

April 2, 2026



St Paul News



Holy Week

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.*

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2

Worship: 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

No Sunday School

Worship: 10:15am

Easter Egg Hunt & Sweetbreads Potluck: 11:30am

Sunday, April 12

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15am

From The Office Angels and Ministry of Administration & Personnel:

Monday, April 6th, the church office will be closed in honor of Easter.

Interim Pastor Search



The Interim Pastoral Committee is very excited to announce the hiring of **Pastor Jim DeMent**. Pastor DeMent comes to us from the First Presbyterian Church of El Campo, Texas, where he has been interim pastor for the past two years. Pastor Jim has eight years of experience as an interim pastor, following a thirty year career as an attorney in Houston. Pastor Jim looks forward to leading our congregation during this transitional time. He and his wife Sally are from Texas but have family in Castle Rock and look forward to spending more time with them as well. Please reach out and welcome Pastor DeMent and his wife to our St. Paul family. We will get to meet him on April 12.



News about Worship Leaders:

Please welcome the following ministers to our pulpit this month:
4/2/26 (Maundy Thursday) Rev Jordan Shive
4/5/26 (Easter) Rev Bill Sanders
4/12/26 Rev Katie Palmer
4/19/26 Pastor Jim DeMent

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

If you are graduating this year (including this past December), please let us know. We are planning to recognize you in May and we want to make sure no one is missed! Please email gwcrownover@gmail.com with your graduate's information.

Intergenerational Class: Our next intergenerational class (teens and adults) will be Sunday, April 19!

It will be Bible Jeopardy Day, so come ready!



SPY Bowling! All youth and those young at heart are invited to join us for a night of bowling on **April 18th from 6:00-8:30pm**. Those not in middle school yet, need to be accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP by **April 6** with Gary so he can make reservations.

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

Easter Sunday Festivities, April 5th

Wishing you an Easter filled with the warmth of God's love and the joy of His presence.

- There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday.
- Worship begins at 10:15am.

For families with young children, our Nursery is available so you can comfortably care for them while still listening to the sermon via the in-room intercom.

- Sweet Breads Potluck following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Examples include cinnamon rolls, hot cross buns, and banana bread. Coffee, iced tea, and lemonade will be provided. Children will join us after the egg hunt.
- EASTER EGG HUNT begins 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.



- Kindly encourage children to stay out of flowerbeds and delicate vegetation (no eggs will be hidden there).
- Filled eggs (with individually wrapped candy, stickers, or small toys), taped shut, will be accepted until 9:30am on Easter morning.
- We will also gladly accept empty plastic eggs for next year's hunt (please snap matching ends together).
- ***Thank you to everyone who has donated!***

HELP STILL NEEDED

Hiding eggs on the church grounds
Kitchen clean-up after Fellowship time
Sign-up clipboards are available in the narthex

- Photo Booth
 - Our photographer, Addy Goss, will be available during Fellowship to take a free updated or new photo for our Friends & Family Photo Board. This helps everyone—especially our new pastor and his wife—learn names and faces.
 - You may also bring a favorite photo from home. Please label names (in order) and bring it to the office for mounting.
- Other Activities During the Potluck:
 - Membership directory updates
 - New directory request forms
 - Emergency contact forms
 - Name badge requests
- Let's all try to remember to wear our name badges!

Cake Reception for Our New Pastor, Sunday, April 12

Join us after worship for a Cake Reception honoring our new interim pastor, Reverend Jim DeMent, and his wife, Sally. Come extend a warm welcome!

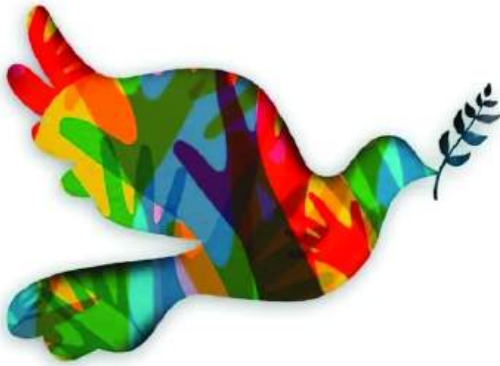
Fellowship Sweet & Savory Snacks Potluck and Bunko, April 26th

Come for the food, stay for an hour and play Bunko, led by MMF member Lois Ingram (using her rules—yes, there will be prizes!).

