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St. Paul News

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 20, 2025

Easter Sunday - No Sunday School

Worship: 10:15 (**Child Care Provided**)

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15



News from Pastor:

I think it can be hard to wrap our minds around Holy Week. We shout Hosanna!; we remember the last meal Jesus shared on earth with His disciples; and as we remember, we remember too, the sacrifice He made on the cross. It reminds me a little bit of the song that was so popular in the early 90's: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave.

From the grave to the sky.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

April 17 – Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service, 7:00 P.M.

April 20 – Easter Sunday – Luke 24:1-12, Ps. 118:1-2, 17-24

At our last Wednesday evening Lenten study, something was said that reminded me of a story that I thought would be a good reminder this week. As a friend whose birthday often falls during Holy Week once said, "This week it's all about Jesus." I would add – as it is every week!

I was serving on a Presbytery committee with a NICU doctor who worked at St. Anthony Hospital. Because of his work schedule, we all agreed to have the meeting in a conference room at the hospital. He sent us an email directing us on how to get to the conference room from the main entrance. He offered various markers along the path. Being a Catholic hospital, there was, at some point along the hall, a large statue of Jesus. As his final instruction, he said, "If

you go past Jesus, you've gone too far." What a great reminder for us, this week, and every day of our lives. Keep that thought in your mind, and ponder it every now and then. "Have I gone past Jesus? If I have, I've gone too far."

May God abundantly bless you during this Holy Week.

Pastor Kim

Note from the Editors:

Hello, St. Paul family,

We're reaching out together to invite you to join us for Jodi's Race for Awareness on Saturday, June 14, at City Park in Denver—a powerful and uplifting event that benefits the Colorado Gynecologic Cancer Alliance and supports those impacted by gynecologic cancers.

This cause is incredibly close to both of our hearts. Joann is a 16-month survivor of uterine cancer, and Jennifer is a 16-year survivor of cervical cancer. We know firsthand how vital awareness, community, and research are in this fight. That's why we've created a team called Team Teal Strong, and we'd be honored to have you walk, jog, or run with us—either the 5K or the 1-mile option, whatever feels right for you.

👉 [Join Team Teal Strong](#)

We're also creating custom Team Teal Strong t-shirts to show our team spirit! They'll cost less than the official event shirt and will be a great way to represent the team. Stay tuned for more details on that soon.

If you're unable to attend the race, please consider making a donation to support vital programs and resources for women facing gynecologic cancers.

👉 [Donate Here](#)

Thank you so much for supporting a cause that means the world to us. We'd love to see you out there in teal!

With gratitude,
Jennifer Gaudreau & Joann Goss
Team Teal Strong



Child care for Easter service

Child care in the nursery will be provided on Easter Sunday. An Easter Egg hunt will follow worship.

News from Session:



Let's Be Healthy Together!



On Friday, May 16, Life Line Screening will again hold a health screening event at St. Paul from 8:30 in the morning until 4:00 p.m. As hosts of this event, Life Line has provided us two complimentary screening admissions worth \$85 that can be applied to their services. If you would like to have one of the complimentary screenings, please contact Pastor Kim. They will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

Good news is that 80% of strokes and heart disease can be prevented, according to the American Heart Association.

Protect your health and get peace of mind with early detection with preventive health screenings from Life Line Screening that will be at on St. Paul Presbyterian Church on Friday, May 16. Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling **1-888-814-0466**, **texting** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607** or visit Life Line Screening's website at <https://www.ilsa.social/hzca>.

There is no time like the present to take action!

Pastoral Transition Update

Pam Jones reported that the Pastor Search Transition Team is developing a number of questions in the form of a survey that will be sent out to church members following Easter Sunday. These somewhat modified questions will be similar to the 12 questions contained in the Journey Between Pastors as recommended by Denver Presbytery. The survey will include a pre-stamped return envelope. The information gathered will be used in the future by the Pastor Nominating Committee that will be elected later this year.

News From Our Service Ministries:

Events:

The St. Paul Men's Fellowship group met for the second time on Friday, April 11 at Village Inn. Nine men were in attendance. We have decided that for the near future, we will continue meeting once a month on the second Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast. We realize that this may not make it easy for a person working full

time to join us, but occasionally we will change the date in hopes that others can attend. If you would like your name added to the monthly reminder email, please contact Dave Goss at dave@dcgoss.com. All men who worship at St. Paul are welcome to join us.

Elderberries:

Elderberries will be **THIS Thursday 4/17** at Casa Vallarta at 4002 South Parker Road Aurora, CO 80014 (NE corner of Parker and Quincy). Menu is at: casavallartarestaurant.com.

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL [MAP]

Hiring Part-time Office Manager

Session approved the hiring of a part time (16 hours per week) office manager to help provide continuity in the office for the remainder of this year. This person will take over some of the administrative tasks that Pastor Kim has been doing as well as other work that will be needed after Pastor Kim's retirement. The Ministry of Administration and Personnel is developing a job description and will seek temporary services to assist the Office Angels, as needed.

MINISTRY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS [MBG]

The Ministry of Building and Grounds is assisting all ministry units with the development of and documentation their respective safety and security measures. This documentation will be maintained as part of the Manual of Operations to provide continuity as ministry leadership changes over time.

Rich Hartung also reported that several discrepancies were found during the City of Aurora's Fire Department inspection but should be resolved within the next two weeks. We passed the overall inspection.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Vacation Bible School planning is underway! If you know a child interested in attending (ages 5-15), please direct them to our website to register (www.stppc.org). After Easter, we'll have a list of items that we need for VBS; however, we are currently in need of the following:

- Used, rinsed 2 liter pop/soda bottles with the lids (as many as you can drink before May 30).
- Volunteers for the day of VBS on 5/31 (morning 9-12:30, afternoon 12-4:30, or full day) to run stations related to God's amazing universe! We will have all activities prepped, set up, instructions, and everything will be ready including snacks and lunch.

