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St. Paul's Community Church

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St. Paul's Newsletter

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

What to Make of It All

Our church remains strong and vibrant mainly because we have one goal in mind, to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our country is faced with unprecedented diversity among states and the American people, which has created an onslaught of lost wages, lost jobs, and lost food. I have seen churches fall apart and even close because its members lose track of their mission.

The most recent example of St Paul's dedication to serving Christ first has been seen in our collective agreement to help the needs of our community, especially Slater Elementary. We weren't

concerned about nationalities or languages, only that there was a need and we, as a church, could meet it.

I could never be prouder to be the pastor of such a caring and self-sacrificing congregation. Thank you for allowing

me to serve as your minister.

Pastor Kim



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November Red Hats

Wow - November is a packed month!

With our church Olive Garden lunch on November 13th and our Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser nights on the 17th, 18th and 20th, we figure we have enough "out" meals planned for the month! So Red Hats is going to join in with the Olive Garden lunch fun! Put your name on the list and come eat great food at Olive Garden!

Date: Thursday, November 13

Time: 11:45am

Place: Denver West Olive Garden

RSVP to Sharon on put your name on the list at the church!



Christian Women of Faith



Our November Women of Faith evening is going to be at the Church in the Garden Level Fellowship Room!

Brigitte Coulter and Lana Greene are our hosts for the evening with is Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm.

Pennyrae will be doing another of her "Women of the Bible" series. We all enjoyed last month's lesson about Sarah and her laughter!! **The clue for this month is "Drunkard"!**

Please RSVP to Brigitte or Lana NLT Sunday, November 16.

Annual Olive Garden Lunch

We have a strange but delightful tradition here at St. Paul's! Every year in mid-November the whole church goes to Olive Garden together for a "Thanksgiving" lunch! Yes, we know Italian is not traditionally Thanksgiving fare, but after being frustrated with the poor food and crowded conditions at a few places that did offer traditional Thanksgiving meals, we found ourselves at Olive Garden where we had a room to ourselves, great food and great service, so it became our regular Thanksgiving tradition!

Date: Thursday, November 13 @ 11:45am (Right after Thursday Morning Bible Study)

Place: Denver West Olive Garden

RSVP by signing the list at the church!

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser



Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of gift card sales as well as dine-in food sales to St. Paul's Community Church.

Texas Roadhouse gift cards will be for sale Monday, November 10th through Monday, November 24th. Payment is due at the time of sale. Denominations are \$10, \$25, and \$50. The gift cards will be available no later than December 12th.

The dine-in fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, November 17th, Tuesday, November 18th, and Thursday, November 20th. Simply show the flyer for St. Paul's to get credit, however, you may also simply inform the waitstaff you are from St. Paul's.

Phyllis and Candy

Note: Texas Roadhouse gift cards make great Christmas gifts!

Christmas Decorating

Shocking, but we are just 27 days away from Christmas decorations! Please join us on the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving to decorate the Church for Christmas! We generally have a good crowd for decorating and it all gets done in a few hours! It looks so beautiful when we are done! Thanks to all in advance!



Fantastic Soup and Chili Cook-Off

Our Soup and Chili Cook-Off with Craft and Bake Sales went very well! We had 16 delicious soups and chilis for people to taste! We had 48 tasters and 7 additional attendees. Crafts and baked goods sold very well!

The church made over \$1200 between the soups, the crafts and the baked goods! A HUGE thank you to all the soup makers, the sweets bakers and the craft creators! Your efforts inspired a wonderfully fun event for St. Paul's and many family, friends and neighbors!

In a heart-felt generous gesture, the organizers suggested St. Paul's donate the entire sum to a local elementary school that was coping with children caught up in the SNAP benefits uncertainties. What a beautiful way to exemplify the love of the Lord found at the heart of St. Paul's. Thank you to everyone for their hard work, generous donations and beautiful hearts!

Very Successful Trunk or Treat!



What a fabulously successful and fun night! One lady told Shauna that our Trunk or Treat was the "talk of the neighborhood!"

We had 16 vehicles in our Trunk or Treat Halloween, including a side-car and an ambulance! We had at least 128 kids and countless happy parents hanging in the middle, chatting with each other and watching the kids.

We had so many people from the neighborhood thanking us over and over again for doing this each year. It was a parking lot full of happy church folks, grateful neighbors, and adorable kids, all surrounded by cotton candy smelling fog bubbles! What a night!

A huge thank you goes to the 28 church folks, friends and neighbors who sat in the cold and gave out candy, as well as those who could not attend but donated candy to the effort! This was a neighborhood-wide warm fuzzy moment for St. Paul's.

THANK YOU TO ALL!

