

# September 4, 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, September 7, 2025**

Sunday School for Adults 9:00 am

Worship 10:15 am

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

Sunday School for Adults 9:00 am

Worship 10:15 am

## Note from the Editors:

**We are back!!** We are resuming our normal biweekly schedule. We **implore** anyone with a joke, story, ministry unit update, picture, etc. to **please submit** your things to [stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com) so that we can share news with each other.

Props to Michelle, who read this request in the last newsletter and sent back to school pictures of Emma as well as fun photos of card games with friends (The Hardys) cheating it up on their end of summer school drop off tour!



## **News from Session:**

**Please note the important update related to shredded paper** – All, our trash company no longer allows shredded paper to be recycled. When shredded paper is placed in the recycle dumpster, as it has been recently, we are charged \$75 extra for “contamination.” If you use a paper shredder at St. Paul (like the one in the library) do not empty it into a recycle basket. It must be emptied into a regular trash can. The custodian and office staff do not empty the shredder as part of their normal routine.

Session will meet for the month on September 11 and it sounds like one topic of discussion may be whether or not there are options for an alternative recycling/trash company that may be more beneficial for the church’s waste/recycling needs and goals.

If you are interested in joining the Denver Presbytery’s weekly newsletter, you can sign up and manage your preferences here: <https://denpres.org/get-weekly-news>

## **News from the Deacons:**

Hopefully you recently got your monthly check-in from your Deacon team. If not, please reach out to Judi Garvey to find out who your assigned deacon is and how to connect.

## **Elderberries**

After taking the month of August off, Elderberries will have lunch at Zane’s Italian Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite St., on 18 September at 11:30 A.M. Please RSVP to Judi Garvey at 303-257-9691 or [judigarvey@yahoo.com](mailto:judigarvey@yahoo.com) by the 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!

## News from the Presbytery:

Dear friends,

We invite you to join us for a day of renewal, reflection, and connection at the Spiritually Oriented Trauma Care workshop, led by Rev. Dr. Carrie Doehring, on Saturday, September 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This experiential workshop begins with caring for ourselves—body, mind, and spirit—so that we can more fully offer care to others and to creation. Through breath and body practices, spiritually respectful listening, and shared lamentation, we will explore ways to find self-compassion, experience the goodness of God, and integrate life's painful experiences.

Location: Columbine United Church in Littleton

Date/Time: Saturday, September 27, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology

Feel free to bring items that help you settle, such as a journal, coloring supplies, or knitting. At the close of the workshop, Carrie and designated prayer leaders will be available for brief one-on-one conversations and individualized prayer.

Registration Fee: \$15

Thanks to your per capita contributions, the Presbytery is able to subsidize the cost of this workshop. Your registration fee helps cover lunch and speaker expenses.

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER TODAY!**

## News From Our Service Ministries:

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

Sunday School will begin Sunday! **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.

## MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

### **POTLUCK ICE CREAM SOCIAL** Sunday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 11:20am

Meet in our Fellowship Hall immediately following our traditional 10:15 am regular worship time. Everyone is invited to join in the fun as we celebrate the end of summer! Contributions of ice cream toppings or a favorite flavor of ice cream (or perhaps even homemade?) would be a real treat for all to enjoy!

### **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** Sunday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 11:20am

Meet in our Fellowship Hall immediately following our 10:15 am worship service. We are so excited to visit together again and catch up on what's been going on in each other's lives! We encourage everyone to bring a luncheon food dish to share.

### **GAME & CRAFT NIGHT** Featured Game: **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES** Friday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm

Enter through the **main doors** and meet in our **Narthex** to celebrate family fun! Bring your friends, children and grandchildren. There will be an opportunity to play our featured game: Mexican Train Dominoes, led by Ruby Strong, or bring your favorite game. If you are a crafter, you are welcome to bring a project you are working on. Everyone is sure to have a fun time. Oh yes, bringing a SNACK TO SHARE is always enjoyed by all!

### **PHOTO BOARD**

MMF would love for you to come check out our updated photos on the Friends and Family Wall in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to update your photo or have one taken, just let us know!

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]



**Sign up to receive the daily devotional  
*A Season of Peace* in your email inbox**



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

This Sunday, A Season of Peace begins, leading up to the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday.

These devotionals can be a meaningful way to guide and engage your congregation or presbytery through a month of reflection on peace, justice and faithful action!

Still need to sign up? Click here to [Sign up before Sunday](#)

## Guest Ministers

Our guest ministers for the month of September will be:

- 7 – Jane Ritterson
- 14 – Katie Palmer
- 21 – Cindy Moorman
- 28 – Jordan Shive

Please make them feel welcome!

## World Communion Sunday

St. Paul and True Light will celebrate World Communion Sunday with a joint service on Sunday, 5 October. Afterwards we will feast at a potluck together in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar!

