppc.org">newsletter@stppc.org</a> ]
WED	2/19	8:00 am	Life Line Screening
		7:00 pm	Vocal Choir rehearsal
THURS	2/20		St. Paul News publishes
		11:30 am	Elderberries

February Challenge: Our church is a Matthew 25 church. We engage in our community as a congregation in several ways, including to answer that call. The challenge is that in February we each also take action individually in our lives during the week to pray and also actively create peace, work for justice, and give hope. Four weeks in February. Four actions to take. Let's get busy together.

Get  
up off  
of your knees.  
Come out of your  
churches, your mosques,  
your temples. God can hear  
your prayers for peace, justice,  
and hope in this broken world just  
fine while you're out creating peace,  
working for justice, and giving hope to  
this broken world. When are we finally  
going to realize that humanity is the solution  
to inhumanity? When will we finally understand  
that we are all drops of the same ocean, hurting  
together, healing together, hoping together?  
So don't just pray for hands to heal the hurting.  
Pray with hands that are healing the hurting.  
Don't just pray for arms to help the helpless.  
Pray with arms that are helping the helpless.  
Don't just pray for feet to respond to need.  
Pray on feet that are responding to need.  
Don't just pray for someone to do something.  
Be someone who does something.  
Don't just pray for answers.  
Be the answer.

L.R. King

## STPPC Food Pantry Job Description

January 29, 2025

TO DO: Training from Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR). How to order food from FBR. Review the warehouse. Review funding. Receive username and password to log in to FBR—partner portal.

Keep track of food pantry account balance. If account runs low, decide how to increase balance. Member of the Daily Bread Mission Project through Denver Presbytery. This requires quarterly meetings. Denver Presbytery issues us money through this collaboration. Also, apply for other monies as available. St. Michaels Catholic Church usually gives us money. There are a lot of volunteers from St. Michaels. There are other grants available.

Thanksgiving extras, Christmas extras, other holidays. No religious comments due to FBR guidelines.

Pick up food from Food Bank of the Rockies every other Monday.

On Friday after Monday pickup, go on Food Bank of the Rockies website to reserve a pickup time. This is so the pickup time is at 9 am. If you wait, pickup time is later in the day. Our volunteers like to pick up early and get on with the day.

Every Tuesday, STPPC Food Pantry distributes boxes through the drive-thru from 10 to 12. Get to church shortly after 9 to prepare for the day. Volunteers usually come around 9:45. Extra items are added to boxes and other miscellaneous activities. Using Link2Feed (an FBR program that computerizes attendance). Using personal Chromebook to access Link2Feed.

Sunday after church, boxes are packed by STPPC congregation. Boxes contain: 1 peanut butter, 2 soups, 1 shelf stable milk, 2 vegetables, 2 beans, 2 proteins (chicken), 1 pasta, 1 rice, 1 cereal (usually oatmeal—heathy and fits in boxes)

When special deals are available at FBR, I purchase them. Eggs are purchased whenever available.

Approximately 6 months of the year, Girl Scout Cookie boxes are given out to our clients. The boxes are used to pack the food.

Boxes cost about \$0.80 each—it saves money to use Girl Scout boxes, sacks, and probably 1/3 of our boxes are returned.

**Example:**     **Monday, January 20**, FBR Pickup  
                  **Tuesday, January 21**, Food Distribution using Link2Feed  
                  **Friday, January 24**, log in to FBR to reserve pickup time for February 3  
                  **Tuesday, January 28**, after food pantry—inventory  
                  **Thursday, January 30**, before 3 place order with FBR (this week was *Wednesday, January 29* before 3 because FBR is closed January 31, and they need 3 days to fill order)

Either Sunday or Monday before delivery, the shelves are condensed. Current food must be moved to the front of the shelves and dated. Old food must be used before the new items. FBR requirement.

Client Newsletter was created at the beginning of the month. Remind clients of other food pantries. Resources for diapers, pet food, Mile High United Way and other resources.

Every other week, create a news article for the STPPC Newsletter. The STPPC Food Pantry is a mission project of St. Paul Presbyterian Church. Our responsibility it to keep the congregation apprised of the STPPC Food Pantry status.