We will conclude by 12:30 PM. Additional kitchen help is always appreciated.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

Service for Justice & Peace, Wednesday, April 8th at 6pm



You are invited to join a prayerful exercise: St Paul will be petitioning God for peace of mind, peace in our hearts, in our families and communities, and in the world, during 24-hours of focused prayer. There will be a service for Justice and Peace on Wednesday, April 8th, at 6 pm. Then, from 9:00 pm that night to 9:00 pm the next, we will be praying from home. Members can select to participate by signing up for a half-hour prayer shift on a sign-up sheet in the narthex this week. Each person can pray for the aspect of peace they choose.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18

Sunrise Elementary School Snack Drive

We are still collecting snacks for the students of Sunrise Elementary school for this year's upcoming state-mandated standardized testing. The Narthex table is set up to gather donations **through Easter Sunday, April 5th**.



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

One Great Hour of Sharing



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

In Isaiah 58, the prophet exclaims, "Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in" (Isaiah 58:12).

As the people of Israel returned from the cloud of exile and struggled to rebuild their lives, Isaiah questioned their efforts: [Are you not called] "to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them?" (Isaiah 58:7).

When we give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), we are combining our efforts with thousands of churches across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to repair peoples' lives — people who are hurting, oppressed, lost or on the margins of society. The exact people about whom Isaiah is speaking of. The people we are called to connect with every day, but especially in the light of the Good News of the resurrection. This is an opportunity for our congregation to recommit to our participation to do our part to participate in God's ongoing repair of the world God so loves.

St Paul Presbyterian Church will receive the OGHS Special Offering on Palm Sunday, March 29 and on Easter Sunday, April 5. Special Offering envelopes will be provided, or you can simply write OGHS on the memo line of your check. If you chose to give online or through Zelle, please be sure to note that it is a contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Thank you for your generosity and caring for those in need.

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



St. Michael's stopped by Monday, March 30, to donate food. It is so wonderful when they donate food. Due to this donation, we were able to offer our clients more food for the Easter holiday. It also reduced the amount of food we need to order for our Monday pickup. Thank you to the St. Michael's congregation. Our client numbers vary from 60 to 70 each week. Clients appreciate our service and I appreciate all our volunteers and those who support the pantry financially.

Thank you St. Paul!



Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Fletcher Dicus, (Jeanne Sheridan's brother in law). He has entered hospice care.
- Please pray for my dad, Eugene Pickett. He has another infection in his foot. Please pray that this infection heals so he doesn't have to have surgery.
- Lisa & Steve Morin
- Please pray for Katie Ford's sister's brother-in-law, Tim, who is having open heart surgery on Wednesday. Please pray for successful outcomes and recovery.
- Beverly Cook (Brad's aunt on his father's side) passed away on Mar 25 and we are sad to have lost another part of Brad's father's family. We ask for prayers of safe travel and joys of reuniting with our extended family. - Sarah Hall
- Frank Angel (Brinlee's great uncle) had stage 4 lung cancer and went into hospice last week. Frank passed away on the 26th. May he rest in peace. We would like prayers for Frank and the family as well. - Sarah Hall
- Please pray for Maggie (Sarah's future mother-in-law). Maggie's dear friend and partner in life passed away in her arms Friday night. Please pray for peace in this sorrowful time. Also prayers for Ron may he rest in peace and be with our Father.
- Sarah Hall
- Please pray for continued recovery for Steve Morin who was released from the hospital late last week and is on the mend. Thank God! - Ellen and Sarah
And thank you from his son who wanted the church family to know.
- Happy Birthday to Jim Santangilo (Sarah's brother in law)! - Sarah Hall
- Please pray for Deanna. She is having first one ailment then another. Pray for healing. - Ellen
- Please pray for Theresa Harris for her recent surgery and healing.
- Bennett Price (her brother)
- Please pray for Nancy Anderson. She just started immunotherapy treatments. Please pray that the therapy will have the desired effect and rid her body of all cancer. - Jim Degner
- I would add continued prayers for all the Degner/Anderson family on the loss of young Timothy James (TJ) Rivera (who was a very good friend of Sam Babcock's - Pastor Kim's grandson). -Michelle Girard
- Please pray for Louella's 14 month old granddaughter, Emilia, who accidentally swallowed a cleaning solvent yesterday morning. They were in the emergency room all day and were released last night but today the coughing has returned and she is being admitted to the hospital with chemical pneumonia. Please pray for healing and strength for her parents as they deal with everything.

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
View Church Calendar:	https://stppc.org/whats-happening/church-calendar/
Add to Church Calendar	Send request to office@stppc.org

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

You may mail a check to:	St. Paul Presbyterian Church 18901 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80013
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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, April 14	Thursday, April 16
Tuesday, April 28	Thursday, April 30
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	

April Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Andrew Lee	04/08
Lee Boteler	04/22
Terry Murphy	04/26
Lana Corbin	04/29

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Emily & Donald Reh	04/07
Martin & Janice Cobb	04/11
Robbie & Sue Robertson	04/25

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.