

May 2026

St. Paul's Community Church

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St. Paul's Newsletter

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

"Thinking About Mother"

The Bible speaks of Satan messing with Job; Daniel thrown into a den of lions; Joseph sold into slavery; Paul thrown into prison and mistreated; and Stephen stoned to death at the hands of Jewish leaders who refused to believe that Jesus was the Messiah.

God didn't cause these things to happen, rather, He allowed them to happen as a result of the choices people made. Romans 8:28 tells us: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."



The plaque we find in gift shops reads, "The will of God will never take you anywhere the grace of God cannot keep you."

So instead of stressing over the fact that bad things happen to good people,

take comfort, and gain wisdom by thinking on this: "Bad things that happen to good people" may be God's way of saying He wants them to move closer to Him.

The question is: **Will they, will you, will I, make that move?**

Pastor Kim



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Mother's Day Luncheon



Sunday, May 10, we will honor all our women in the church with a luncheon. Once again Olive Garden will provide a Pasta Bar with Spaghetti and Fettuccini, meat sauce, marinara sauce, alfredo sauce, meatballs, sausage, chicken, salad, breadsticks, and dessert.

A sign-up sheet for this event is posted so we can plan for all who will attend!

May Red Hats

Games, Stories and Lunch

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Time: 10:30am

Place: Garden Level Fellowship Room!

Games: POKENO first then Campfire Stories during lunch!

These stories are provided by all of you using special "prompt" cards.

Short or Long? Detailed or Vague? Simple or Dramatic? Truth or fiction?

It is up to you to decide!

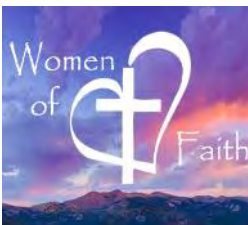
Lunch: BYOBL (Bring Your Own Bag Lunch!)

Dessert, Coffee and Cappuccino will be provided

All Ladies of the Church are Invited!



Christian Women of Faith



Our Women of Faith meetings are now back to the regular time: the third Monday evening of the month at 6:30pm.

This month's meeting will be on Monday, May 18, at Dorothy's house. Pennyrae will continue her Women of the Bible series with a group of three ladies. Hint for the first lady is "Walk." Hint for the other two is "Owned."

All Ladies of the Church are Invited!

Colfax Marathon Road Closures



There will be road closures for the **Colfax Marathon on May 17**, but Sunday Worship will continue as normal and you can make it here! 20th Ave. will be closed. If you are coming from the south, take Kipling up to 26th Ave. then 26th Ave. east to Allison St! Allison St. will likely be partially blocked to stop through traffic, but just let the officer know you are headed to church and

they will let you through! All roads should open by the end of our service!

Note from Rachael

June Event - Celebrating Our Marriage with Our Church Family

Although we wish we could have invited everyone to share in our wedding day, the size of our venue unfortunately made that impossible. Our hearts are full knowing how deeply loved and supported we are by so many. Our church family is such an important part in our lives, and we could not let this joyful season pass without finding a way to celebrate with all of you.



Because of that, we are so happy to invite our church family to join us for an informal reception and cake cutting after church on **June 21st**. (This will be the Father's Day dessert!) It will be a special time to gather together, share in our joy, and celebrate the love and community that have surrounded us throughout this journey.

Your prayers, encouragement, and presence have meant more to us than words can express. We kindly ask for **no presents**—being able to celebrate alongside our chosen family is truly the greatest gift we could receive. We look forward to sharing this special moment with you all!

With all our love, Rachael S & Drew D

Bob's Pretty Easy Trivia



From Sharon's dad who leads trivia at his Retirement Community!

Mysteries of the Deep Trivia

1. What happened to the Captain of the Titanic, Edward Smith?
 - a. He was convicted of negligence by an Admiralty Court.
 - b. He was transferred to the Titanic's sister ship, the Olympic.
 - c. He went down with the ship.

2. This region of the Atlantic Ocean is infamous for vanishing ships and planes. What is it called?
 - a. Area 51
 - b. The Bermuda Triangle
 - c. The Deadly Depths

3. What is the deepest part of the ocean?
 - a. The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean
 - b. The Tonga Trench in the Pacific Ocean
 - c. The Atlantic Abyssal

4. What is the largest animal known to have ever lived?
 - a. A sauropod dinosaur of the late Cretaceous Period
 - b. The whale shark
 - c. The blue whale

5. Which is heavier, a fully grown blue whale or a fully loaded B-52 bomber?
 - a. The blue whale
 - b. The B-52 bomber
 - c. They weigh about the same

SERMONS AND SCRIPTURE



May 3

"Got Milk?"

Psalm 31:1-5
John 14:1-14
*1 Peter 2:2-10

May 10

"A Clear Conscience"

Psalm 66:16-20
John 14:15-21
*1 Peter 3:13-22

May 17

"Good-Bye Worries"

Psalm 68:32-35
John 17:1-11
*1 Peter 5:6-11

May 24

"Seeing Red"

Psalm 104:31-35
John 20:19-23
*Acts 2:1-13

May 31

"Give Me A Kiss"

Psalm 8
Matthew 28:16-20
*2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Message Scripture








MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|----------|----|-----------|---|---------------------|
| 2 | Al S | 18 | Rachael S | 1 | Mike and Michelle J |
| 4 | John B | 18 | Del W | 1 | Clark and Linda W |
| 6 | Sharon S | 20 | Lois M | | |
| 8 | Judi K | 21 | Lana G | | |



