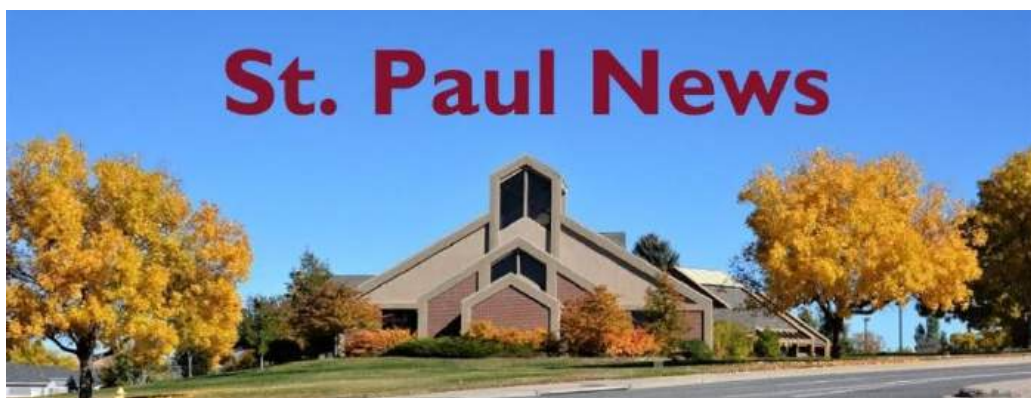


August 14, 2025



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, August 20, 2025

Sunday School for Adults 8:30am

Worship 9:30am

Sunday, August 27, 2025

Sunday School for Adults 8:30am

Worship 9:30am

Reflections on Back to School

August is the time in Colorado when over 880,000 children and youth return to school in our state. Tens of thousands of teachers, administrators, counselors, school nurses, paraprofessionals, custodial staff, building secretaries, food service professionals, bus drivers, maintenance crews, crossing guards, volunteers, and more. Over 250,000 learners and corresponding instructional and support staff return to college campuses across Colorado as well. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers hunt for school supplies, figure out schedules, meet teachers, cram in last minute physicals, immunizations, or other appointments or tasks to help learners get ready to start the year. Often, churches, including St. Paul in years past, send learners and educational staff back to school with a blessing of the backpacks. St. Paul also sends school supplies out in the community to help bless children and families.

Please take a moment to remember what back to school has been like for you (now or in the past in any of the roles mentioned) and say a prayer for the students, families, and everyone in our communities involved in education as we start this new year of learning. If you have an extra pack of granola bars lying around to donate to the food pantry, that is appreciated as well.

Note from the Editors:

Please note that this is the last "summer" edition of the newsletter. Beginning September 2 after Labor Day, we'll resume a biweekly schedule. We **implore** anyone with a joke, story, ministry unit update, picture, etc. to **please submit** your things to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com so that we can share news with each other. In particular, in the first September newsletter, we want to share pictures of your back to school, ice cream eating, peach pie baking, watermelon seed spitting adventures.

News from Session:



St. Paul family, on Monday, August 11 we closed on the sale of the 1.65 acre parcel of land. The settlement of the sale is broken down as follows: Fees and utility charges - \$5,158; Payment to PILP for our current mortgage \$100,000 (which will leave a new balance of approximately \$190,000); payoff of the \$60,000 special PILP loan was \$56,153.01 reducing that amount to Zero and a payment to our agent was \$25,000. MOFS will deposit the remaining \$208,688.99 into our long-term investments. As you may recall, Session determined that these proceeds would not be used for operating expenses. We appreciate your support and patience during this process. St. Paul now has some financial stability that will make us more attractive to a new pastor.

A second item...

Session is not meeting in August this year. It will meet on September 11.

News from the Deacons:

The Deacons continue to be on call and active supporting all of us in community. If you have needs, please contact your deacon team. From home visits, to telephone calls, to dinners and prayer chains, thank you Deacons for loving on all of us.




News from the Office Angels:


News From Our Service Ministries:

From the Presbytery:
Dear Faith Partners,

We invite you to help us **promote an important event** supporting the work of the **Journey with Migrants Mission Partnership**, a collaboration of seven Denver Presbytery congregations responding to the call of **Matthew 25**.

Evening of Food, Wine & Justice

 **Saturday, August 23**

 **4:30–6:30 PM**

 **Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church**

 **\$75 (includes food, wine, music & more)**

💛 Proceeds support direct aid for migrant and immigrant families in our community.

👉 [Tickets & Donations](#)

Last year, **\$48,000+** in housing, food, transportation, and medical support was distributed to families in need. This vital work continues with your help.

