

**July 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, July 20, 2025**

Sunday School for Adults 8:30

Worship 9:30

**Sunday, July 27, 2025**

Sunday School for Adults 8:30

Worship 9:30

**Be a good neighbor this month! Any way you can!**  
**If you missed church and wonder what we're referring to - catch up on our**  
**YouTube channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmOQ>

## News from the Pastor:

My Dear Friends,

The words "thank you" just don't seem sufficient, so I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you.

- I am grateful for the support and love you have shown me over the past ten years.
- I am grateful for the way you have cared for me during my ministry.
- I am grateful for the incredible ministry and mission I've seen over the past ten years.
- I am grateful for the leadership you have shown so that I could do the work I was called to do as a pastor.
- And I am so grateful for the beautiful send off you gave me:
  - for the incredible worship service, the music - all of my favorites, and the surprise guest preacher;
  - for the wonderful luncheon and delicious food;
  - for the incredible book of cards, photos, and notes - Wow!
  - for the cards and gifts, and the very generous monetary gift - we are taking a trip to North Carolina next month!
  - FYI - someone gave two delicious pumpkin breads, but didn't give a name. whoever you are, they were yummy and our family ate them up in no time.
  - It was all perfect and I will treasure it always.

You will forever be a part of my heart and I shall be forever grateful for you and will keep you faithfully in my prayers.

May the Lord abundantly bless you,

Pastor Kim



## **News about the Pastor Search:**

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.

**The transition team invites you to any of our remaining 2 open forums we will hold on Thursday 7/17 at 6:30 PM and Sunday 7/20 at 10:45 AM. Sign-up sheets are just outside the office door for each time, so please sign up if you wish to attend. The purpose of the forums is to hear any additional concerns and wishes for the Pastor Search team and candidates to consider in their process for our new pastor.**

## **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 week for 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 Retirement Planning Committee would like to thank all who helped conduct the events on Sunday, June 29 celebrating Pastor Kim's retirement service and meal. Without a doubt, worship and the meal would not have been successful without the help of many volunteers. Elders, Deacons, volunteers from the congregation, and the Men's Fellowship Group all provided support to plan the details of the service, brought food, decorations, set tables and chairs, served the meals, prepared side dishes and desserts, cleaned up and restored the Fellowship Hall and Narthex back to their normal configuration. We counted 110 in attendance for worship and perhaps 85 at the meal afterwards. We also thank the many of you who contributed to Kim and Karl's going away gift of over \$3500 in the form of a check presented to them at the end of worship.

We especially want to thank the distinguished guests who lead worship: the Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper (Lead Presbyter of Denver Presbytery), Rev. Dr. Tom Sheffield (former Presbytery Pastor of Denver Presbytery) and Rev. gretchen Sausville (Stated Clerk of Denver Presbytery). As a historical note, Rev. Dr. Sylvia Casberg (St. Paul's organizing pastor in 1984) wrote the litany of thanksgiving and sending forth used during the worship service. Thanks also to other members of Presbytery and representatives of other churches who joined in the celebration.

We know that the scrapbook that Judi assembled and the many photographs sent in by members and friends and those taken by Jeanne Sheridan and Addy Goss will be treasured by Pastor Kim in the future.

## News from the Deacons:

While we are without a pastor this summer, your deacon reps are the first in line to help you with any concerns/needs you may have. If you are not sure who your assigned deacon is, please call the office or one of the deacon co-moderators.

If you have emergency needs (hospital, etc.), please call either of the deacon co-moderators for assistance: Sarah Hall 720-253-3369 or Judi Garvey 303-257-9691. You may also call the office, and they will get in touch with us as soon as possible.

Hopefully, we won't need to use this protocol, but it is better to have one than not.

## News from the Office Angels:

Elderberry's will be at Olive Garden in Southlands on July 17 at 11:30 am. The address is 6089 S Southlands Parkway, Aurora.

Please let Ellen or Ruby Strong know if you can come.

## Life Line Screening August 1

The next Life Line Screening event will be held at St. Paul on **August 1**.



**Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:**

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458**  
and use code: **HABC001**

**LIFE LINE SCREENING®**  
The Power of Prevention

## News From Our Service Ministries:

**Calling all ladies!!** The annual SISTR women's retreat is coming up sooner than we can believe! The committee invites all mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, grandmothers, friends, and neighbors to attend. It is a weekend filled with learning and laughter, music and meaning.

I am the music director for the weekend again, and Pastor Kim will be leading a prayer circle and a presentation on the mission for the weekend supporting NAKAI. Last year we raised \$1200 over the weekend - just amazing.

