

May 15, 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 18, 2025

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Worship: 10:15

News from Pastor:

My Dear Church Family,

The following is a devotional I shared with the Session this month and I think is important enough to share with the congregation.

From This Beautiful Day: Daily Wisdom from Mister Rogers

"A high school student wrote to ask, what was the greatest event in American history? I can't say. However, I suspect, like so many great events, it was something very simple and very quiet with little or no fanfare, such as someone forgiving someone else for a deep hurt that eventually changed the course of history."

Galatians 5:13-14

Serve one another humbly in love. All the law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself.

This devotional reminds me of a theory called *The Butterfly Effect*, which says that in our deeply interconnected world, one small occurrence can influence a much larger complex system.

Perhaps some small, seemingly insignificant thing you do will be the one to change the course of history.

Abundant blessings,
Pastor Kim

WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGH MAY

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

Note from the Editors: News from Session:

Life Line Screening will host another health event at St. Paul on Friday, August 1.

Cleve Dixon and Matthew Gobla will serve as St. Paul's commissioners to the May 20 Presbytery Assembly at St. James Presbyterian Church.

News from the Office Angels:

CAUTION! Gift card scam active again

Recently many members and friends at the church got an email from Pastor Kim (allegedly). The sender used the email "rev.kimgraber@gmail.com" This is not her address, but other "legitimate looking" addresses are often used. Pastor Kim or any other leader in our church or the Presbytery, will NOT ask you to go buy gift cards for them. If you respond without thinking, a second email will normally follow asking you to scratch off the pin on the gift card, photograph it, and send them the pictures. This is a red flag! **DO NOT DO THIS!!!!** Unfortunately, these scams are found everywhere. Please double check any email address asking you for money or gift cards.

News From Our Service Ministries:

Elderberries will meet this Thursday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner on Iliff near Abilene. If you are interested in going, please contact Ellen or Kim.

MINISTRY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS [MBG]

Thank you to everyone who helped with the cleanup of the grounds last week. The church grounds look beautiful and the help was appreciated!

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Congratulations again to our high school and college graduates!

May 20 the students attending Triennium this summer will be commissioned by the Presbytery. We are excited to be sending three youth - Brinley, Addilyn, and Sophie and one adult chaperone, Victoria, from St. Paul!

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP [MOFS]

A revised financial policy for St. Paul was approved. The main changes relate to credit and debit cards used by the staff.

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

Sunday, May 18 is Music Appreciation Day

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



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]

At the May Session meeting, summer worship hours were approved to start at 9:30 a.m. beginning June 1 and continuing through August 31. Normal hours (10:15 a.m.) will resume on September 7.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)

STPPC Food Pantry

Wow—staying busy. Pick up from Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR) today, 1,800 pounds at \$1,400. Another pick up on May 19 (next week) as FBR is closed for Memorial Day.

Great fresh food market day! Cantaloupe, lettuce, chips, and bagels. Also, eggs were available—6 cases of 18 eggs.

Kroger Community Fund Quarterly Check \$173.34 (see Sue Shaw if you need to register for donations through Kroger)

STPPC Food Pantry Balance (April 30) \$9,540.43 (includes \$2,600 from Denver Presbytery)



Donations of women's personal items, bread, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, salt and pepper, sugar, coffee are appreciated. Just leave by Food Pantry on table.

Thank you all for supporting your food pantry.

Sue Shaw

Prayer Requests:

- A prayer of joy that all of the Girard/McMullen family are home safe from Japan and had a wonderful time.
- Michelle's brother Jerry was in the hospital with what they think was pneumonia. He is home and doing better. Continued prayers as he continues chemo.
- Ellen's friend, Linda, was taken off life support and passed away shortly after.
- Theresa Harris had emergency surgery Saturday in which they took out a large part on the large colon and some small colon. They've told her she will likely be in the hospital 6 or 7 days. She is supposed to be moving on the 19-20. She may need our help through that process. Please pray for healing from the surgery and that the move gets figured out.
- Alice Lindsley spent her last Sunday with us before her move to New Jersey. Prayers of joy that she has found a Presbyterian Church she likes, that is close to her home.
- Ruby Strong has lots of medical appointments ahead with some new doctors. Prayers for her procedures and that she is able to rest.
- Joann Goss had back surgery on the 13th. Thank you for the prayers for the surgery, which went well. Joann is up and walking and hopes to be home before the end of the week. Continued prayers that healing go well, and that she gets some relief from the pain.
- Prayers for the Hall's good friend and neighbor, Chuck Wood, who had another emergency surgery following a craniotomy last week due to a brain bleed.
- Prayers for the Lowdon and Crownover families in the loss of Victoria's great aunt, Alma. She was the last in that generation.

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, May 27th at noon	Thursday, May 29th
Tuesday, June 10th at noon	Thursday, June 12th
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	

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.