

**April 3, 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, April 6, 2025**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

**Note From The Editors:**

There have been multiple issues with the newsletter team **not** receiving notifications and updates that are sent to [newsletter@stppc.org](mailto:newsletter@stppc.org), which is not an account we have access to troubleshoot. Moving forward, to ensure any news you want published gets to us, please ONLY use this address: [stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com).

To help with this transition, we recommend opening a blank message in your email and starting to type "news" into the "to" line of the new email. If the old email address automatically populates, move your cursor over it and hit the "delete" key to remove it from your auto-populate list. If you have it in your address book, please remove it there as well. We apologize for the inconvenience!

## News from Pastor:

### WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGH EASTER

- April 6 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Luke 18:9-14 (the Pharisee and the Tax Collector), Ps. 65:1-5
- April 13 – Palm Sunday – Luke 19:29-44, Zech. 9:9
- 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

### NAKAI MISSION PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Nakai Mission Partnership is one of the 3 Denver Presbytery mission partnerships in which St. Paul participates. The purpose of this mission partnership is to provide health care for women in Zimbabwe – in particular – cancer screening and treatment. Last year Nakai provided scholarships for 20 individuals to attend a Nurse's Aide training program put on by the Red Cross in Zimbabwe. We are happy to share that all 20 of those individuals graduated and are now certified. If they desire, they can now go on to university to become nurses, which is paid for by the government. The 20 graduates are meeting with the Nakai team in Zimbabwe this Saturday to discuss a group they are calling Health Champions. In return for the opportunity they have been given, at least some of these graduates will provide needed health care within the presbytery of Zimbabwe. This also gives the graduates an opportunity to earn a living as nurse's aides. We believe this scholarship program is a program of empowerment. We have received a number of photos and thank you messages. One says: I just wanted to send you my heartfelt thank you to you and your team. May God bless you all abundantly for your support. I am now empowered on a health pedestal. Thank you very, very much.



## News from Session:

At the March 13 Session meeting, Rev. David Hogue of the Presbytery's Ministry Relations Committee (MRC) was introduced as our liaison with Presbytery for the upcoming pastor search process. David then outlined a number of points for all to consider and explained how the transition team will work:

- This is a process of discernment and sacred work.
- Prayers and reflections are part of the work.
- Eventually the PNC will be elected by the congregation.
- Part of the process is to determine what St. Paul is today and what is it called to become.
- There is usually an interim pastor before calling the next installed pastor but there may be other options.
- The transition team will do most of the preparatory work for the PNC (the 12 questions "mission study")
- Session will review and approve the responses to the 12 questions before submittal to Presbytery.

Session introduced the recently appointed Pastor Search transition team to David, They are Pam Jones (Chair), Shirey Younger, Ellen Ingram; Joann Goss; Matthew Gobla, Cleve Dixon and Don Allensworth. This team will work closely with the congregation in gathering information about St. Paul and helping us to decide what we need in pastoral leadership for the next pastor.

True Light will hold their Vacation Bible School over three days, May 28, 29 and 30 at St. Paul using most of the building and has extended an invitation to St. Paul children to participate as well. St. Paul's Vacation Bible School will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> from about 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mile High Fellowship will not be at St. Paul that day.

A new computer and monitor will soon be installed in the library and the old library computer moved to the office and upgraded to Windows 11 software.

A clipboard is now mounted on the wall in the workroom underneath the key safe. If anyone has concerns about the building, repairs or supplies needed, please enter that information on the clipboard with your name and date.

Update on property sale. The buyers have placed \$25,000 in escrow in anticipation of the completion of the sale. They have approximately six-months to complete the separation of St. Paul's property from the property they are buying. If necessary, an increase in the time required for the separation can be extended. Once complete, the developers alone will be working with the City of Aurora on their parcel.

## News from the Deacons:

The Deacons want to thank all the people who have attended the Lenten dinners. You are helping us build our budget by contributing through the weekly free will offering. We also thank everyone who has helped provide food for the dinners.

We have one dinner remaining on 9 April, a baked potato bar, by Care Group 5. Dinner starts at 6 P.M. and is followed by the last Lenten class. All are welcome to attend.



## News From Our Service Ministries:

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

Everyone is welcome to join us for a  
Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting  
God's Amazing Universe  
April 15th at 5pm in the Narthex

**Even better, let Gary Crownover know if you are interested or available to volunteer for the one day of VBS on Saturday May 31!** You can jump in the bouncy house with Victoria and the kiddos that day ;) or do one of many, many other fun stations in the works, lunch, registration, etc.



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

### **Sunday, April 6th**



We will have a table set up in our Narthex, with a collection box for our Easter Egg Hunt with True Light Congregation.

We will be collecting plastic eggs, new or recycled, and fillers of small toys, stickers or individually wrapped candy.

Volunteer sign-up opportunities will also be at the table.

### **Sunday, April 13, PALM SUNDAY**



Regular Fellowship, gathering in our Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. This is a joyous celebration! All are welcome to bring a sweet or savory appetizer to share!

