

August 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, August 9, 16, 23, and 30

Worship: 9:30

This Week's Events (see inside for details)

Sunday, August 9:

- Last day to bring items for Sunrise Elementary

Thursday, August 13:

- Men's Breakfast

Friday, August 14:

- Life Line Screening at 8:00am

Wednesday, August 19:

- Choir Practice begins at 7:00pm

Thursday, August 20:

- Elderberries at 11:30am - For more details see Ellen

A Note from Pastor Jim:



THE "DOG DAYS" OF SUMMER

According to the Farmers' Almanac, the "Dog Days" of summer are from July 3 to August 11 each year. They are usually the hottest and most unbearable days of the season. If you are like me, you may have thought that the "Dog Days" were a reference to the hot, sultry days that are "not fit for a dog." I have also heard some say this is the time of year when the extreme heat drives dogs mad, although as a lover of dogs, your pastor doesn't like that association.

In fact, however, the origin of the expression derives from the stars— one star in particular! It is a reference to Sirius, the Dog Star. During the "Dog Days" of summer in the Northern Hemisphere, the sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible in the night sky. Sirius is a part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog.

In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the sun. Specifically, this year Sirius was in conjunction with the sun on July 6, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the sun's warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sultry weather. They referred to this time as *dies caniculares*, or "dog days." Thus, the term Dog Days of Summer came to mean the 20 days before and 20 days after this alignment of Sirius with the Sun— July 3 to August 11 each year. More details (including interesting diagrams) appear at <https://www.farmersalmanac.com/why-are-they-called-dog-days-of-summer-21705>.

Here in the church office, we are able to weather the "Dog Days of Summer" thanks to some comfortable air conditioning and by drinking lots of water. Although church activities tend to slow down during the hot days of summer, the "Office Angles," Michelle, Sirah, and I remain busy planning worship services and attending to the other needs of the congregation.

We hope that you are enjoying vacations, time with family, afternoon naps(!), etc., and that you are engaged in all the other beat-the-heat strategies necessary to survive a particularly hot July and August this year. If you have any concerns or pastoral needs, please remember that we are here for you. The church house is lonely in the summer, and we always enjoy hearing from friends and members of the congregation. If you are out and about some summer day and find yourself going past 18901 E. Hampden, why not pull in for a cool drink of water and some neighborly conversation? We would love to see you.

Meanwhile, remember that we worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., regardless of the temperature outside. Please don't let the "dog days" keep you from attending church. Worshiping with your friends and neighbors is a terrific way to beat the summer doldrums!

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

News from Denver Presbytery:

Dear Friends,

The Journey with Migrants Mission Partnership invites you to join us for our Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, August 29, from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church.

This special evening will raise funds to support refugees and immigrants in Denver who are experiencing housing and food insecurity and need assistance with legal fees and other essential necessities. Every ticket purchased and every donation made helps provide hope, stability, and practical support to our newest neighbors.

We are honored to welcome Mark Adams of Frontera de Cristo as our guest speaker. Frontera de Cristo is a Presbyterian border ministry serving communities in Agua Prieta, Sonora, and Douglas, Arizona, and partnering with churches and organizations on both sides of the border to accompany migrants with compassion, justice, and hope.

As people of faith, we are called to welcome the stranger and walk alongside those seeking safety and a new beginning. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of refugee and immigrant families in our community.

Thank you for your continued generosity and partnership in this ministry of hospitality and hope.

Purchase tickets or make a donation: [CLICK HERE](#)

Grace and peace,
Journey with Migrants Mission Partnership
Denver Presbytery



News from Session:

Life Line Screening will be in our Fellowship Hall on Friday, Aug. 14 at 8:00am.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458**
and use code: **HABC001**

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A woman with long grey hair, wearing a green button-down shirt, is smiling and forming a heart shape with her hands. She is standing in front of a large, stylized graphic of a person with arms raised, set against a blue and yellow background.

News from the Deacons:



As many of you know, a few years ago one of our members fell at home and was on the floor for close to 3 days. She is still dealing with the consequences of no liquid or food for that period of time. Also a few years ago, my usual morning call to my friend got her to call 911 and she survived an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

As Deacons, we are considering the development of a program we might call Good Morning. The purpose would be that each morning the club members, likely folks who live alone, will check in and if they don't, there will be a procedure to follow to check up on them.

The St Paul Deacons will have a dedicated phone number that those who chose to belong will text a short message such as "I'm up" each morning before 11:00. The designated deacon will have a list of members who are to text in. If no text is received from an individual, the follow up procedure will be initiated. This would have gotten help to our member sooner and did help my friend get help. A version of this is in current use with one church member.