When: Sept 26-28, 2025 (Friday 4:00pm to Sunday 11:00am)

Where: [Franciscan Retreat Center](#), Colorado Springs. (The grounds are beautiful and serene and an easy drive from Aurora.)

Theme: The Sensible Woman - Be Seen, Be Loved, Be Heard, Be Sisters!

Click on the attachment to see details of the retreat.

You can [click here](#) to register and pay online, or you can click on and download the attachment to mail in your check and registration.

I will have hard copy brochures with me at church for the next several weeks. Please see me if you would like one or to ask any questions you have about this special weekend.

Blessings,

~Michelle

### **MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL [MAP]**

## **Welcome, Sirah!!**

We are very pleased to announce we have hired an office manager. Her name is Sirah Price and comes to us via a temp agency. She is very personable, friendly and eager to learn about the St. Paul family. Kim Graber, Gary Crownover and Pam Jones were the interview team and we were very impressed and comfortable with her. She is working 4 hours Monday through Thursday and is assisted by the office angels.

### **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]**



Calling for Sunday School Teachers!

We need teachers for Sunday School. Please contact Gary Crownover if you are interested in helping out with a class.

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP [MOFS]**

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

**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]**



**Choir Practice** is set to begin again **Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:15-ish pm in the sanctuary.

There are no auditions, although singing in tune is important.

Although reading music is a plus, it is not a requirement.

We practice each piece over several weeks  
and audio tracks are available for additional help and review

If you like to sing and enjoy making music with friends,  
consider joining us in this ministry.

Questions? contact Karen Petty, choir director

[karen.karenpetty@gmail.com](mailto:karen.karenpetty@gmail.com)

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

#### **Sunrise Elementary School Supply Drive**

Through the month of July we will be collecting our annual donations of school supplies to support the children of Sunrise Elementary School. The school's Community Liaison, Isabela Bernal, has supplied us with lists of supplies for each grade and those lists will be on the table near the sanctuary in the narthex. We can accept donations through the Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> – delivery to the school will take place the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Isabela also said they could use donations of student backpacks and provided some links to appropriate sizes and styles that work well for the kids, included here:

<https://a.co/d/gbe4oFi>

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09NM3456G/?coliid=I3RGH3OMSZIK8V&colid=NJRPA9W0H1LD&psc=1&ref\\_=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_lstpd\\_6F21AB7MT1EW6NEMPWK5\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09NM3456G/?coliid=I3RGH3OMSZIK8V&colid=NJRPA9W0H1LD&psc=1&ref_=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_lstpd_6F21AB7MT1EW6NEMPWK5_1)

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B079K963KG/?coliid=I1XLDZOGDXED5N&colid=NJRPA9W0H1LD&psc=1&ref\\_=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_lstpd\\_6F21AB7MT1EW6NEMPWK5\\_2](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B079K963KG/?coliid=I1XLDZOGDXED5N&colid=NJRPA9W0H1LD&psc=1&ref_=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_lstpd_6F21AB7MT1EW6NEMPWK5_2)

If you have any questions, please speak with Cleve Dixon.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the kids at Sunrise elementary!



## Palisade Peach Sale to Support Zimbabwe Kidz Mission Partnership of the Presbytery of Denver



Each year St Paul Presbyterian Church participates in a fund raiser for "ZimKidz" by offering 20-pound boxes of delicious Palisade peaches. If you are new to St Paul you may not be familiar with what a mission partnership is. Mission partnerships may be formed when two or more sessions within the Presbytery wish to work together to address an identified need.

Zimbabwe Kidz was formed to raise finances for the education of children in Zimbabwe. The needs to be met are determined through communication with a subcommittee in the Presbytery of Zimbabwe and Zimbabwe Kidz Mission Partnership. Our main goal is to provide clean water at the Presbyterian schools that do not have clean water or churches that desire to have a pre-school program and are required to have clean water.

Participating churches are Green Mountain, St. Paul, St. James, and First Presbyterian Church of Littleton.

**Orders may now be placed by speaking with Cleve Dixon, or by contacting the church office. The price per box is \$40.00, payable at the time of pickup by cash or check. The anticipated delivery is the last weekend in July or the first weekend of August, depending on the orchard grower notifying ZimKidz that the peaches are ready.**

Please let us know how many boxes you can use before the last week of July. Feel free to ask your friends, neighbors, or coworkers. The more we sell, the more deep boreholes we can drill to bring clean water to thirsty children in Zimbabwe.