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

On Monday August 4 Bill Jones delivered the collected school supplies for Sunrise elementary school and snapped the below photo of Isabela Bernal, Sunrise Community Liaison, as she wheeled them inside. A week later we received a thank you note from Isabela and from the school Principal, Mandy Sheets.

MMO thanks all who brought in supplies! (Even the handful that came in after the deadline -- Cleve Dixon delivered them last week.)



From Sunrise Elementary: **Thank you for the generous donation of school supplies! The Church's contribution has made a great difference for the students and families.**

**Thanks,  
Mandy Sheets (principal) & the Sunrise Community**

## STPPC Food Pantry



St. Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry check from community donation King Soopers is \$178.12. Every penny helps to keep the Food Pantry going. If you shop at King Soopers and want to have your community money go to the pantry, please see Sue Shaw to show you how.



On that note—St. Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry is struggling financially. **STPPC Food Pantry balance as of August 18, 2025, is \$5,801.42.** The pantry is spending between \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month for food. The current balance will not last through the year.

So, I've been thinking of fundraising ideas. Are you interested in an Auction, a spaghetti dinner, or ... The other idea is to ask all church members to donate to the food pantry. Just donate \$100 to the food pantry. Or do you know of a grant we can apply for? Also, don't forget that some businesses will match your donation.

If you have ideas, please see me.

### Prayer Requests:

Hey there - Emma is safely dropped off at school, started classes, and has started meeting people....hallelujah. Her address:

Emma Girard  
3700 Willow Creek Rd.  
#7679  
Prescott, AZ 86301

And her email is [emma.girard13@gmail.com](mailto:emma.girard13@gmail.com)



### **8/16/25**

- From Ellen: Please pray for these two men and their families that care for them. Please pray for all with these complex health issues and that the Lord provides guidance for all of us.
  - o John Franklin, TG's brother in law who is currently being cared for by his daughter Vanessa, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer in both lungs. After multiple tests, they will develop treatment plans Monday. Vanessa is in a club I belong to.
  - o Tom Larson, husband of friend in the same club, is in ICU at UC Health with an abdominal bleed. He has had blood clots in his leg and has multiple health issues.

### **8/17/25**

- Please pray for my brother-in-law Don. Don fell while fishing and broke his hip. The surgery went well. Please pray for healing. (requested by Masie Livengood)
- Pray for Emma Girard & her parents. Emma is heading to college on 8/18/25! Prayers for safe travels and an easy move in on Wednesday. Prayers for all the students as they begin classes and new chapters of their lives. (requested by Michelle Girard)
- Please pray for Wendy Kisicki (Lisa's sister) as she is going to have surgery on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. (requested by Lisa & Steve Morin)

### **8/18/25**

- My cousin, Jay, 51 years old, passed away from cancer Sunday morning. Continued prayers for his kids and who are the same age as mine, and for Tara, his wife, as they deal with the loss of a really wonderful man. (requested by Michelle Girard)

### **8/24/25**

- Please pray for Stephanie Parker and Friend who will be flying to Nashville on the 29<sup>th</sup> and returning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. (Requested by Ora Brown)
- Joe Kerzman (my brother-in-law), Cheryll, Chris, Ben and Laura. Joe's mother, Rose Ann, passed away last week. She was a beautiful loving woman with a special soul. Prayer for all of her LARGE extended family traveling to Bismarck for services this week. (Requested by Colleen Green)

- Continued prayers for Randy & Jeanne Sheridan as Randy continues to struggle. Grant them peace and hold them in your hand.

## September Celebrations

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

<b><u>Happy Birthday</u></b>	<b><u>Birth Date</u></b>
<b>Nathan Wetzel</b>	<b>09/01</b>
<b>Jeanne Pote</b>	<b>09/02</b>
<b>Ela Skye Sarper Moskowitz</b>	<b>09/07</b>
<b>Chuck Daldry</b>	<b>09/11</b>
<b>Layne Corbin</b>	<b>09/14</b>
<b>Julius Petty</b>	<b>09/18</b>
<b>Heather Capobianco</b>	<b>09/26</b>
<b>Becky Motchenbaugh</b>	<b>09/30</b>

<b><u>Happy Anniversary</u></b>	<b><u>Marriage Date</u></b>
<b>Peter &amp; Sheila Moskowitz</b>	<b>09/08</b>
<b>Michelle &amp; Mike Girard</b>	<b>09/10</b>
<b>Steve &amp; Lisa Morin</b>	<b>09/13</b>

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

<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

Scan this code with your smartphone to go to our YouTube channel or  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8VC2Q0iii62pJyIIntYmQQ>



## Offerings and Donations

<b>You may mail a check to:</b>	St. Paul Presbyterian Church 18901 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80013
<b>Online Donation options:</b>	<a href="https://stppc.org/donations/">https://stppc.org/donations/</a>
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## Hours

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<b>Please note:</b> 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!	
<b>We recommend calling before you come!</b> 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
<b>Please send submissions to</b> <a href="mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com">stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</a>	