- Volunteers to help set up May 30 (the night before) from 5pm until 8pm. Dinner provided. True Light's VBS will be ending that afternoon, so we have a quick turnaround and a great plan mapped out to prepare for the next day.

Please contact Gary Crownover thecrownovers@gmail.com if you can help with any of the above!

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP [MOFS]

The Ministry of Finance and Stewardship completed a review of St. Paul's financial practices which were received by Session as required by our current Financial Policy.

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

EASTER SUNDAY FESTIVITIES | April 20th, 2025

He is risen! Wishing you an Easter filled with the warmth of God's love and the joy of his presence. Please invite your family and friends to join us for worship, followed by a sweet

breakfast potluck and of course our exciting annual Easter egg hunt!



The Easter egg hunt will start at 11:30 AM sharp! Children can bring their Easter basket or a bag will be provided for their egg collection. Thank you in advance to those of you who are able to donate filled plastic eggs.

Candies should be individually wrapped. An alternative treat is toys or stickers. Eggs should be secured shut with a small piece of tape, so they don't pop open. These filled eggs will be accepted until 9:30 AM Easter morning. Volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs prior to worship.

Please be mindful and help in guiding our children to stay out of the flowerbeds, or fragile vegetation areas, which could cause damage, if accidentally trampled. No eggs will be hidden in these areas. IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE HUNT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NARTHEX.



PHOTOS: Our church photographer, Jeanne Sheridan will be available to take your family photos, to update our “FRIENDS & FAMILY PHOTO BOARD”, located in the Narthex. Thank you so much Jeanne! There will be a copy of the most recent church directory available at the photographers table for you to make any needed changes.



GAME & CRAFT NIGHT! Friday, April 25th, 6:30-8pm

We will meet in our Fellowship Hall. If you are able, bring a game and snack to share. Or, bring a craft you are working on. This is a fun event for all ages.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]

Graduation Sunday and Volunteer Appreciation will take place on May 11. Brinlee Logan-Hall and Logan Gaudreau are the only graduates this year. Music Appreciation Sunday will be May 18.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

Thank you to everyone who brought testing snacks for Sunrise Elementary!!

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)

STPPC Food Pantry 4/17/25



Bring bread—Food Bank of the Rockies has only buns—not bread. Extra will be frozen! Requested by clients.

Our clients request sugar—if you want to donate small bags of sugar, we will supply our clients.

Food Pantry Fund Balance **\$10,398.53**

Received \$2,500 from Denver Presbytery in Daily Bread Mission Project (Deposit April)

Please let Sue Shaw know of any grant programs that may be available through your business or other source for financial grants. St. Michaels has helped us this past year.

Covenant Pantry, (Greenwood Village) (closest Presbyterian pantry) --Serves 180 families every Friday from 1 to 4. Majority of food is from TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). There are 3 sources of funding for TEFAP. Only one of the three has been cut. DAILY BREAD MISSION PARTNER

Everyday Eats—This is the **senior food program** offered by the state of Colorado. One box is handed out monthly to 60 or older meeting financial guidelines. Cleve Dixon manages this program. Clients receive a box similar to ours but includes oil, additional items and cheese. Cleve works on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday to distribute boxes. Approximately 24 seniors are signed up for this program through STPPC Food Pantry. Thank you, Cleve, for managing this program.

April 1 distribution 38 families

April 8 distribution 54 families

April 14 pickup 2,600 pounds \$1,776

Prayer Requests:

- Liz Ludchak – Prayer of joy for Robin and a thank you to everyone who prayed for him. He got the job he was hoping for and is excited to begin. This could be his dream job.
- Cathy Walter – Cathy's brother in law, Tom, had a heart attack on April 4th. He was able to get an angioplasty and clear the blockage. He is up and out of ICU, but will have surgery to remove another blockage.
- Christ Swanson – A prayer of joy that he has found more stable housing.
- The Crownovers – Please pray for Wanda Gettler and family and friends as she is now in hospice.
- Michelle Girard - Thank you for all of your prayers! An incredible joy that Jerry is off the ventilator....this is sooner than expected, so he is reacting to the medicines well. His coughing is still rough, but so much more comfortable for him. Hoping now the doctors can work a full chemo treatment plan for his lymphoma.
- Sue and Robbie Robertson – please pray for the family of Roland Elbert who passed away recently. This has been a bad winter for them.
- Deanna Gordon – a prayer of joy that Joann Cunningham is doing much better. She will be evaluated to see if she has enough strength and is ready to go home.
- Joelle Brouner – prayers for my sister, Alex, as she learns whether or not her job will be eliminated; for my mom and many difficulties she is facing; and for Abrago Garcia and all who fear they are forgotten.

Staying Connected

Streamed & Recorded Services:	https://stppc.org/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 stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com

St. Paul Presbyterian's YouTube Channel

Scan this code with your smartphone to go to our YouTube channel or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIntYmQQ>



Offerings and Donations

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

Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday, April 29 at noon	Thursday, May 1
Tuesday, May 13 at noon	Thursday, May 15
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	

April Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Don Allensworth	04/03
Andrew Lee	04/08
Lee Boteler	04/22
Terry Murphy	04/26
Lana Corbin	04/29

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Emily & Donald Reh	04/07
Martin & Janice Cobb	04/11
Robbie & Sue Robertson	04/25

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.