If you are interested in learning more, please let Ellen or another deacon know. If we have 5 or more interested, we will continue to develop the program and make it available to our church family.

News From Our Service Ministries:

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP [MOW]



Choir Practice is set to begin again Wednesday, August 19th. Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:15-ish pm in the sanctuary.

There are no auditions, although singing in tune is important. Although reading music is a plus, it is not a requirement. We practice each piece over several weeks time and audio tracks are available for additional help and review.

If you enjoy singing and like making music with friends, consider joining us in this ministry. Questions? contact Karen Petty, Choir Director
karen.karenpetty@gmail.com

MINISTRY OF MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

MMF has no August events, but activities are just around the corner, so mark your calendar!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 at 11:20am: ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Meet in our Fellowship Hall immediately following our traditional 10:15am regular worship time. Everyone is invited to join in the fun as we celebrate the end of Summer!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19 at 6:00pm: BINGO!!!

Plan to attend a really fun family event! Bring your friends, children and grandchildren.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]

Thanks to all who purchased peaches for the ZimKidz fundraiser.

We took in over \$1,700!

The school supply drive for Sunrise elementary school will continue through this coming Sunday, August 9th. Please place donations on the table in the narthex. They will be delivered on Monday 8/10.

Volunteer Opportunity: Are you interested in a way to assist the efforts of our food pantry but aren't free on Monday or Tuesday mornings to organize or distribute food boxes, or perhaps need something less physical to contribute? A volunteer is sought to make phone calls on one Monday afternoon or evening a month to the 30 or so seniors who receive the Everyday Eats boxes reminding them to pick them up. It goes a long way to assuring these seniors remember to come get their boxes. If you would be interested or have questions, please speak with Cleve Dixon.

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



June FP Balance	\$8,440.60
June FBR cost	\$3,200 appx.
June HH Served	289 (5 weeks in June)
June people served	973
Spent to date:	\$20,060
Received to date:	\$10,890

NEEDS: Female Sanitary items, soap, detergent, dish soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, spices, coffee, paper sacks, and fresh produce.

KING SOOPERS QUARTERLY DONATION THROUGH YOU: \$129.24

If you want to contribute but have not added STPPC Food Pantry to your Kroger card, see Sue Shaw or Michelle Girard to add us.

St. Michael's had a food drive on Sunday, July 26, before their first service. This is the food that was collected.

If you know someone at St. Michael's—thank them.



Thank you to all the congregation members who donated peaches. I'm sure our clients appreciated those wonderful Palisade Peaches!!!

STPPC Food Pantry needs money—if you know of any grants I could apply for, please let me know.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Terry, who was hospitalized with chest pains and dehydration, and for comfort and strength for his daughter, Kathy.
- Please pray for the Carlson family following the passing of Karen Lindstrom.
- Please pray for Don and Linda Allensworth as they travel safely during their move to Idaho.
- Please pray for Missy, Deannass niece, as doctors seek the cause of her severe pain and the right treatment.
- Praise that Rebecca and Quinn were able to move into their home in Beulah after their previous home was lost in the Aspen Acres Fire.
- Please continue praying for Hattie June Rageth as she grows stronger and recovers after her hospitalization since birth.
- Please pray for Jim Irwin and his family following the passing of his wife, Marge.
- Please pray for Jamie Sands, asking for healing, hope, and strength while recovering from kidney stones.
- Praise that Stephanie, Josh, Colin, Ethan, and their extended family returned home safely after an enjoyable family reunion.
- Please continue praying for Kris as she recovers in rehabilitation following several strokes.
- Please pray for safe travels and joyful family visits during the coming month.
- Please pray for Tony Antonelli as he battles advanced colon cancer, asking for healing, relief from pain, and reconciliation with his family.

- Praise for the safety of Michelle's children during the Seattle Space Needle lockdown, and prayers for the victims, their families, and all those affected by the tragic shooting.
- Please pray for Shirley, asking for relief from her intense pain and wisdom for her doctors as they determine the best treatment.
- Please pray for Jeff and Kim Abe-Gunter and their daughters after a wildfire destroyed their home and belongings, asking for comfort, strength, and provision.

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, September 1	Thursday, September 3
Tuesday, September 15	Thursday, September 17
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	

August and September Celebrations

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

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

Happy Anniversary	Marriage Date
Thomas & Lanette Moe	08/06
Joelle & Tony Brouner	08/19
Joni & Donald Evers	08/24
Lee & Kay Boteler	08/28
Peter & Sheila Moskowitz	09/08
Michelle & Mike Girard	09/10
Steve & Lisa Morin	09/13

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.