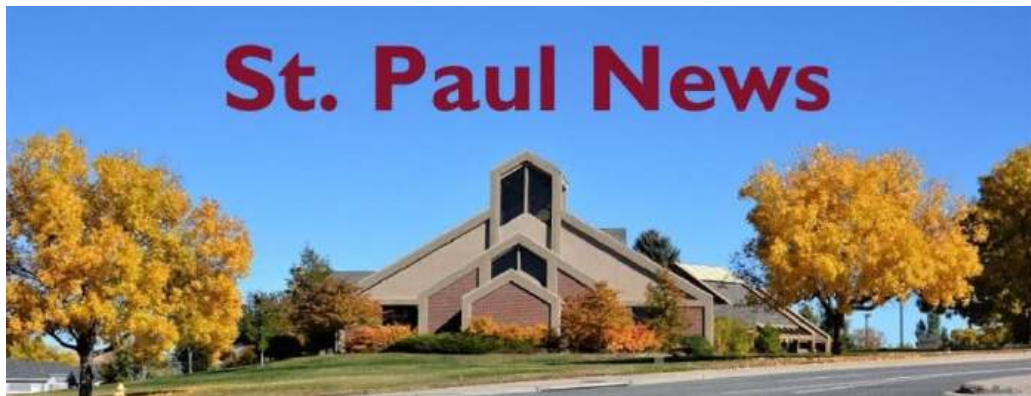


**June 16, 2025**



***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, June 22, 2025**

Sunday School for Adults 8:30am

Worship 9:30am

**Sunday, June 29, 2025**

**Celebration Sunday!**

Sunday School for Adults 8:30am

Worship 9:30am

## **Worship Services Through June**

June 22 – 2 Kings 2:1-12, Luke 4:14-21 - The In Between Times

June 29 – A Celebration Sunday!

Come sing with a women's ensemble for Kim's last Sunday! We will sing "Surely the Presence" in 3-part harmony as the introit for her final worship service at 9:30 am, Sunday, 6/29. There will be 1 rehearsal the Wednesday prior (6/25/25) at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Many of you have sung it with me or us in the past and at women's retreats. If you'd like a copy of the music I'll have some with me on Sundays 6/15 and 6/22. We will sing it through twice with a tag - pretty simple. Please contact me if you have questions. Long ago Kim, Judi, and I sang it as a trio, and maybe Kim will join us that morning! ~Michelle

## **News from Pastor:**

My Dear Church Family,

This is one of the painful parts of leaving, but something that must be communicated. Monday, Dave Goss and I signed a Memorandum of Understanding from the Presbytery. It is a document that outlines the reason that a former pastor must not be available to the congregation after he/she leaves the church. I will share a few sentences with you:

- *When a pastor leaves a church, there are bonds of affection between the minister and members of the church which continue to be cherished.*
- *For the health and welfare of the church, it is important that the former pastor and his/her family find another church to attend. The former pastor's continued presence in the life of the church almost always hinders the congregation and the incoming pastor in developing the necessary relationship for successful ministry.*
- *The former pastor shall avoid all conversation and communication with church members about the new pastor, as well as problems and issues regarding the former church.*
- *The former pastor shall avoid participation in funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc. for members of the former church.*
- *At all times, the former pastor should remain sensitive to possible tension that can arise from his/her presence in the former church. In short, church members should not request a former pastor to perform pastoral duties. If requested, the former pastor should tactfully decline.*

I realize how difficult this is, as it is difficult for me also, but I also understand that it would be almost impossible for a new pastor to develop a good relationship with the congregation if I were still "around."

Please look back at the first bullet point. I will ALWAYS cherish you and the friendships I have developed (more about that in the next newsletter ☺). You will forever be a part of my heart and I will faithfully pray for you.

Abundant blessings,  
Pastor Kim

### **Note from the Editors:**

For the summer months, the newsletter team is following a reduced schedule. Newsletters will be published monthly to coincide with Session meeting weeks for July and August. Please continue to email updates to [stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com) as you have them and we will review and include all pertinent updates, information, and prayer requests we receive in the next newsletter from when they are received.

### **News from Session:**

The Session of St. Paul Presbyterian Church is calling for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, June 22 immediately following worship for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with Rev. Kim Graber who will be retiring on June 29, 2025. The Book of Order requires that the congregation vote to dissolve the relationship when a pastor leaves for whatever reason.

Session is forming an Interim Pastor Search Committee to start working with Denver Presbytery to hire a pastor to serve as an interim at St. Paul following Kim's retirement. Three Elders and two other members of the congregation will be on this committee. Since Session hires the interim directly, there is not a long process for this search. Session expects the interim to be in place for the fall programs.

