

**March 5, 2026**



**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, March 8**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am  
Jeopardy this week!!  
Worship: 10:15

**Sunday, March 15**

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am  
Worship: 10:15

## Note from the Editors:



Spring is in the air! (Did we miss winter???) So it's time to spring forward this weekend. Don't forget to **set your clocks forward** an hour Saturday night.

## News from the Deacons and MOW:

### Lenten Dinner and Study

Our Lenten Dinners and Study will continue each Wednesday, with supper at 6 P.M. followed our study from 6:45 - 7:30 P.M. Each dinner below is hosted by a Care Group and a free will offering will be received each week for the work of the Deacons.

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| March 4  | Care Group 3 | Italian | Michelle & Chuck, deacons  |
| March 11 | Care Group 2 | Mexican | Bill & Theresa, deacons    |
| March 18 | Care Group 5 | Salads  | Ora & Christopher, deacons |
| March 25 | Care Group 4 | Soups   | Terrie & Scott, deacons    |

Following dinner, a Lenten study from the book *An Unlikely Lent* by Rachel Billups will be led by Judi Garvey and will end at 7:30 P.M.

Topics will cover:

- Unlikely Freedom: Barabbas
- Unlikely Companionship: Simon of Cyrene
- Unlikely Courage: The Women at the Cross
- Unlikely Allies: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Please join us as we learn more about ourselves through this study.

### Lenten Bookmarks

Special Lenten bookmarks are available. All of the special dates during Lent and Holy Week are listed. Please pick one up to hang on your refrigerator to remind yourself of these special dates.

## News from Session



### Interim Pastor Search

Our Interim Pastor Search Committee has been busy. We hope to have more news soon. Please keep the committee and Session in your prayers as we continue to seek an interim pastor for St. Paul.

## Security Alert: National Slam the Scam Day

On March 5, 2026, as part of National Consumer Protection Week, the Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) lead National Slam the Scam Day.

Learn about the latest scams and how to recognize the signs. For example:

- An unexpected problem or offer of a prize or government benefit increase.
- Pressure to act immediately.
- Request for unusual payments like cryptocurrency, gift cards, gold bars, cash, or wire transfers, even with the promise of keeping your money safe.

Visit [ssa.gov/scam](https://ssa.gov/scam) for more information that could help you and others avoid scams.

## News From Our Service Ministries:



[Registration is now open for Highlands Summer Camp.](#)

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



Ahoy, me hearties! Be on the lookout for PIRATES!  
We are planning an exciting Vacation Bible School this year.  
We'll post more details soon, but alas, the plans are still in the making.

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

MMF is in place to nurture fellowship within our church family through gatherings beyond worship service. Knowing others promotes God's love for us.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING MMF.

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

## **Fellowship Potluck for Palm Sunday, March 29th**

Our next Potluck will be Palm Sunday, March 29th after worship.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. Beverages, utensils and tableware are provided.

Mark your calendars!

## **Easter Sunday Festivities, April 5th**

Wishing you an Easter filled with the warmth of God's love and the joy of his presence. Please invite your family and friends to join us for worship at 10:15am, followed by a sweet breads potluck and, of course, our exciting annual Easter egg hunt!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will not have any of our Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday. All will resume as normal the following week.

EASTER EGG HUNT starts at 11:30am sharp!

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held after our Easter worship service for friends and families of St. Paul and True Light Churches. Children can bring their Easter basket or a bag will be provided for their egg collection. **Thank you in advance to those of you who are able to donate filled or unfilled plastic eggs.**



Candies should be individually wrapped. An alternative treat is toys or stickers. Eggs should be secured shut with a small piece of tape, so they don't pop open.

These filled eggs will be accepted until 9:30 AM Easter morning.

### **Volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs prior to worship.**

Please be mindful and help in guiding our children to stay out of the flowerbeds, or fragile vegetation areas, which could cause damage, if accidentally trampled. No eggs will be hidden in these areas.

In case of inclement weather, the hunt will take place in the narthex.

EASTER SWEETBREADS POTLUCK:

Following Easter worship, we will gather in our fellowship hall for our tradition of sharing sweetbreads for our fellowship snack time together. Some examples are cinnamon rolls, cross buns, and banana bread. Our children will join us after their egg hunt. Coffee & lemonade will be provided.

### **Fellowship Potluck and Bunko, April 26th**

Fellowship Luncheon Potluck after worship. Stay for an hour and play Bunko!

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



It is time to start collecting snacks for the students of Sunrise Elementary school for this year's upcoming state mandated standardized testing. Test dates have not been set quite yet, but they always take place after spring break sometime around the end of March or beginning of April. The narthex table will be set up to gather donations beginning March 8th.

The school requests, due to dietary restrictions for some of the children, that we avoid foods with gelatin or meat.

Suggested items:

- Goldfish crackers
- Cheez it crackers
- Applesauce pouches
- Motts fruit snacks (these do not have gelatin)
- Chewy granola bars

Written lists will be provided on the narthex table.

Thanks for your generosity in donating to help the kids stay energized and focused during testing!

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



Thank you for your continued support for our food pantry. With your help, we provide vital food to our community members in need.

### Prayer Requests:

- Elbie Mendenhall, who will undergo a heart procedure on Wednesday the 4th.
- Ellen Ingram will be flying out Tuesday to be with him and plans to return Friday.
- Jim D. and Nancy A., who are grateful for the many thoughts and prayers. Nancy's surgery to remove the mass from her colon was successful. This week they will meet with her oncologists to discuss the next steps in her treatment.
- Please pray for Connor Girard, Ayanna, and her grandmother (Nana) as they travel home from Chicago. They are moving Nana into Aurora Life Care Center for continued rehabilitation following her stroke in October.
- Please pray for all those who suddenly found themselves without a paycheck and all those in need.
- Prayers for our church as we search for an interim pastor.

## 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>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>   |

## 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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| <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>   |
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## Hours

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| <p><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!</p> <p><b>We recommend calling before you come!</b><br/>We are not going to cover bad weather days and risk our volunteers driving and walking on ice.</p> |   |

## Newsletter Submissions

| Submission Deadline   | Publishes          |
|---|--------------------|
| Tuesday, March 17   | Thursday, March 19 |
| Tuesday, March 31   | Thursday, April 2  |
| <p><b>Please send submissions to <a href="mailto:stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com">stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</a></b></p> |                    |

## March Celebrations

If your birthday or anniversary is in March, we wish you the happiest of days!

| <u>Happy Birthday</u> | <u>Birth Date</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Victoria Crownover    | 03/04             |
| Lillianna Turvin      | 03/11             |
| T.G. Frerichs         | 03/15             |
| Kim Emery             | 03/17             |
| Connor Girard         | 03/20             |
| Judy Straayer         | 03/21             |
| Anne Gordon           | 03/22             |
| Theresa Harris        | 03/27             |
| Joann Goss            | 03/30             |
| Karen Petty           | 03/31             |

| <u>Happy Anniversary</u>  | <u>Marriage Date</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Gary & Victoria Crownover | 03/24                |

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.