SERMONS AND SCRIPTURE



November 16

"Shiny"

Psalm 98:1-6
II Thessalonians 3:6-10
*Luke 21:5-9

November 2

"Figs"

Psalm 32:1-8
II Thessalonians 1:11-12
*Luke 19:1-10

November 9

"I Do"

Psalm 17:3-9
II Thessalonians 2:13-17
*Luke 20:27-38

November 23

"Thanks"

Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
*John 6:25-35

November 30

"Noah"

Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

*Message Scripture

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jane A

24 Kendra E

15 Bill and Melinda C

14 Maribel I

27 Shawna D

22 Katie J

27 Gary B

22 Paul S

28 Celia B



St. Paul's WiFi Password: community

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 Team 5 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship	3	4 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	5 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's (6th and Simms)	6 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	7	8 1 Fall Back! Time Change at Bedtime!
9 Team 6 10:00am Worship Service Veteran's Day Celebration! Fellowship after Worship	10 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	11 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study Veteran's Day! 	12 5:30pm Church Event Planning 6:30pm Church Council	13 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:45am Church Lunch at Olive Garden! (Red Hats too!)	14	15
16 Team 1 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship	17 6:30pm Christian Women of Faith @ the Church Texas Roadhouse Night!	18 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study Texas Roadhouse Night!	19	20 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study Texas Roadhouse Night!	21	22
23 Team 2 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship Newsletter Items Due	24 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	25 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	26	27 	28	29 9:00am CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING! 
30 Team 3 First Week of Advent 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship						

October Attendance

Worship Service		Tuesday Bible Study		Thursday Bible Study	
September 28:	67	September 30:	13	October 2:	18
October 5:	52	October 7:	15	October 9:	19
October 12:	58	October 14:	11	October 16:	22
October 19:	53	October 21:	10	October 23:	21
October 26:	53	October 28:	n/a	October 30:	16

Men's Prayer Breakfast October 7: 7

Red Hats October 13: 7

Soup and Chili Cook-Off 55

Women of Faith October 20: 13

Trunk or Treat: 28 participants with 16 decorated "Trunks!"
128 kids served - plus countless happy adults!



Cans for Christ (Shauna)

Starting Balance 10/1/2025	\$	0.83
Income	\$	9.00
Outgoing (Slater Elementary)	\$	<u>-9.00</u>
Ending Balance 10/31/2025	\$	0..83



Church Council (Gary)

Welcome to Colorado's Fall

Last month we filed and paid our annual dues to the State of Colorado for the periodic report of business organizations.

Mike and Frank continue the ongoing work to maintain the grounds and buildings. Mike has provided and installed a new gutter downspout on the west side of the Chaple roof. He has also winterized the swamp-coolers and buildings for the winter season. Frank has kept the grounds mowed and the vegetation trimmed. It looked very nice this year. Frank is also acquiring bids to repair/replace the Parsonage front door concrete as it has settled.

Replacement Light fixtures and bulbs were installed this last month in the Church Office and Sanctuary.

Clark motioned and the Council approved an estimate to perform needed carpet stretching in the Chaple.

Details for the upcoming events were finalized: IE Soup and Chili Cookoff and Trunk or Treat.

Candy and Mike received permission to order next year (Church Sponsored) Calanders for sale and distribution.

All financial and Treasury reports were reviewed and approved by the council as being in order, and next month the Committee will be establishing and finalizing our annual budget for 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to give special recognition and thanks to our Financial Board Members. The contribute hours of unseen work every month. They collect, summarize, organize, report and pay the bills of our Church. Their commitment and skills are critical to Church operations.

Helen - Financial Secretary

Peggy T - Treasurer

Phyllis E - Secretary

Terry T - Compliance

Thank you **all** for helping all in NEED! In Christ, Gary

A Prayer for Thanksgiving



Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the
abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.

Yard Work - Overheard in a Heavenly conversation between God and St. Francis

God: Francis, you know all about gardens and nature; what in the world is going on down there in the U.S.? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and the stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought, and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees, and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of color by now. All I see are patches of green.

St. Francis: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. They are called the Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds", and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

God: Grass? But it is so boring. It's not even colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, bees, or birds, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want grass growing there?

St. Francis: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it has grown a little, they cut it; sometimes two times a week.

God: They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

St. Francis: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

God: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St. Francis: No sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

God: Now let me get this straight. They fertilize it to make it grow, but when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St. Francis: Yes, sir.

God: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St. Francis: You aren't going to believe this Lord, but when the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it then pay to get rid of it.

God: What nonsense! At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the Spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the Autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep the moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves become compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

St. Francis: You'd better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, the Suburbanites rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

God: No way! What do they do to protect the shrubs and tree roots in the winter, to keep the soil moist and loose?

St. Francis: After throwing the leaves away, they go out and buy something called mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

God: And where do they get this mulch?

St. Francis: They cut down the trees and grind them up to make mulch.

God: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. Saint Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

St. Catherine: "Dumb and Dumber," Lord. It's a really stupid movie about..

God: Never mind. I think I just heard the whole story from Saint Francis!

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MISSION MOMENT (PASTOR KIM)

Turkey Drive for The Action Center

The Action Center is taking a new approach, ensuring their shelves stay full this winter. Since they have been facing some overwhelming challenges to keep their food shelves stocked, they have made the difficult decision not to hold their traditional Thanksgiving Food Distribution event. Instead, they will focus on keeping their grocery shelves stocked throughout the winter months to better meet the growing needs of our community. Here's how it works: Families in need will be greeted with shelves of food in their free grocery area, allowing them to get enough food for a week of meals instead of only one celebratory meal. St. Paul's can help through our mission offering to help keep those shelves stocked. There are opportunities for you to volunteer, helping stock the shelves with all the amazing food donations they receive!