St. Paul's WiFi Password: community

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
					1  May Day	2 9:00am Outdoor Church Clean-up
3 Team 1 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship	4	5 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	6 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	7 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	8	9
10 Team 2 10:00am Worship Service Mother's Day Luncheon	 11 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice	12 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	13 5:30pm Church Event Planning 6:30pm Church Council	14 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	15	16  ARMED FORCES DAY
17 Team 3 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship	18 6:30pm Women of Faith @ Dorothy's House!	19 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	20	21 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	22	23
24 Team 4 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship Newsletter Items Due	 25  MEMORIAL DAY Remember & Honor	26 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study	27 10:30 am Red Hat Games and Lunch at the Church	28 10:00am Thursday Morning Bible Study	29	30
31 Team 5 10:00am Worship Service Fellowship after Worship						

April Attendance

Worship Service	Tuesday Bible Study	Thursday Bible Study
March 29: 48	March 31: 17	April 2: 17
April 5: Easter! 84	April 7: 16	April 9: 18
April 12: 56	April 14: 16	April 16: 18
April 19: 56	April 21: 15	April 23: 14
April 26: 58	April 28: 10	April 30: 17
Men's Prayer Breakfast April 1: 10		
Maundy Thursday Service April 2: 34		
Women of Faith April 20: 13		
Red Hats April 22: 8		

Church Event Planning (Cookie)

Attendance: 8. Cookie, John, Candy, Marge, Bette, Dorothy, Sharon, Pastor Kim
Happy Mother's Day & Happy May!

The CEPG had their 4th meeting of 2026 on April 8th. It was a lively group! It was fast paced! Some of the things we talked about.

MAY: Mother's Day Luncheon and Photos

JUNE: Father's Day Lunch Sunday June 21

Saturday June 27 Pancake Breakfast / Car Show

JULY: Birthday Month! Happy 250 USA! Details are coming soon! It will be fun!

AUGUST: Five Sundays! Ice cream! and hot dogs!

SEPTEMBER: Still planning on celebrating St. Paul's Community Church. And having the church picnic in connection with "Theme Weeks!" More details to come.

Peace be with you!

Cookie

Church Council (Gary)

May Church Council Report

The Council reviewed and approved the monthly financial and Treasury report. All financial and compliance issues are in good standing.

The May Mission will be Giddens International who focus on spreading the gospel through the distribution of bibles. Founded in 1899, Giddens distributes over 2 billion copies of God's word in over 100 languages. The organization operates in over 200 countries, territories and possessions. The bibles are distributed to hotels, hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, schools and shelters.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our clean-up workday at the church grounds.: trimming bushes, cleaning around fence lines, cleaning and raking and general spring cleaning.

The property and grounds group repaired the handrail in the sanctuary and installed extra drainage pipes to prevent foundation damage.

I want to remind everyone of the Pankake Breakfast coming in June. Hopefully everyone can attend.

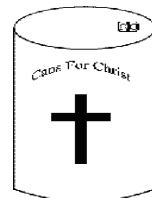
Wishing everyone a blessed Spring season.

In Christ, Gary



Cans for Christ (Shauna)

Starting Balance 4/1/2026	\$	0.75
Income	\$	33.95
Outgoing (Feed the Children)	\$	<u>-34.00</u>
Ending Balance 3/28/2026	\$	0.70



Irish Colcannon (Bette)

As served by Bette Stober for St. Patrick's Day Potluck!

"Irish colcannon is a traditional, creamy Irish dish combining mashed potatoes with kale or cabbage, butter, milk or cream, and often scallions or leeks. It is a popular, comforting side dish, particularly for St. Patrick's Day, known for its rich texture and savory, green-flecked appearance. It is often served with Irish soda bread, bacon, or corned beef."

Ingredients

6 large russet potatoes, peeled and cut into large chunks

7 T butter

1/2 c. cream of half and half (warmed)

1 medium onion, chopped

1/2 head green cabbage, chopped

6 slices crispy cooked bacon, coarsely chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Place potatoes in a large pot with lightly salted water to cover. Cook until fork tender. Drain well, making sure to remove all excess water. Add 4 T. butter and cream. Cover pot and let the butter melt.
 2. Meanwhile, melt 2T. butter or 2T. bacon grease in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook until tender. Add cabbage and cook until tender and lightly browned on the edges, 7-8 minutes.
 3. Mash potatoes and gently stir in cabbage mixture and half the chopped bacon. Season with salt and pepper to taste and transfer to serving dish. Top with remaining bacon. Make a well in the center and add 1 T. butter.
- If you wish, you can add chopped green onion or chives on top.
 - Be sure to not over mix the potatoes and cabbage

Chocolate Nut Dessert (Patty)

OR Pistachio Nut Dessert OR Lemon Nut Dessert!

Just change the pudding flavor!

As served by Patty Jackson!

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Cup Chopped Pecans or whatever nut you want
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Softened Butter
- 1 TB Sugar

Mix and line a 9 x 13 pan, Bake at 350 for 10 - 13 minutes. Recipe never said to grease the pan. Maybe that's why mine always sticks so bad because I grease the pan.

8 oz Softened Cream Cheese

1 Cup Powder Sugar

Mix and then add

6 Cups Cool Whip

Mix again and Spread evenly on cooled crust.

2 Pkg Pistachio Instant Pudding

Or Chocolate Or Lemon

3 Cups Milk

Mix and pour over the top. Freeze, thaw 20 min before eating supper.

Toast Coconut for top if desired.

Double: just double everything but If you use the Big Pudding Boxes use 5 cups milk.



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

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

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MISSION MOMENT (PASTOR KIM)

Gideons

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," Matthew 28:19.

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While They are often recognized for their work with hotels, they also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

This is an organization that we as a church can support fully since they meet the mission of Jesus to, "Go into all the world". I am happy to have them as our mission for May. Dwayne Gaddaert will be sharing their work during Worship Service on May 10.