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

### STPPC Food Pantry July 2025



As you can see, our distribution team is concerned about safety. Note the fluorescent yellow safety vests!

**Food Pantry Account Balance June 30, 2025** **\$7,846.29**

June Food Pantry FBR Purchases \$2,095.31

June Food Pantry Income \$866.01

The STPPC Food Pantry balance is getting low. It looks like a lot of money, but that is all that is left for the rest of the calendar year and it goes fast at over \$2,000/month. I am expecting \$400 from 2 different donations in July. Please prayerfully consider donating to the food pantry. Your money goes further through the Food Bank of the Rockies.

Our boxes contain: 1 peanut butter, 2 soups, 1 shelf-stable milk, 2 cans vegetables, 2 cans beans, 2 cans chicken, 1 pasta, 1 rice, and 1 oatmeal. There are still Girl Scout Cookies to hand out—one of our clients just stops by for cookies! The boxes then hold the food we hand out. Approximately 1/3 of our boxes are returned.

#### Distribution

July 8                      5 anonymous (9 individuals) **plus**  
40 households (136 individuals)

July 1                      10 Anonymous (37 individuals) **plus**  
41 households (155 individuals)

June 24                    7 anonymous (22 individuals) **plus**  
37 households (133 individuals)

June 17                    7 anonymous (20 individuals) **plus**  
36 households (136 individuals)

(Anonymous are new clients who do not have Link2Feed Card.) As you can see, we have a client base of between 35 to 45 who show up weekly.

CSFP or Colorado Senior Food Program is handed out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday during regular food pantry. Cleve Dixon handles this program. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, Cleve handed out 11 Senior Boxes. Boxes will also be distributed next Tuesday.



**Please bring your extra fresh produce to the church on SUNDAY for food pantry distribution on TUESDAY. Our clients love fresh produce.**

## **Prayer Requests:**

- No prayer requests were received in the newsletter inbox; however, today in worship, there was a prayer of joy and thanksgiving that Chris has found a new job and more stable housing. Also a prayer for all of our neighbors who may be oppressed, insecure, in need of empathy, compassion, love, and our action to be good neighbors in our world.

## July Celebrations

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

| <u>Happy Birthday</u> | <u>Birth Date</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Kay Cary              | 7/04              |
| Michael Gobla         | 7/09              |
| Cheryl Rageth         | 7/11              |
| Rebekah Turvin        | 7/12              |
| Jill Reed             | 7/13              |
| Sheila Moskowitz      | 7/15              |
| Sean Peppler          | 7/16              |
| Ellen Ingram          | 7/17              |
| Alex Klaus            | 7/18              |
| Martin Cobb           | 7/19              |
| Sarah Hall            | 7/23              |
| JoAnn Cunningham      | 7/29              |
| Robbie Robertson      | 08/01             |
| Ken Pote              | 08/01             |
| Chris Swanson         | 08/01             |
| Richard Rasperger     | 08/08             |
| Tina Lantang          | 08/11             |
| Michelle Hodder       | 08/13             |
| Pam Jones             | 08/20             |
| Karen Gauen           | 08/20             |
| Sue Robertson         | 08/25             |
| Judi Garvey-Lefebvre  | 08/26             |
| Sharon Murphy         | 08/29             |
| Mike Girard           | 08/30             |
| Brinlee Logan-Hall    | 08/30             |

| <u>Happy Anniversary</u> | <u>Marriage Date</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Dave & Joann Goss        | 07/06                |
| Rev. Kim & Karl Graber   | 07/07                |
| Gayle & Craig Fidler     | 07/12                |
| Kelsey & Alex Klaus      | 07/18                |
| Scott & Lucy Carlson     | 07/29                |
| Lana & Layne Corbin      | 07/30                |
| Thomas & Lanette Moe     | 08/06                |
| Joelle & Tony Brouner    | 08/19                |
| Joni & Donald Evers      | 08/24                |
| Lee & Kay Boteler        | 08/28                |

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.

## Staying Connected

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| <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

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmOO>



## Offerings and Donations

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|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>You may mail a check to:</b> | St. Paul Presbyterian Church<br>18901 E. Hampden Ave.<br>Aurora, CO 80013 |
| <b>Online Donation options:</b> | <a href="https://stppc.org/donations/">https://stppc.org/donations/</a>   |
| <b>In person donations:</b>     | Sunday during Worship or office during office hours                       |

## Hours

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
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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, August 12   | Thursday, August 14   |
| Tuesday, September 2   | Thursday, September 4 |
| <b>Please send submissions to <a href="mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com">stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</a></b> |                       |