Thank you.

Dave

### **News from the Deacons:**

The funeral service for Sharon Scholle, mother of Lana Corbin, will be held at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, 24 June at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 8817 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, Colorado. All are welcome to share in her celebration of life.

There will be a memorial service for Bruce Larson at St Paul on Friday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m.

### **News from the Office Angels:**

#### **COPIER/PHONE ISSUES**

Last week we had an incident with the phones which took a good part of the day to identify and fix. Our best guess is that someone needed to send a fax and plugged a phone line into the copier. Not knowing this, when anyone would call in, they would get the fax line. We would respectfully request that no one make any such changes to the copier without checking with the office first. Many thanks!

## News from the Retirement Celebration Planning Committee:



### Pastor Kim's Retirement Luncheon

Session has arranged Famous Dave's catering for main dishes at a BBQ lunch on June 29, 2025 following Kim's final worship service at St Paul. We need the congregation to fill in the side dishes. Our guestimate is a group about of 150 people, so plentiful side dishes will be needed.

Cleve Dixon and Sheila Moskowitz are providing baked beans.

Signup sheets are located on a table in the Narthex with items and quantities needed.

Please sign up for one of the listed items by Sunday 6/22:

Sandwich buns, Potato salad, Coleslaw, Salad greens, Italian dressing, Rippled potato chips, Large veggie trays, Cubed watermelon, and Desserts -- cookies, etc.

If you have questions please ask Judi Garvey-Lefebvre, or Cleve Dixon

Thanks so much from the Retirement Celebration Planning Team

## News From Our Service Ministries:

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

Our trash contractor is now imposing "penalty" fees to our trash pickup invoices. These fees include two main areas, contamination of recycled materials and filling the dumpsters too full. Each penalty is \$75. For recycling, the following items CANNOT be recycled: plastic bags, Styrofoam and foam, food waste, greasy cardboard and paper, liquids, used napkins, paper towels and tissues, toner cartridges, electronics and cords, batteries, plastic cutlery and straws, poly-lined beverage cups and biodegradable or compostable plastics. Furthermore, recycled materials CANNOT be left in black plastic contractor bags in the dumpster. All recycled materials need to be emptied out of the plastic bag and the bag placed in the "trash" dumpster. Additionally, if waste or recycling materials exceeds the height of the rim preventing closure of the lids, then that is another \$75 penalty fee. If trash or recycling materials are on the ground, that

may result in a penalty fee as well. These fees are widespread throughout the trash industry and not unique to our contractor. Both True Light and Mile High Fellowship have been notified of these penalty fees. We will post signs in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall noting these guidelines.

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

Thank you to everyone who made VBS a success this year. From planning, preparation, set up, tear down, running stations, preparing food, and making donations, your help brought joy to the children and youth as we all learned about God's amazing universe.

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

Sunday, June 15th, FATHER'S DAY! At the conclusion of worship, all the men of the congregation will receive a Hershey candy bar. Our appreciation and thanks for all the men in our church community.

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

For the month of July, Katie Palmer will be leading our worship services as pulpit supply. Please reach out to your deacons with any prayer requests or concerns during this transitional time.

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

### **STPPC Food Pantry June 10**



Hi all—Thank you for allowing me to manage (?), direct (?), or keep track of your food pantry. It is a privilege to direct St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (STPPC Food Pantry).

**Food Pantry balance as of May 31, 2025**  
**\$9,075.59**

Thank you for your financial support. Be sure to mark on your check or Xelle where the money is to go. Your prayers and volunteer support are greatly appreciated.

### **Households served**

June 10	47 households	161 people
June 3	49 households	183 people
May 27	45 households	156 people
May 20	43 households	156 people
May 13	62 households	232 people
May 6	37 households	140 people



Remember: 1-5 people get 1 box; 6-8 people get 2 boxes; 9+ receive 3 boxes

So, the pantry is staying busy.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** A cart of miscellaneous items is set out for clients to take what they need. This includes items donated by you: feminine hygiene products, soap, shampoo, salt/pepper, not usual items (spinach, tuna, fancy soup, etc.) Please put your items in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

The pantry is still handing out Girl Scout cookies and probably will until the fall. The boxes are perfect for our items. Thank you, Girl Scouts.

Per Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR), the government has cut funding for Local Food Purchasing Program (LFPA) which will result in less fresh, nutritious food. Farmers and Ranchers will lose money because FBR is not purchasing their products.

This year has the highest number of people experiencing hunger in 10 years. Please go to the Food Bank of the Rockies website for additional information.

