

September 3, 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, September 6

Worship: 9:00

Sunday, September 13

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00am

Worship: 10:15

Upcoming Events *(see inside for details)*

Sunday September 13:

- Sunday School for All Ages at 9:00am
- Worship moves to regular time at 10:15am
- Potluck and Ice Cream Social following worship!

Thursday, September 10:

- Men's Breakfast at 9:00am

Thursday, September 17:

- Elderberries Luncheon at BJ's at 11:30am

Saturday, September 19:

- BINGO Night begins with a potluck at 6:00pm; games start at 6:30pm

A Note From Pastor Jim: A Change of Season



I don't know about you, but for Sally and me the arrival of the last 4 four months of the year signals a psychological change in our attitude, regardless of the weather outside.

I believe it has a lot to do not only with the theoretical end of summer, but also due to the many years when this was a time to go "back to school," not only when we were children but also when our own children were young. There was the anticipation (apprehension?) of new adventures at school, highlighted by graduation from elementary to junior high and finally senior high school.

Yes, in God's own time, the weather changed, but more than that our routines changed. We followed the schedule of bus routes, school bells, and bedtime. If life was more demanding, then at least it was a little more organized.

For the adult members of St Paul Presbyterian Church, our schedules may continue to be dominated by the return of our children to school but also for many of the rest of us, there is a change in attitude as we glance over the horizon to see Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve fast approaching.

I hope that with the return of September, part of your "attitude adjustment" will be an anticipation of worshipping, celebrating, learning, and praying at St Paul's as we begin a new season of:

- choir and music ministry,
- children and youth activities,
- fellowship opportunities, and
- new ways to serve, learn, and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for staying connected through prayer, worship, and encouragement throughout the summer months. Even when we were scattered, we remained one body in Christ. But now, for all of us, I hope that "back to school" also means "back to church." Now, may we put Sunday morning back into our regular schedule as we begin this next exciting, joyful season together!

Peace, grace, and mercy,
Pastor Jim

Note from the Editors:

September 13th we go back to our regular schedule:

- Sunday School for all ages at 9:00am
- Worship begins at 10:15am

News from Session:

Session received with regrets a letter of resignation from Pam Jones who had been serving on the Ministry of Administration and Personnel (MAP). Dave Goss will serve on this committee through the end of the year.

The Denver Bronze will hold a holiday concert in the St. Paul Sanctuary on Sunday, December 13, 2026, between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!

St. Paul has received a very competitive insurance quote through the Republic Insurance Group of Arlington, Texas. The proposal puts St. Paul back in the primary market and offers far more coverage than our existing policy. Pastor Jim, Rich Hartung, and Dave Goss will continue negotiations to finalize the policy which will begin in September.

St. Paul is discussing the renewal of the building use agreement with Mile High Indonesian Fellowship. Mile High is asking to use the building more including selected Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They will also use Classroom 9 downstairs as a study for their Pastor and for some storage and will use Classroom 8 one hour a week on Saturdays for a senior high youth class. They will continue to use the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and kitchen on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. However, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, we ask them to vacate the Fellowship Hall by 4:30 p.m. so that St. Paul can set up for special events the next Sunday. Use of the Sanctuary until 7:00 p.m. is allowed. If the 2nd and 4th dates change, St. Paul will notify Mile High in advance. Both congregations will be flexible when scheduling each other's events. Additional details are being discussed, but will be similar to their current agreement.

Joann Goss explained that MOFS needs all ministry unit proposed 2027 budgets by September 10. Each ministry unit will start with entirely new numbers reflecting the ministry unit's wishes and needs and not simply taking the prior 2025 budget and adding a percentage of increase.

If any members have walkers or wheel chairs (not a transport chair) that could be loaned to members, when needed, we ask that you let Dave Goss know.

Session is considering the purchase of a defibrillator and training members on its use.

Building and Grounds is researching air conditioning or fans for the Sanctuary. They have received one bid so far, which is for air conditioning only (\$63,000) and one that includes A/C and replacing the four Sanctuary furnaces which are twenty years old (\$86,000). As required by church policy, MBG will obtain at least two additional quotes.

Session asked Cleve Dixon to be the Elder representative to MOW during the period that Judi Garvey-Lefebvre is on break. She continues to be part of MOW.

Pastor Jim is considering having a new members class this fall, if there is interest within the congregation. No firm decision has been made, yet.

News from the Deacons:



The Deacons are considering the development of a program we might call Good Morning. 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. Club members 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, a follow up will be initiated.

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 MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP [MMF]

The Ministry of Membership & Fellowship (MMF) is excited to announce our upcoming Fellowship Events for September 2026.