### **Sunday, April 20, EASTER SUNDAY!**



We will gather in our Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship to enjoy a Sweet Breads Potluck. Some examples of what you can bring include cinnamon rolls, sweet breads and rolls. Beverages will be provided. Photo board pictures will be taken, as desired. Church Directory updates can be done at this station as well.

At 11:30 am sharp, the highly anticipated Easter Egg Hunt, together with the children of True Light Congregation, will take place. Please invite your family and friends to join us for worship, followed by the fun! (In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be moved indoors.) **Babysitting will be provided in our nursery during worship, 10 am-11:25 am.**

### **Friday, April 25th, 6:30-8pm**

**GAME & CRAFT NIGHT!** 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 and we will cheer you on to its completion! This is a fun event for all ages.



## **MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]**

### **Last Lenten Study**

We will be wrapping up our weekly lessons based on In the Footsteps of the Savior by Max Lucado on 9 April. We hope you will join us at 6:45 P.M. as we finish our journey through Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, the Jordan River, Bethany, and Jerusalem.

### **Planning for Holy Week Services**

St. Paul will be combining Maundy Thursday and Good Friday into one service Thursday, 17 April at 7 P.M.

For the past several years neither service has been well attended so the Ministry of Worship has decided to combine the two. Communion will be served, and the chancel will also be stripped and darkened that night.

Please set aside this one evening to travel deeper into the Jesus' last few nights on earth so that we might all fully celebrate the resurrection on Easter morning.

The vocal choir will be sharing a special cantata throughout the week's services.

Flower dedication papers will be available each Sunday in April. The cost will remain \$10.

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

Thank you to everyone who donated snacks for the Sunrise Elementary statewide assessment process!

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

### **Aurora Community of Faith Report**

A meeting of Faith and Community Leaders in Aurora. Summary March 20, 2025 meeting.

The Aurora Chief of Police Todd Chamberlain spoke on his vision for partnering with the community of faith. He asked that the group pray for the police. In Aurora, there are 1.6 police per 1000 people. Recommendations are 2 per 1000 people. There are 707 officers with the Aurora Police Department.

The Aurora Fire & Rescue also discussed Red Fire Alert Emergencies. Those emergencies are grass fires in Aurora.

The next meeting Thursday, April 17, is an off-site meeting on "Human Trafficking and the Church". Please see Sue Shaw if you are interested.

## STPPC Food Pantry News 4/3/25

Monday, March 31, 2025 FBR Purchase 2,065 pounds for \$1,478.01

Monday, March 17, 2025 FBR Purchase 1,333 pounds for \$1,052.44

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Distribution to 51 families (1 to 13 people)

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Distribution 48 families

For Lent—please donate a loaf of bread to the pantry. Bread is not usually available at Food Bank—this can be frozen!



Oh! When we are packing Sunday, check out the pantry. It is stuffed to the rafters with Girl Scout Cookies!!! Victoria Crownover worked her magic again and our pantry received the extra cookies. Double reward—cookies for our clients and boxes to pack food! Double Win! Thank you, Victoria and Girl Scouts of Colorado.

Check Food Bank of the Rockies at [www.foodbankrockies.org](http://www.foodbankrockies.org) to see news about funding.

Signup to work on Tuesday at [FPGroup: FP Volunteer Signup](#). See Sue Shaw for more information.



Thank you for supporting the pantry monetarily, faithfully and with your volunteering.

Sue

## 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/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmQQ>



## 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>
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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 15th at noon	Thursday, April 17
Tuesday, April 29th at noon	Thursday, April May 1st
<b>Please send submissions to <a href="mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com">stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</a></b>	



## April Celebrations

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

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



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

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.

# Gratitude Journaling Prompts for April

..... Ordinary & Happy .....

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<b>31</b> 	<b>1</b> The best thing that happened this year.	<b>2</b> The kindest thing someone did for you.	<b>3</b> Any things you have that the majority of people don't.	<b>4</b> The best thing that's ever happened to you.	<b>5</b> Your greatest achievement.	<b>6</b> Your biggest supporters in life.
<b>7</b> Your best friends.	<b>8</b> Skills or talents you have.	<b>9</b> Things that you appreciate about yourself.	<b>10</b> The nicest compliment you've received.	<b>11</b> Your favorite memory.	<b>12</b> People in your life who inspire you.	<b>13</b> Your favorite trip.
<b>14</b> The most important lesson you've learned.	<b>15</b> Something you're looking forward to.	<b>16</b> Best advice you've ever received.	<b>17</b> The book that had a big impact on you.	<b>18</b> Little things that bring you happiness.	<b>19</b> The people in your life who make you smile.	<b>20</b> The best job you've had.
<b>21</b> Recent new opportunities.	<b>22</b> What you like about the city/town you live in.	<b>23</b> The times you felt truly loved.	<b>24</b> What you like about your job.	<b>25</b> The times you've felt appreciated.	<b>26</b> Songs that uplift you.	<b>27</b> Seasonal things that make you happy.
<b>28</b> Quotes that inspire you.	<b>29</b> The thing you're most grateful for.	<b>30</b> The person you're most grateful for.	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>