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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, July 12

Adult Book Study: 8:30

Worship: 9:30

Sunday, July 19

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Worship: 9:30

This Week's Events *(see inside for details)*

Thursday, July 8: Men's Breakfast

- Men's monthly breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at the Village Inn near the church

Sunday, July 12: ZimKidz Peach Sale

- Get your orders in and support ZimKids: Each 20 lb box will sell for \$40

Thursday, July 16: Elderberries Luncheon

- Elderberries will be at Senor Ric's, 13200 E Mississippi on July 16 at 11:30.

A Note from Pastor Jim:

I hope that every Christian saint among us has had or is planning to have a pleasant vacation this summer. Recreation and "re-creation" (often synonymous) are surely part of God's plan for all his creation. If you have ever spent time on a farm, for example, you have seen the young calves, sheep, and colts jump and play in the fields during the spring and summer.

Sally and I are no longer of the age where we can jump and play like young colts, but we still enjoy vacations with our family where we all laugh, tease, play and enjoy each other's company. In June this year, our family gathered at the Grand Canyon to enjoy the beauty and majesty of the "big ditch" God has made as part of this spectacular green planet on which he allows to live. And incidentally, speaking of the beauty God has created, can you tell whether the accompanying picture is of a sunrise or a sunset? (Hint: those of you who know your pastor's work habits can easily guess what time he took this picture!)



So, with summer here, I know that for many of us that means travel, family gatherings, and a change of pace from our normal routines. This is healthy, good, and I would even say holy, but while our schedules may shift, our connection to Christ and to one another remains strong. While you are enjoying some time off, some time away, some time with others or with yourself, I invite you stay connected to the life of our church. Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary, joining us online, or praying quietly with family around the dinner table (or the picnic table!), you remain an important part of this church family.

Wherever you go, whatever you do, with whomever you reunite this summer, I encourage you also to take time to rest, worship, reconnect with loved ones, and notice God's presence in both creation and community. Summer offers a wonderful opportunity to slow down and remember that God meets us not only in church buildings, but also in sunrises and sunsets, shared meals, laughter with friends and family, and moments of quiet reflection.

Howsoever you spend this summer, may you find some recreation and some "re-creation" in whatever you do and with whomever you do it!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Our next MCE meeting will be August 4th at 4pm. This meeting is virtual. If you are interested in joining the meeting, please let Gary Crownover know.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]



ZimKidz Peach Sale: We began gathering orders last Sunday, July 5 and again Sunday July 12. The order will be picked up on the 13th or 14th and we will have then available at the church for pickup on Sunday July 19. Each 20 lb box will sell for \$40.

The ZimKidz peach sale to raise funds to drill deep borehole wells in Presbytery of Zimbabwe church supported schools and childcare ministries will take place again this year. Because of the warm early spring the peach crop will likely be ripe early. At this time that's all the details we have. Stay tuned for price per 20 lb box of peaches and information on delivery date.

Also in July we will be collecting school supplies for the students at Sunrise elementary school. Classes begin in early August. Again, stay tuned for details.

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St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



Food Pantry Balance

May	\$12,376.57
April	\$13,685.64

Food Pantry Facts:

**We are the Loaves and Fishes Pantry—
Bread and meat just appear!!**

Our Pantry Thrives on Donations:

- The congregation donates monthly
- A plumber stops by to donate food, clothes, cleaning items, plumbing items
- Neighbors stop by to donate cash

- Clients donate extra items (adult diapers, pedia-lite, pads, youth pull ups, Poise pads, lotion, gloves, wipes)--(Supplies from the government take at least a month to change sizes)
- People drop off extra items: bread, food, etc.
- St. Michael's Catholic Church donated food June 1. Another pickup is July 26. Half our Tuesday volunteers are from St. Michael's.
- Hope Starts Here food pantry has been sharing their bounty—frozen food & meat.
- Diapers size 4 donated—Who?
- Our congregation donates:
 - Women's sanitary items
 - Knit hats in the winter
 - Girl Scout cookie boxes—saves us \$1 each box
 - Miscellaneous items

How STPPC Food Pantry Works:

- Food purchased from Food Bank of the Rockies (donations and \$10,000 budget from church)
- Orders from 1,600 to 2,000 pounds picked up every other Monday
 - On Monday's free food is picked up in addition to the order.
 Clients then receive a produce bag of free items—(ex. June 30: potatoes, plums, lettuce, apple slices, and avocados were distributed)
- Boxes of food are distributed on Tuesday between 10 and 12.
Number of boxes: 1-5 in household receive 1 box, 6-8 in household receive 2 boxes, and 9+ in household receive 3 boxes.
- Clients check in with Link2Feed cards—a Food Bank of the Rockies system (better than writing clients' names in a notebook). Please see bulletin board in fellowship hall to see households served and actual number of people in June.

