

St. Paul's Newsletter

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Love Is In the Air

February is known for Valentine's Day and love. Human love often comes with conditions and limitations.

But God's love is different. God's love embraces us in our brokenness, forgives our failures, and offers redemption and restoration.

God's love is unwavering. In a world that craves acceptance and belonging, unconditional love provides support and affirmation. It reminds us that we are valued and cherished - not because of our performance or worthiness - but simply because we are God's beloved children.



February

God calls us to love others as he has loved us, extending grace and forgiveness in all our relationships. Through our words and actions, we have the privilege of sharing God's boundless love with a hurting world.

Let's embrace the beauty of unconditional love. May we open our hearts to receive God's love fully, knowing that nothing can separate us from his embrace. And may we overflow with love for others, illuminating the world with His unconditional grace.

Pastor Kim

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February Red Hats

Let's Get Ready for Valentine's Day!

Join us for heart-shaped cookie decorating!

Date: February 11

Place: Garden Level Fellowship Room at the Church

Time: 11:30AM

Lunch: BYOL! (Bring Your Own Lunch)

Coffee, cappuccino and water will be provided. Bring any other drinks with you!

A sing-up sheet will be available at the church.

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 8 so Bette knows how many cookies to bake!



Irma says thank you to everyone for all your cards and phone calls. They really cheered her up and reminded her of why she loves St. Paul's.

Christian Women of Faith



Our Women of Faith will be meeting on a Saturday morning at the church for the next couple of months hoping to avoid icy roads.

Come join us on Saturday, February 21 at 10:30am!

Pennyrae will be teaching the next lesson in her "Women of the Bible" series. The clue for this month's lady is "bracelet"!

Coffee, cappuccino, juice and light refreshments will be provided!

Valentine's Day Luncheon



Once again, we will have a luncheon after church service on February 15 celebrating Valentine's Day. Our luncheon will be catered by Olive Garden with a "Pasta Bar" including choice of 2 pastas, 3 sauces, choice of sausage or meatballs, garden salad, bread sticks, and dessert. A sign-up sheet will be available for all who plan to attend. Also, any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is a tradition observed regionally in the United States and Canada on February 2 of every year. It derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early.

The weather lore was brought from German-speaking areas where the badger is the forecasting animal, while in Hungary, the bear serves the same purpose, and badgers were only watched when bears were not around. It is related to the lore that clear weather on the Christian festival of Candlemas forebodes a prolonged winter.

The Groundhog Day ceremony held at Punxsutawney in western Pennsylvania, centering on a semi-mythical groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil, has become the most frequently attended ceremony. Grundsow Lodges in Pennsylvania Dutch Country in the southeastern part of the state observe the occasion as well. Other cities in the United States and Canada also have adopted the event.

While the tradition remains popular in the 21st century, studies have found no consistent association between a groundhog seeing its shadow and the subsequent arrival time of spring-like weather.



Bob's Pretty Easy Trivia



Topic: Winter Sports

1. The 2026 Winter Olympics are being held in which country?
 - a. Italy
 - b. France
 - c. Switzerland

2. In the sport of luge, an athlete races down an ice track on a small sled in what position?
 - a. Lying face down, head first
 - b. Lying face up, feet first
 - c. Sitting sideways

3. The sport of biathlon combines which two sports?
 - a. Speed skating and snowboarding
 - b. Ski jumping and slalom skiing
 - c. Cross-country skiing and shooting

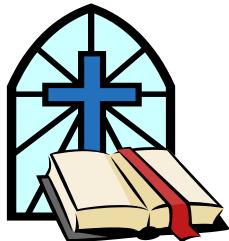
4. In figure skating, the only jump with a forward takeoff is called:
 - a. Lutz
 - b. Salchow
 - c. Axel

5. In the sport of curling, the object that is pushed down ice is called:
 - a. The stone or rock
 - b. The kettle
 - c. The thingy



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SERMONS AND SCRIPTURE



February 1

"Be Blest"

Micah 6:6-8

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

*Matthew 5:1-12

February 8

"Salt and Pepper"

Psalm 112:1-6

1 Corinthians 2:6-12

*Matthew 5:13-20

February 15

"Clorox Clean"

Psalm 99:1-5

2 Peter 1:16-21

*Matthew 17:1-9

February 22

"The Wilderness"

Psalm 32:6-12

Romans 5:12-19

*Matthew 4:1-11

*Message Scripture

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4 Kim S

10 Michael H

6 Mike and Lana G

5 Greg H

18 Gary J

5 John S

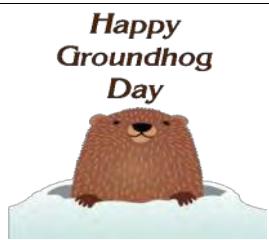
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February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 Team 6 10:00am Service Fellowship after Worship	2  Happy Groundhog Day	3 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	4 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	5 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	6	7
8 Team 1 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship	9 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	10 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	11 11:30am Red Hats Cookie Decorating! 5:30pm Church Event Planning 6:30pm Church Council	12 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	13	14 
15 Team 2 10:00am Worship Service Valentine's Day Luncheon after Worship	16  PRESIDENTS DAY	17 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	18	19 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	20	21 10:30am Women of Faith Church Garden Level Fellowship Room
22 Team 3 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship Newsletter Items Due	23 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	24 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	25	26 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	27	28

