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St. Paul's Community Church

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St. Paul's Newsletter

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

A Light Shining in Darkness

We read in 2nd Peter 1:19 the Bible is a "lamp shining in a dark place." The idea here is that this world is in spiritual darkness, but God has given His Word as a light so that people may see and understand things as they really are.

Apart from the light of Scripture, we grope in darkness. Without revelation from God, one person's speculative philosophy is as valid as another's. If it's only guesswork, it doesn't really make any difference whether your philosophy is reincarnation or "you only go around once." "Whatever works for you" may feel like it brings "enlightenment," but without the foundation of Scripture it's only a leap in the darkness.



Does the Bible live up to its claim of being a lamp shining in a dark place? If it doesn't, it certainly puts up a perfect "front"!

The Bible sheds light on all areas and "tells it like it is." It gives the history of the material universe as well as knowledge of the

immaterial world. It relates the origin of mankind as well as what life is all about. It tells us of the past, present and future. No wonder it's called the "prophetic word."

Like no other book, the Bible gives us what, where, when, why and who! Specifically, the Bible ties it all together by giving us the focus of human history - Jesus Christ and His redemptive work.

Pastor Kim

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July Red Hats

Volunteering at the Food Bank of the Rockies!

Place: Food Bank of the Rockies (20600 E. 38th Ave. Aurora)

Date: Monday, July 20, 2026

Time: 8:45am - 12:00pm (7:45am at the church)

Lunch: TBD

We must individually pre-register online for this event by July 6.

Registration is open NOW! See Sharon anytime after church or Bible Study and she can send you the link or pre-register for you!

The Sign-up Sheet is available at the church!



Future Events:

August - Phyllis and Carol!

September - Susan and Sheryl

Possible trip to the Georgetown Railroad (\$40) and lunch at Beau Jo's.

October, November and December are open! If anyone would like to be the planner for one of these months, pick a friend to coordinate with and please let Sharon know!

Christian Women of Faith



As we continue with our summer tradition of meeting for desserts, this month's event is **Monday, July 6th, 6:30pm at BJ's Restaurant!** (14245 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood) BJ's is famous for their dessert Pizookies! You won't want to miss this evening! **All ladies of the church are invited!**

July Birthday Month

This 4th of July will mark this country's 250th birthday!

To help celebrate this momentous occasion, we are going to celebrate birthdays ALL MONTH LONG with birthday fellowship parties each Sunday!

Everyone who has a birthday will be part of the celebration!



Those with birthdays in January, February and March will take care of the food and fellowship for Sunday, July 5th. April, May and June birthday people will do Sunday, July 12. July, August and September birthdays will do July 19 and October, November and December birthdays will take care of Sunday, July 26. Everybody gets a Sunday and lots of birthday friends to make things happen!

Each group can do as little or as much as they want! The menu is up to you, the theme of the week (or even if you want a theme) is up to you, and the decorations, if you want them, are up to you! Themes can be based on a special day within your group of months, maybe a National Holiday during one of your months, or something else completely unrelated to your month that just sounds like fun!

If you were not at the meeting after church on the June 14th or haven't been contacted by your birthday month group and you would like to participate, just talk to Sharon and she will get you in touch with someone from your group!



This is going to make July a really fun month!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR COUNTRY
AND ALL OF US!!!**



Bob's Pretty Easy Trivia

These questions are all about Money!

1. What country was the first to use paper money on a large scale?
 - a. Egypt
 - b. China
 - c. Italy
2. Which U.S. President appears on the \$50 bill?
 - a. Ulysses S. Grant
 - b. Benjamin Franklin
 - c. Alexander Hamilton
3. What does ATM stand for?
 - a. Automatic Transfer Machine
 - b. Automated Transaction Method
 - c. Automated Teller Machine
4. What is the currency of Switzerland?
 - a. Euro
 - b. Swiss Franc
 - c. Krona
5. Which famous investor is known as the "Oracle of Omaha"?
 - a. Elon Musk
 - b. Bill Gates
 - c. Warren Buffett
6. What is the highest value U.S. bill currently printed for public circulation?
 - a. \$100
 - b. \$500
 - c. \$1,000
7. Which U.S. coin features Thomas Jefferson?
 - a. Nickel
 - b. Dime
 - c. Quarter
8. Modern pennies are made primarily from which of these metals?
 - a. Copper
 - b. Lead
 - c. Zinc



SERMONS AND SCRIPTURE



July 5

"Good Rest"

Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25

*Matthew 11:25-30

July 12

"Good Dirt"

Psalm 65:9-13

Romans 8:1-11

*Matthew 13:1-9

July 19

"Good Seeds"

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-17

*Matthew 13:24-30

July 26

"Good Growth"

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:31-39

*Matthew 13:31-35

*Message Scripture

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Nancy C

13 Terry T

5 Anita S

14 Susan V

7 Ray S

25 Susan M

9 Betty F

31 Rex J

& ANNIVERSARIES

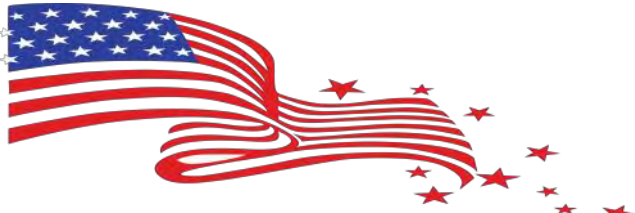
8 Dave and Judi K

20 John and Patti F



St. Paul's WiFi Password: community

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	2 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	3	4 
5 Team 4 10:00am Worship Service Jan. Feb. Mar. Birthday's Fellowship!	6 6:30pm Women of Faith @ BJs for Pizookies! (different day than usual!)	7 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	8 5:30pm Church Event Planning 6:30pm Church Council	9 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	10	11
12 Team 5 10:00am Worship Service Apr. May Jun. Birthday's Fellowship!	13 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	14 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	15	16 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	17	18
19 Team 6 10:00am Worship Service Jul. Aug. Sep. Birthday's Fellowship!	20 8:45am Red Hats to Food Bank of the Rockies! (church @ 7:45am)	21 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	22	23 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	24	25
26 Team 1 10:00am Worship Service Oct. Nov. Dec. Birthday's Fellowship!	27 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	28 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	29	30 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	31	

Church Event Planning (Sharon)

Our Church Event Planning group discussed so many fun events!