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL [MAP]

MINISTRY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS [MBG]

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Sunday School will begin soon! **September 7 will be the first day of Sunday School for all ages.** Adults will continue to meet, but at 9:00 and will study Isaiah to start. Please note the time change!

Children and youth classes will meet in the basement, also at 9:00am on September 7 and all are welcome! Children will be using the Jesus Storybook Bible to explore God's promises to us and Youth will meet using a curriculum called Simple Sundays to explore how God calls us to be in relationship.

Thank you! Thank you from the church youth to St. Paul for supporting us to attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium conference in Louisville, Kentucky in July. We all had an amazing time strengthening our faith, relationship to God and others, and worshipping together with over 2,000 youth and young adults in an action packed 4 days. The theme was "As If We Were Dreaming" and we talked about dreams in the Bible and how those lessons can relate to our lives as we dream, listen to and seek to understand God's dreams for us, live in community, work through the nightmares, and make dreams happen. If you'd like to see videos or learn more, there is a Presbyterian Youth Triennium facebook page and you can also talk to Brinlee, Addy, Sophie, or Victoria to learn more about their experiences and what spoke to them. Here are a few pictures of the Denver delegation and our experience.







MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP [MOFS]

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

Prayer Requests:

7/20/25

- Susan Moffett Golden passed away on Wednesday 7/17/2025, in Virginia.
- Anne and Mia Gordon had to put their dog down. Deanna was with the during that difficult time.
- Chris Ford had all of his teeth removed on Thursday 7/16/25, to remove all of his teeth. (requested by Katie Ford)
- Elena Johnson completed nursing and passed her NCLEX test to become a licensed nurse at Littleton Hospital Labor and Delivery. (requested by Cathy Walter)
- Theresa Harris is requesting continued healing for herself as she is struggling with strength and energy. Also Prayers for her Aunt Sara Pritchett and family as she nears the end of her life. (requested by Theresa Harris)

7/25/25

- Jerry McMullen's white blood cell count has risen as he continues treatment. He has been given permission to drive. Also Linda McMullen's rehab from her traumatic brain injury has been amazing and she has been cleared to return to work. (requested by Michelle)

7/26/25

- JoAnn Cunningham had a scare last Thursday 7/23/25. She developed severe abdominal pain and was taken to the hospital. It turned out to be the Hernia problem she has had twice before. This time they were able to manage it without surgery again. Please keep her in your prayers for continued healing and her wellbeing. (requested by Deanna)

7/27/25

- Chris, a friend, had major surgery on Monday 7/28/25. Needs many prayers. (requested by The Robinsons)
- Chris Ford surgery went well. Katie flies to Albuquerque to celebrate Kyle's Birthday. (requested by Katie Ford)

8/3/25

- Prayers for Joelle and Tony for travel mercies and logistics that work on their way to Alaska for our 25th anniversary.
- Prayers for their niece Misty Bacon and her husband Greg as their daughter, Taylor passed away after an asthma attack. (requested by Lisa and Steve Morin)

8/4/25 – *already sent to the prayer network email*

- Thank you for your prayers for my family - I appreciate it. So there's been no communication from them, tho' my cousin and sister were with them over the last few weeks and updated. Jerry texted this morning, he's been declared in remission! What? Praise God - but what? Please keep their family in your prayers as Elizabeth begins high school next month, hoping Linda's return to work after her TBI has been successful and not too tiring, and that Jerry's cough continues to improve, and they can all move forward with living again.

Appreciate you all,
~Michelle

8/10/25

- Pray for Cathy (Terry's daughter) – thank you for driving Terry Murphy to church. Love you Terry! (requested by Colleen)

- Continued prayers for Randy & Jeanne Sheridan as Randy continues to struggle. Grant them peace and hold them in your hand.
- Pray for Joann Cunningham as she is continuing to have abdominal problems. Please pray for the doctors to have the correct diagnosis and strength Joann. (requested by Deanna Gordon)
- Phil passed away Thursday Morning. Although he had battled MS for many years it was still unexpected. Please pray for his wife Cindy and their 3 grown kids as they grieve. Also my sister and I. (requested by Karen Petty)
- Please Pray for my sister, Lory McDonald she is 2 weeks into Chemo treatment for breast cancer. Please pray for her health and help through this process of trying to rid her body of the cancer. (requested by Karen Petty)
- Please pray for Victoria Crownover's colleague Aimee and her family. Aimee's daughter Jaycee was in a terrible car collision and has been in ICU for nearly three weeks with extensive injuries. They are hoping this week to reduce sedation to help further assess her injuries and progress.

August Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
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>
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,
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

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/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmOO>



Offerings and Donations

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

Hours

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

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, September 2	Thursday, September 4
Tuesday, September 16	Thursday, September 18
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	