January Attendance

Worship Service		Tuesday Bible Study		Thursday Bible Study	
January 4:	54	January 6:	8	January 8:	18
January 11:	48	January 13:	14	January 15:	20
January 18:	60	January 20:	15	January 22:	17
January 25:	49	January 27:	15	January 29:	18
Men's Prayer Breakfast	January 7:	8			
Church De-Decorating!	January 10:	14			
Women of Faith	January 17:	8			
Red Hats	January 19:	10			



Cans for Christ (Shauna)

Starting Balance 1/1/2026	\$	0.00
Income	\$	0.00
Outgoing	\$	<u>-0.00</u>
Ending Balance 1/31/2026	\$	0.00



Church Council (Gary J)

Welcome to winter, spring and summer in Colorado!

Property repair and maintenance continue with storm drain duct and carpet repair in the Chapel Building. We are also investigating roof flashing and sofit repair work needed at the Parsonage. Estimates are forthcoming.

The Annual Report is being finalized and will be presented to the Congregation in the very near future.

The Activities Committee has been busy and will be presenting their planned event for January through August very soon.

The Council is urging the participation of Parishioners to sign up for Sunday Fellowship refreshments.

All business issues are in order and up to date.

In Christ, Gary

Church Event Planning (Cookie S)

Attendance 7: Cookie, John, Candy, Bette, Marge, Sharon and Pastor Kim

Hello Everyone,

The CEPG (Church Event Planning Group) had their 4th planning meeting and our first one of 2026. Some of the highlights we talked about:

Our annual Valentine's Day Lunch/Brunch will be on Sunday, February 15, 2026. It will be catered by Olive Garden, yum!

For St. Patrick's Day our Pot Luck lunch will be on Sunday, March 15, 2026. Details to come!

In March there are 5 Sundays, and Sunday March 29th is Palm Sunday!! Praise Jesus! We will be doing a movie night about Jesus instead of a game night. Pastor Kim will be choosing the movie... Should be good.

We also talked about activities for April, May, and even August! Stay tuned...

If you have any suggestions that you would like to see happen at the church and our community, let us know! Cookie

Pumpkin Streusel Coffee Cake

As served by Margeat Women of Faith

Cake

1 yellow cake mix
4 T. unsalted butter, softened
3 eggs
1 can (15 oz) pumpkin
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 c. pecans

Mix

Bake: Use 9"x13" pan - prepared. Bake 375 degrees for 45 minutes.

Topping

3/4 c. brown sugar
1/2 c. flour
4 T. butter
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
Mix and spread on cake.

Red Velvet Mug Cake

1 Serving - 10 Minutes

This boldly colored beauty may look boring on the outside, but there's gooey cream cheese frosting hidden in the center.

Ingredients

6 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
2 Tbsp. granulated sugar
1 tsp. unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 tsp. baking powder
1/8 tsp. kosher salt
1/3 cup whole milk

2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 tsp. red food coloring
3 Tbsp. confectioners' sugar
1 Tbsp. cream cheese,
at room temperature

Directions

In a 12-ounce mug, whisk together flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, and salt. Stir in milk, butter, vanilla, and food coloring. In a small bowl, mix together confectioners' sugar and cream cheese until smooth, then drop into mug and push down until covered by batter. Microwave on High until just cooked through, about 90 seconds.

Cheesy Tortilla Soup

Ingredients

1 envelope chicken fajita seasoning mix
1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced
2 tablespoons canola oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup butter, cubed
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) chicken broth
1/3 cup canned diced tomatoes with chilies
1 cup cubed process cheese (Velveeta)
1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
1-1/2 cups half-and-half cream
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Added a bag of corn
Guacamole and tortilla chips

Directions

Prepare fajita mix according to package directions; add chicken and marinate as directed. In a large skillet, cook chicken in oil until no longer pink; set aside.

In a large saucepan, sauté onion in butter until tender. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually stir in broth. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Add the tomatoes, process cheese and 1 cup Monterey Jack; cook and stir until cheese is melted.

Stir in cream and reserved chicken; heat through (do not boil). Sprinkle with cheddar and remaining Monterey Jack cheese; top with guacamole and chips.

Yield: 8 servings (2 quarts)

Answers from Bob's Pretty Easy Trivia (page 4)

Answers: 1. a. 2. b. 3. c. 4. c. 5. a.

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MISSION MOMENT (PASTOR KIM)

Convoy Of Hope

Convoy of Hope is a humanitarian aid organization with a heart for those who are suffering. Whether it's after a disaster, feeding a hungry child, or helping a parent put food on the table, Convoy of Hope is proud to deliver your kindness to those who need it most. Since Convoy of Hope was established, humanitarian aid has been delivered to hurting people in more than 130 countries. Convoy currently serves communities by empowering women, feeding kids, and helping farmers yield larger crops. A global network — which includes two regional offices in Europe and Australia — strengthens Convoy's ability to respond to natural disasters, extreme poverty, and hunger. This month's mission enables St. Paul's an opportunity to stretch beyond our local efforts and fulfill the great commission to "Go into all the world". Thank you for your gifts and offerings.

Missions