We finalized plans for the Father's Day lunch (catered by Famous Dave's) and the Pancake breakfast and Classic car show. Both were very successful!

We had 56 for the Father's Day lunch and 65 for the Pancake Breakfast and Car Show plus 11 Classic Cars, trucks or motorcycles! We had 35 church members attend and 30 friends, family and neighbors! **A special thanks to the 9 people who set up the day before and the 14 people who helped on the day with cooking, serving, cleaning, and toiling up and down the stairs 100 times getting everyone fed!** Your efforts are a huge blessing to all of us and this church. It was a great morning!

We discussed details for our awesome Birthday Celebration throughout the month of July to commemorate the 250th birthday of the USA! Our birthday groups are meeting and planning and we are all looking forward to see what each Sunday in July brings!

Future Events:

August has a fifth Sunday. We are planning to have a hot dog roast and a "homemade" ice cream social along with our game night on August 30th.

September Theme Sundays! We did theme Sundays a few years ago and everyone enjoyed them! Our currently planned schedule is:

September 6: "Church Picnic" (including a church picnic after Worship Service)

September 13: "Sports" - wear your favorite sports jersey or team colors to church!

September 20: "Hawaiian" - Lets see those Hawaiian shirts and flower skirts!

September 27th: "Western" - Time to show off your western wear and be a cowboy!

October is a very busy month! We hope to start off the month with a "Book Exchange". Bring a book - take a book! This will be downstairs on the first two Sunday's of the month! Then we will have our always fun and popular "**Soup and Chili Cook-Off**"! This is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 17. Finally, our "**Trunk or Treat**" on the 31st!

Details for all future events will be in the newsletters!

Church Council (Gary)

July 2026 Church Council Report

The Committee reviewed all the Financial and Compliance issues, and all were approved. The State of Colorado Periodic Annual report was submitted to the Secretary of State at the end of June.

An estimate for the replacement of the A/C unit in the Parsonage was discussed. The first estimate was \$8,339.00. The existing unit is still running but next failure will surely require replacement.

Church carpet cleaning will be needed in the near future.

The committee is reviewing current and future Financial Investments for maximum return and stability.

Final discussions for the end of June Pancake Breakfast and Car Show were concluded.

The July Missions will be the Jeffco Action Center, an annual drive for school supplies.

In Christ, Gary

June Attendance		
Worship Service	Tuesday Bible Study	Thursday Bible Study
	June 2: 13	June 4: 16
June 7: 57	June 9: 15	June 11: 19
June 14: 62	June 16: None	June 18: None
June 21: 59	June 23: 10	June 25: 15
Men's Prayer Breakfast June 3: 9		
Women of Faith June 15: 10		
Father's Day Luncheon June 21: 56		
Red Hats June 22: 11		
Pancake Breakfast and Car Show 65		

Strawberry Pretzel Salad (Phyllis)

As served during fellowship June 14, 2026

2/3 c. pretzels, semi crushed (I put them in a zip bag and use a meat tenderizer)

3 T. sugar

Beat sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Add

3/4 c. butter

pretzels & press into 9x13 pan. Bake 10 min @ 350°

Thoroughly chill.

8 oz. cream cheese

Mix well the cream cheese and sugar. Fold in the

1 c. sugar

Cool Whip. Spread over pretzel crust.

1 (8 oz) Cool Whip

Thoroughly chill.

1 (6 oz) box strawberry jello

Mix jello and water. Add strawberries.

2c. boiling water

Pour mixture over cheese mixture.

1 (16 oz) strawberries, partially frozen

Thoroughly chill.

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

Answers

1. b - China
2. a - Ulysses S. Grant (Franklin and Hamilton were not Presidents)
3. c - Automated Teller Machine
4. b - Swiss Franc
5. c - Warren Buffett
6. a - \$100
7. a - Nickel
8. c - Zinc

Triple Berry Dessert Squares (Katie)

As served during fellowship in May

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 c. graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 c. (one stick) butter, melted
- 2 - 3oz. Pks. Gelatin, any berry flavor
- 2 1/2 c. boiling water
- 3 c. Schwan's Triple Berry Blend, frozen
(or any frozen berries)
- 2 - 8 oz. pks. Cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 - 8oz tub whipped topping, thawed



Steps

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix graham cracker crumbs and butter. Press firmly into the bottom of a 9"x13" pan. Bake for 8 minutes to set.

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water, Mix in berries.

Spread cream cheese mixture over graham cracker crust. Gently layer gelatin and berry mixture over cream cheese. Refrigerate until firm.

TIP: Place graham crackers in a sturdy plastic bag and crush with a rolling pin to make crumbs.



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MISSION MOMENT (PASTOR KIM)

Action Center School Supplies

Back to School Starts with the Jeffco Action Center. Our mission support this month to Jeffco Action Center will help local students start the school year prepared and confident, providing students with school supplies and backpacks. The Action Center will distribute school supplies to more than 5,000 Jefferson County students this year, but they can't do it without the help of our community, our church. Make them part of your giving and prayers this month.

