

May 1, 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, May 4, 2025

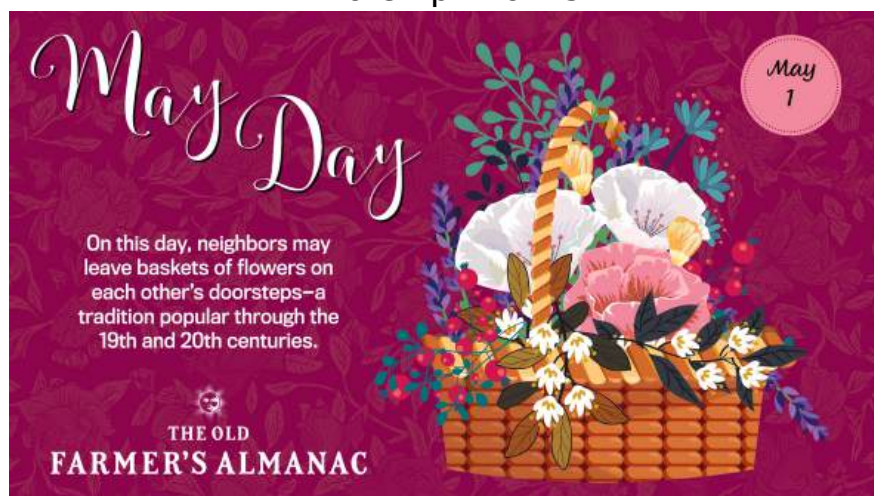
Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

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News from Pastor:

My Dear Church Family,

I remember during COVID (2020), when we were not able to gather together to worship, the Easter season seemed less than joyful. Instead of thinking about new life, we were more focused on fear and even death. But eventually new life arose. We were able to gather together to worship – slowly and with restrictions in the beginning. Then there was the year of the flood (2024). We were out of the building until the end of March. Easter Sunday was our first Sunday back and worshipping together. Slowly the building was repaired and put back together. This Easter the sanctuary was filled to the brim and joy abounded. The Easter season is a time of growth; a time of new life; a time of rebirth. This year there is a different kind of new life. St. Paul is currently looking at a new future with a new pastor. Turn your eyes to God, who is the One who gives us new life in Jesus Christ. Trust God to provide what you need during this time of transition and beyond.

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. **Jeremiah 29:11***

Abundant Easter Blessings,

Pastor Kim

WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGH MAY

May 4 – Luke 24:36-49, *For You.....*. We will receive the youth who have just completed the confirmation class

May 11 – Matthew 28:16-20, The Great Commission. We will celebrate graduating seniors and volunteers

May 18 – Acts 1:1-8, The Risen Jesus and His Disciples. This will be music celebration Sunday.

May 25 – Luke 24:50-53, Ascension Sunday

GRADUATING SENIORS

If you have a graduating senior and we have not talked yet, please let me know so we can recognize them during worship on May 11.

News from Session:

For all individuals or groups using or meeting in the basement, please check every outside door on that level before leaving the building. Recently, the outside door at the end of the hallway was not closed tight and allowed access into the lower level. The threshold for that door will be adjusted within the next two weeks, but physically confirming the door is closed and latched is necessary. The Office Angel does a morning walkthrough and if the door is not latched, she could be at risk of the possibility someone is in the lower level without her knowledge.

News from the Deacons:

Hello everyone!

Please be watching for an email (you should have received on April 28) from St. Paul explaining our first gift for Kim's retirement.

I will be in Fellowship Hall every Sunday in May after church to help with the process or answer questions.

I can't say much more here because Kim will see it!

Blessings,
Judi Garvey
303-257-9691

News from the Transition Team:

The transition team sent out surveys about the congregational identity, so if you have not received yours, please contact the church office. **Please, please, please return them!** There is a box in the narthex to receive the surveys or you can mail them. We would request they be **returned by Sunday May 18.**

Coming soon! There will be open sessions following to allow everyone to express their opinions and thoughts as we work through this transition period. The dates have not been determined, so stay tuned and read your newsletter ;)

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Vacation Bible School is less than one month away!! Mark your calendars and invite your nieces, nephews, neighbors, grandchildren, or just decide to come and participate. It's like Elderberries. Our audience is children, but we will never turn the young at heart away from a fun day of learning about science, nature, and most importantly, God's Amazing Universe!

Last week was "Smiley Face Moon Day". Sorry it was already too bright for Saturn when I took this, so imagine... Who says God doesn't have a sense of humor?! Even nature winks at us sometimes.



Bring those 2-liter bottles to church beginning on Sunday and check out the table in the narthex where you'll see a list of items we'd love your help with to make VBS run smoothly.

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

✝ Thank you to all who made EASTER at St. Paul Presbyterian Church a welcoming, warm and blessed day. (Fun fact: The Easter Egg Hunt was completed in 6 minutes!)

Sunday, May 11

🌹 Mother's Day; On this day we lovingly thank God by honoring mothers and all women of St. Paul. All women will receive a beautiful rose as they exit our Worship Service.

🎓 Graduation Sunday; to congratulate Logan Gaudreau and Brinlee Logan-Hall.

❤ Volunteer Appreciation; to all who help make St. Paul, warm and inviting.

All are welcome to celebrate in the fellowship hall with cake and beverage.

Sunday, May 18

🎵 Music Appreciation

All are welcome to celebrate the people who bring us beautiful music, with cake and beverage, in the fellowship hall.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

We received a card with the following message from Sunrise elementary --

"Dear St. Paul Presbyterian,
Thank you so much for collecting snack donations for our students to have during state testing! They have been an amazing motivator for everyone!

With gratitude,
Isabela Bernal and the Sunrise Community"

The Ministry of Mission and Outreach also thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Requests:

- Gayle Downen and Kelsey Klaus: prayers for Mindy Brunn for healing in regards to her cancer.
- Ellen Ingram: My friend Linda Fisher is in Rose Hospital with multiple issues, heart, kidney, bladder, etc. This is the third time she has been hospitalized in the last month, no definitive diagnosis. Please for wise medical care and increased health.
- Ellen Ingram: Carolyn, who broke her hip, is doing ok and will have to go to rehab for at least a week.
- The Girard family: Michelle, Emma, Connor, Ayanna, Jackie are in Japan and having a wonderful time.
- The Girard family: prayers for Jerry McMullen – Michelle's brother – who began chemo again. He seems to be doing well so far.
- Deanna – doing very well following knee replacement surgery. Will be in rehab a while longer.
- Karl Graber: prayers for the Miller family. Jerry is battling pancreatic cancer and was recently in a serious car accident. Margie just had back surgery.
- The Death of Pope Francis

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

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

Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline	Publishes
Tuesday, May 13, at noon	Thursday, May 15,
Tuesday, May 27, at noon	Thursday, May 29
<p>Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</p>	

May Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Lisa Morin	05/02
Jacomina Kandijoh	05/02
Richard Hartung	05/05
Michelle Girard	05/06
Natalie Rasperger	05/06
Cathy Walter	05/12
Craig Fidler	05/18
Matthew Gobla	05/24
Joni Evers	05/26
Randy Sheridan	05/27
Kate Rothgeb	05/27
Chloe Wetzel	05/30

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Randy & Jeanne Sheridan	05/02
Jill & Nathan Reed	05/20
Jeanne & Ken Pote	05/23
Liz & Robin Ludchak	05/25
Julius & Karen Petty	05/25

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.