

April 30, 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, May 3

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

Sunday, May 10

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Worship: 10:15

Upcoming Events *(see inside for details)*

Friday, May 8th:

- Life Line Screening will be at St Paul's from 8am-4:30pm.

Sunday, May, 10th:

- Intergenerational Class for youth and adults (MCE)
- Mother's Day and Graduates Celebration and Potluck (MMF)

Pastor Jim Has a New Email Address!

Dear Saints of St. Paul,

I always enjoy hearing from members of the St. Paul community. Send me your comments, your "gentle criticisms," your occasional words of encouragement, and of course your prayer requests.

To facilitate this communication, Colleen Green has set up a dedicated email account for me, the address for which is jimdement.stppc@gmail.com. Intentionally, we did not include the word "pastor" in the address, because (wouldn't you know) trolls and scammers on the internet search for such words and then bombard such email accounts with solicitations, spam, and other junk.

As I said, I would love to hear from you. Please put this address in your Contacts, and refer to it whenever you need or want to reach out to me.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Jim

Notes from the Editors:

Scripture Cake Recipe from Pam Jones

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| 1. 1 cup Judges 5:25, last clause | 7. 1 cup Genesis 24:20 |
| 2. 1 cup Jeremiah 6:20 | 8. 6 Isaiah 10:14 |
| 3. 3½ cups 1 Kings 4:22, first clause | 9. A pinch of Leviticus 2:13 |
| 4. 2 cups 1 Samuel 30:12, chopped | 10. 1 Tbsp Psalms 19:10 |
| 5. To taste, 1 Kings 10:2 | 11. 2 tsp Amos 4:5 |
| 6. 1 cup Genesis 43:11 | |

Cream 1st and 2nd ingredients. Add 7th, beaten 8th, and 10th ingredients. Blend well. Sift together 3 cups of 3rd ingredient plus 5th, 9th, and 11th ingredients. Combine mixtures. In a small bowl, sprinkle the remaining ½ cup of 3rd ingredient over the 4th ingredient. Stir in the 6th ingredient, plus the 4th ingredient. Beat 50 strokes and bake at 350 for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month

Friday, May 8th, from 8am-4:30pm: Life Line Screening will be at St Paul's. Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered.

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

May 10: Intergenerational Class during Sunday School. Youth and adults will test their knowledge of the Bible with the popular multiple-choice game "Who Said That?"



May 17: Last day of Sunday School for children and youth before summer break!

Sunday Book Study - May 31-Aug 30 (8:30-9:15am): Martin Cobb will lead a book study of "Celebration of Discipline" by Richard Foster. See Martin if you're interested in the class.

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

Sunday, May 10th: Mother's Day and Graduates Celebration and Potluck

We will gather with grateful hearts to celebrate Mother's Day, giving thanks for the love, wisdom, and faithful care of mothers and all the women of St. Paul. Whether through nurturing families, guiding friendships, serving the church, or offering quiet acts of kindness, the women in our community reflect God's grace in countless ways. We honor and appreciate each of you.

On this same joyful day, we will also celebrate our graduates, recognizing their hard work, growth, and the exciting journeys ahead. We invite you to join us in lifting them up with encouragement and prayer.

Following worship, everyone is warmly invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall. We'll continue the celebration with festive cupcakes and time to connect as a church family. If you're able, please consider bringing a sweet or savory potluck snack to share. Come celebrate, give thanks, and enjoy this special day together—we look forward to being with you!

Sunday, May 24th: Pentecost & Music Appreciation with Potluck

On Sunday, May 24, we gather to celebrate Pentecost—a joyful reminder of the Holy Spirit moving among us, inspiring faith, unity, and new life within the church. On this same day, we will also observe Music Appreciation Sunday, giving thanks for the gifts of music and the many individuals who enrich our worship through song and praise.

Following worship, everyone is warmly invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall as we continue the celebration together. Festive cupcakes will be provided, and all are welcome to bring a sweet or savory potluck snack to share.

Come join us as we celebrate the Spirit's presence and the gift of music in our community—we look forward to sharing this special day with you!

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]



HAMPDEN HILLS
P O S T A C U T E

We have a new volunteer opportunity at Hampden Hills Post Acute Nursing Home, [14699 Hampden Ave, Aurora 80014](#).