POTLUCK AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 11:20am

On Sunday, September 13th, our youth Sunday School Program resumes. To help celebrate, **we are hosting a Potluck Ice Cream Social & Grilled Hot Dogs** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:15 am worship service.

MMF will provide hot dogs, buns, and some ice cream and toppings. For the potluck, please consider bringing your favorite ice cream, toppings, cookies, or hot dog side dishes to share.



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



On Saturday, September 19th: BINGO FAMILY FUN NIGHT! Meeting in our Fellowship Hall at 6 pm for a potluck dinner and social time. (Easy grab & get back to the table & our Bingo cards food dishes are recommended!)

- Potluck Dinner and Social: 6:00-6:30pm
- BINGO: 6:30-8pm.

Optional: Bring an unwrapped white elephant type item to be used for a Bingo Prize. There is no charge for our Bingo night. Please invite your family and friends. We thank Michelle G. for her fun enthusiasm in leading us. Everyone leaves a winner!

We look forward to seeing you there!

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION [MCE]

Our next monthly MCE meeting is Tuesday, Sept 8 at 4:00pm. This virtual meeting is open to all; just talk to Gary if you would like to join.

We are very excited to start back with all of our Sunday School classes on Sept 13th! Special thanks to Martin Cobb for leading a summer series on meditation!

Also, The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will begin soon. The study is "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians." For more details or if you would like to join our study group, contact Ellen.

MINISTRY OF MISSION AND OUTREACH [MMO]



The World Communion special offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026.

This new Special Offering will support PCUSA efforts in four areas: Racial Justice, Gender Justice, Peacemaking, and Global Witness.

"Stay tuned" for Minutes For Mission on upcoming weeks in September. Or you can get more info by visiting pcusa.org/wco.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to support this important work.

St Paul Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (part of MMO)



Pastor Jim on Sunday, August 30, talked about Paul in Roman times. His sermon was based on Romans 12: 9-10. I was thinking about how our small community of St. Paul supports this amazing food pantry. Paul directed his followers to behave differently than the rest—our small church does. Paul asked his followers to serve the Lord, contribute to the needs of saints, and shine like a bright light in pagan darkness. Our

food pantry is trying hard to follow Paul's directives. Thanks to all of you!

Next pick up should be Monday, September 7, but that is Labor Day. August orders were larger (2,500-2,800 pounds vs. 1,500-2,000 pounds) to cover the pantry for 3 weeks.

JULY 31 FOOD PANTRY BALANCE	\$9,011.61
JULY INCOME	\$3,026.12
JULY FBR EXPENSE	\$2,455.11

August FBR expenses will come from the Food Pantry Budget in St. Paul's budget. \$10,000 was budgeted for the food pantry. See the white board next to the pantry for the number of households served each week!! FP needs: women's sanitary items, soap, shampoo, dishwashing liquid. FP needs: volunteers on Monday and Tuesday.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayers for my trip after my purse was stolen at KS. I lost my ID, keys, and cash, and TSA verification may affect whether I can travel.
- Prayers for Alex Robertson's grandson, who is halfway through his medical school exams.
- Prayers for Rebekah and Lillianna Turvin and Frank after Rebekah's grandmother passed away yesterday. Also, prayers for peace as Patrick moved back to New Mexico.
- Prayers for Emma Girard's safe travels back to college in Arizona and for a great semester.
- Prayers for Joelle Brouner as she serves the Covenant Presbyterian community over the next month.
- Prayers for Deanna, Mia, and Anne as they travel to Bordeaux, France. Mia will spend a year there as an exchange student, while Anne and Deanna will stay for six weeks.
- Prayers for Kevin Burnette's safe move to Florida to join his fiancée and for joy in his new home.
- Prayers for Warren as he meets with the liver transplant committee at Mercy
- Hospital in Houston on Wednesday, and for safe travels for him and my daughter.
- Prayers for Stephanie's son, Colin, who is experiencing severe school-related anxiety and is receiving medical care and counseling.
- Thankful that Kyle Kryder was with us on Sunday.
- Prayers for Pat Stef, who is in the ICU after a fall and brain bleed.
- Prayers for Jamie Goings as she has surgery on the 9th, that everything goes well.

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 15	Thursday, September 17
Tuesday, September 29	Thursday, October 1
Please send submissions to stpaulnews.auroraco@gmail.com	

September Celebrations

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

Happy Birthday	Birth Date
Jeanne Pote	09/02
Ela Skye Sarper Moskowitz	09/07
Chuck Daldry	09/11
Jim DeMent	09/11
Layne Corbin	09/14
Julius Petty	09/18
Heather Capobianco	09/26
D.R. Palmer	09/28
Becky Motchenbaugh	09/30

Happy Anniversary	Marriage Date
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.