## Pictures from St Paul







Baptism of Lynley Emerson Silva, June 15, 2025



"Lord of the Dance" performed by Michelle, Emma, and Colleen

## Prayer Requests:

- Request...Michelle Girard – continued prayers for Jerry, Linda, and Elizabeth McMullen. Linda has been moved to rehab at Virginia Hospital Center following an accident in which the 3 were hit by a car while in a cross walk. She will have about 2 weeks of PT. She hasn't really been eating, so is not getting stronger.
- Lana Corbin - Hello, just wanted you to know my mom, Sharon finally passed away in the early hours Friday morning. She was very peaceful. We are sad but so thankful her earthly struggles have ended. Thank you for always being so welcoming to her at St. Paul.
- Victoria Crownover's mom's first two surgeries went well and she was able to go home for a couple of days. Her heart surgery will be Tuesday 6/17.
- Theresa Harris is home now but still has a lot of healing to do. Please continue to keep Theresa in your prayers

- Mary Apodaca had been in the hospital for a week with a blood infection. She is now in a rehab center for a while.
- Cleve Dixon - I would like to lift prayers for two of my dear friends, Tom and Martha Beavert. They winter in AZ and then travel in an RV during the summers. While prepping to get on the road Tom fell and broke his kneecap. And Martha has Parkinsons, pretty well controlled with meds, but still it limits her some.
- Pastor Kim - my brother Karl called last Friday to let me know that his father in law, Dale Powers had passed away that morning. Please keep the Powers family in your prayers.
- Sharon Murphy has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and began chemo treatments last Thursday. The treatments will continue for 9 weeks, after which it will be determined if she will have surgery. Please keep Sharon and Terry in your prayers, both for her care and for his.
- Colleen Green – prayers for those involved in an accident in her neighborhood. For Gavin, who was hit – who was vocal and moving as the ambulance took him, and for the woman who hit him.
- Steve and Lisa Morin – prayers for Addison Korzeb who has a brain tumor.
- Judi Garvey-Lefebvre – prayer for the Leola Little family. Judi's last aunt passed away. Please pray for her family as they celebrate her life on Thursday in Kansas.
- Joelle Brouner - Let us join in prayer for the strength, comfort, mercy from the pain, and healing of those targeted, burned, or otherwise injured in the Boulder terror attack yesterday. We also lift their medical teams and pray that God guides them and provides them with the technical and other skills needed to treat them most effectively and compassionately. Lord, please help the families and other loved ones of these innocents. Please quell anti-semitism, different forms of targeted violence, and all the suffering in the Middle East and around the world, in Jesus' name.
- Pastor Kim - It is with great sadness that I tell you of the passing of our brother in Christ, Bruce Larson. Bruce had been struggling with many health problems for many years. Now he is healthy and whole and in the arms of Jesus. Please pray for the Larson family as they mourn this loss.
- Karl Graber – prayers for his cousin, Garland, who is having a hard time as he continues to mourn the death of his dad – Karl's Uncle Jim. There have been some significant anniversaries lately, such as Jim's birthday, his parent's anniversary, and the anniversary of Jim's passing.
- Karl and Kim Graber – prayers for our neighbor, Chuck, as he prepares to say goodbye to his dad, Fran, who is in his last days.
- Kelly Baker – for over 600 days the State of Israel has prevented sufficient humanitarian aid into Gaza leading to mass starvation of the Palestinian people. When aid is allowed in, people are being herded into cages and killed en masse – an average of 100 civilians per day.



## 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>
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## 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

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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
Thursday, July 10th	Monday, July 14th
Thursday, August 14th	Thursday, August 18th
<b>Please send submissions to <a href="mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com">stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</a></b>	

## June & July Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Marsha Belt	06/01
Rev. Kim Graber	06/01
Ethan Klaus	06/01
Lucy Carlson	06/08
Molly Crownover	06/13
Caleb Babcock	06/15
Terrie Russell	06/15
Deanna Gordon	06/19
Kevin Burnett	06/21
Robin Ludchak	06/23
Donna Layne	06/26
John Max Manoy	06/26
Kay Cary	07/04
Michael Gobla	07/09
Cheryl Rageth	07/11
Rebekah Turvin	07/12
Jill Reed	07/13
Sheila Moskowitz	07/15
Sean Peppler	07/16
Ellen Ingram	07/17
Martin Cobb	07/19
Sarah Hall	07/23
JoAnn Cunningham	07/29
Steve Morin	07/30

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Terry & Sharon Murphy	06/16
Gary & Patty Childress	06/25
Cassie & Conrad Parra	06/25
Kate & Steven Rothgeb	06/30
Dave & Joann Goss	07/06
Rev. Kim & Karl Graber	07/07
Gayle & Craig Fidler	07/12
Scott & Lucy Carlson	07/29
Lana & Layne Corbin	07/30

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.