Hampden Hills is a skilled nursing facility offering short term rehabilitation and long term care to approximately 190 residents, most of whom are on Medicaid and some who have no family.

They need one-on-one visits with appropriate residents, pen pals, assisting with their periodic activity/craft programs, donating items to their gift shop, and donations of books and magazines to their library.

Anyone who volunteers in the facility (visits, assisting with programs) will need to attend a short training session at the facility with the volunteer coordinator and undergo a background check, paid for by Hampden Hills.

We have a sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested so we can schedule the training. There are also handouts of the list of items to donate to the gift shop. Please reach out to Cleve Dixon or Kay Boteler with any questions.

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



Hi all! The food pantry balance, based on donations minus Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR) purchases, is \$13,312.48 as of March 31. About \$3,500 is spent each month on purchases from FBR. There is still \$10,000 that was budgeted for the food pantry that has not been touched.

If you look on the bulletin board above the coffee serving table, you can see the numbers we served. Our household numbers went from 57 (188 people) to 71 (260 people) to 61 (229 people). I am writing this on the last day of distribution for April. SNAP benefits for some people are being dropped. Who knows what will happen to our numbers.

What does the pantry need? Feminine items, soap, shampoo, etc.

Also, volunteers! Currently, 8 people volunteer on Tuesday to distribute food. The signup board is next to the food pantry. Every other Monday is our FBR pickup. For that, we need a pickup truck and strong bodies to put cases on carts and put on pantry shelves. That is my biggest concern as to whether the pantry will survive—volunteers. And we need someone to train on Link2Feed.

June 1st St. Michael's is bringing a donation of non-perishable food over. If you want to help unload, they will be here around 9:45am. **On July 26th**, I will go to their

8:45 service to collect food. I should be back to the church by the 9:15am service and we will unload the non-perishable food at that time.

St. Paul's food pantry is filling a big need in our community. Thank you.

Prayer Requests:

- Deanna has shared that her friend in Albuquerque has had her 6-year-old granddaughter taken by Child Protective Services, and they have not yet been given any information about her whereabouts. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family, and that they are able to quickly find out where she is and that she is safe. Thank you and I appreciate all the prayers. - Deanna Gordon.
- Gayle Downen had surgery last week. The surgery went well. Gayle has one incision that is near a rib and painful and seems to be healing slowly. She has asked for our prayers for healing and less pain. - Judi, Ellen, and Gayle
- Update: Gayle Downen is going home today! She'll be on full liquids for one more week, on oxygen, keeping very hydrated, moving around and walking to prevent blood clots. Will See Primary doc in one week, surgeon in two weeks. Prayers for my strength to do this and heal well. - From Judi
- Please pray for Liliana. She is in the hospital admitted for inflammation in her stomach. They found a dark spot in her lung, so pneumonia is probably back. Please pray for Liliana and her family. - Rebecca to Michelle H.
- Please pray for Gary Crownover's brother, Dale, who underwent surgery on his foot on Monday. The surgery was successful, but they had to remove his big toe. Prayers for healing. - Gary
- Please pray for Warren- my nephew, as he is healing from his surgery. - Deanna
- Prayers for Fred, he has some serious problems and needs prayers. Also, praise for grandson and granddaughter for a baby coming soon; prayers for the baby's health. - Cheryl Reagan
- Prayers of joy and thanks to Victoria Crownover and the Girl Scouts who did such a beautiful job helping me with my yard work project on Saturday. Thank you to all the girls and adult volunteers! You are a blessing to me. - Donna Layne

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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<p>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!</p> <p>We recommend calling before you come! 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, May 12	Thursday, May 14
Tuesday, May 26	Thursday, May 28
<p>Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com</p>	

April and May Celebrations

If your birthday or anniversary is in April or May, 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
Jacomina Kandijoh	05/02
Lisa Morin	05/02
Richard Hartung	05/05
Michelle Girard	05/06
Cathy Walter	05/12
Craig Fidler	05/18
Matthew Gobla	05/24
Joni Evers	05/26
Kate Rothgeb	05/27
Chloe Wetzel	05/30

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Emily & Donald Reh	04/07
Martin & Janice Cobb	04/11
Robbie & Sue Robertson	04/25
Jill & Nathan Reed	05/20
Jeanne & Ken Pote	05/23
Julius & Karen Petty	05/25
Liz & Robin Ludchak	05/25

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.