Needs:

- Soaps: hand, shower, laundry, dishwasher
- Special items: coffee, tea, salt/pepper, other spices
- Feminine items
- Lotion, cleaning supplies

Thanks for sharing Christ's love through our pantry! -Sue

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Deanna's family. Warren remains hospitalized and is pursuing a liver transplant. Pray for Missy as she faces serious stomach issues and possible surgery, Jean's health, safe travels for David, and strength for Anne and Deanna as they care for their family. Missy and Warren are improving but still have a long road ahead. Pray for David's mother following hip surgery.
- Please pray for Cheryl Rageth's great-granddaughter, Hattie June, who was born with serious medical complications and will remain hospitalized for several weeks. Pray for healing and for her parents, Mike and Emma.
- Please pray for Vince Rehn and his family as they mourn the passing of his wife, Sue, after 60 years of marriage.

- Please pray for the family and friends of Martha Masters as they grieve her passing after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.
- Please pray for Michael Forrest as he recovers from spinal surgery and begins his fourth battle with cancer.
- Please pray for the John Mendoza family following the tragic death of 18-year-old John. Pray for peace, comfort, and strength as they grieve and seek justice.
- Please pray for Shirley Y. as she deals with chronic back pain, a blood clot in her lung, and an irregular heart rhythm. Pray for healing, wisdom, and strength.
- Please pray for John Webster as he remains hospitalized and for Aliceen as she supports him.
- Please pray for Jamie as he battles a new infection.
- Please pray for our country and give thanks for the U.S. Army.
- Please continue praying for Kris Ross, her recovery, and for her family, especially her daughter, Maddy.
- Please pray for Chris Swanson and Eric Swanson as they undergo medical procedures this week.
- Please pray for Kathy Hunt as she is hospitalized with three blood clots. Pray for healing.
- Praise God that Bonnie Ryder has gone home to be with the Lord. Please continue praying for Terrie Russell and her family as they grieve with hope.
- Please pray for Dana Pickett, who has been hospitalized with acute kidney and bladder pain and very high blood pressure.
- Please pray for Eric Swanson as he experiences a difficult recovery following bicep surgery.
- Please pray for Warren as he meets with the transplant team. Pray that he will qualify for a liver transplant and that a donor will be found.
- Please continue praying for Deanna's family. Pray for Warren's treatment in Houston, the upcoming family wedding, and for Eeve's custody hearing and her father's recovery after a stroke.
- Please continue praying for Terry Murphy following a choking incident and extended hospitalization. Pray for healing and strength for Terry and Kathy. Also, give thanks that Stacey Morgan's cancer surgery was successful and she is now cancer free after recovering from a car accident.
- Please pray for those affected by the Colorado wildfires, for the firefighters who lost their lives, those who were injured, and all impacted communities.

- Please pray for Su Ann Harty as she battles blood clots in her brain affecting her vision. She is now on a ventilator and unresponsive. Pray for strength and peace for her husband, David.
- Please pray for Robin Ludchak as he seeks employment and for Liz Ludchak's improved health.
- Please pray for Ellen's granddaughter, her husband Quinn, and their five cats as they remain evacuated due to the Aspen Acres Fire. Pray for their safety and for all those threatened by the wildfires.
- Please pray for Deanna as she recovers from a knee injury after a fall. Pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- Please pray for Stephanie, Joshua, Colin, Ethan, Brenda, and David as they travel to Missouri for a family reunion. Pray for safe travels.
- Please pray for Liz Ludchak as doctors seek answers for her health concerns, and for Joelle Brouner as she recovers from injuries sustained in a wheelchair accident.
- Please pray for veterans whose PTSD is triggered by fireworks, asking God to bring them comfort, peace, and healing.

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, August 4	Thursday, August 6
Tuesday, September 1	Thursday, September 3
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	

July & August Celebrations

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

<u>Happy Birthday</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
Kay Cary	07/04
Michael Gobla	07/09
Cheryl Rageth	07/11
Rebekah Turvin	07/12
Jill Reed	07/13
Sheila Moskowitz	07/15
Sean Pepler	07/16
Ellen Ingram	07/17
Martin Cobb	07/19
Sarah Hall	07/23
JoAnn Cunningham	07/29
Steve Morin	07/30
Chris Swanson	08/01
Ken Pote	08/01
Robbie Robertson	08/01
Kyle Kryder	08/02
Richard Rasperger	08/08
Tina Lantang	08/11
Michelle Hodder	08/13
Ayla Jade Sarper Moskowitz	08/18
Karen Gauen	08/20
Pam Jones	08/20
Sue Robertson	08/25
Judi Garvey-Lefebvre	08/26
Brinlee Logan-Hall	08/30
Mike Girard	08/30

<u>Happy Anniversary</u>	<u>Marriage Date</u>
Dave & Joann Goss	07/06
Gayle & Craig Fidler	07/12
Scott & Lucy Carlson	07/29
Lana & Layne Corbin	07/30
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.