

St. Paul Presbyterian Church moving ahead.



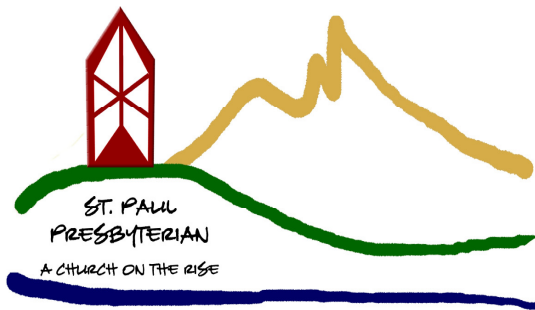
The Lord is leading our congregation forward—we are ready to call a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to do the work of finding a new pastor for St. Paul. To begin the process, we will have a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, 6 November in the Celebration Center to elect members for the PNC. Proposed persons to be elected are: George Bamu, Martin Cobb, Cleve Dixon, Andrew Fuiks, Deanna Gordon, Cyn Hardy, and Beth McCarthy. Make sure you attend this important and exciting meeting. Once elected, the committee will, with prayer and with God as its guide, discern who should be recommended to the congregation as the pastor to serve at St. Paul. In the coming months we will want to support and pray for the PNC as the work of the committee progresses.

**Thanksgiving Eve Vespers Service
Pie Social
and Canned Goods Drive**

We will be continuing our St. Paul tradition of holding a Thanksgiving Eve Vespers Service on November 23, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.—a short service that gives us a chance to think of our blessings and give thanks for them. By bringing items for our food pantry, we will be giving a tangible “thank you” for those blessings. We will sing some familiar Thanksgiving hymns and then adjourn to the Celebration Center for the pie social. Remember to bring a canned item and a pie to share with everyone. This is a chance for us all to get ready for the feasting and thanksgiving that will happen the next day.



**NOVEMBER
2011**



**Hanging Of The Greens
November 26, 2011**

Come and help decorate the church for Christmas! This is a fun activity for everyone. Lots of willing hands help to make the church glow with the Advent season.

Get ready—we are entering the period of preparation and waiting for Jesus. Advent begins with the last Sunday in November, the 27th, so Saturday, November 26 is the day to prepare. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude no later than 12:00 p.m. If you are unable to be there for the full 3 hours, please come for whatever time you have available that morning. We can especially use men who can help with hanging wreaths up high and assembling the sanctuary tree.



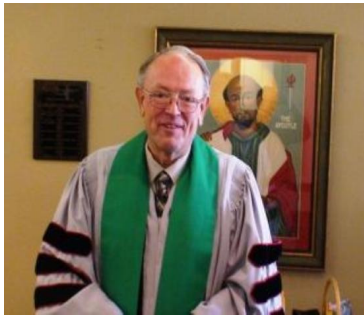
Please bring some continental breakfast items (juice, fruit, bagels, muffins, sweet rolls, doughnuts, etc.) for us all to munch on to maintain our energy level.

We will see you there!!

Consecration Sunday News

October 30 was Consecration Sunday, celebrated with special worship, a time to reflect on God’s calling to us, and a time for great food and fellowship. On that day 59 individuals or families made commitments to themselves and the church to give of the bounty they receive in 2012. Thank you!

PASTOR'S PAGE



How Can We Give Thanks?

This summer and fall was not a good time on Wall Street and in the halls of Congress. The Dow has dropped to its lowest levels since 2008. Unemployment

in Colorado is high and it seems that for every member who has gotten a job another loses one. When IRA and 401K statements come in the mail they tend to sit unopened because we don't want to know the bad news. Yet it is November and the great national harvest festival of Thanksgiving is on the calendar. While most of us are not farmers focused on harvests, our harvest is our bottom line or net worth. In the face of our time, how can we give thanks in the midst of the fear and anxiety that is a part of our world?

Paul in his letter to the Church at Philippi, was writing from jail. He was in the midst of a trial before a Roman emperor who would ultimately condemn him to death. Certainly if anyone had the right to despair it was Paul. Yet what does he say? **"I will continue to rejoice."** How does Paul do it? And what can we learn from him for our circumstances.

Paul was able to give thanks in all circumstances because he knew he was not alone. God in Christ was with him. He knew that God had been with him in the past and he knew that God would be with him in the future and even if circumstances said otherwise he knew that God was with him in the present. Paul over and over in his life saw his ministry rejected. He had been in conflict with his fellow Christians over his ministry to the Gentiles, the non-Jews. He had been driven from towns or repeatedly beaten and put in prison. Yet he never despaired that God was not with him. He moved forward knowing that God was leading him into and through difficult circumstances. He was able to look back at his experience of God's presence with him through difficult times and know that God was with him in the present situation.

Paul knowing that God was with him also knew that God wanted the best for him. He knew that God worked all things together for good for those who loved God and were called according to God's purposes. Even in his imprisonment in Philippi, in house arrest he was able share the

Gospel and see the faith spread. God would and could work even in the midst of our human failures.

We too, like Paul, can claim the fact that God in Christ is with us and that God wants the best for us. Look back at the times in your life when things were difficult. Do you not see that God was with you, bringing you through the hard times? God is faithful still and is with you today. As you look at those situations can you not see where God was at work bring good out of the situation? Well God wants the best for you today and will use the financial circumstances of your life for good, just as God has done in the past.

So with Paul let us continue to rejoice and give thanks!

Yours in Christ,

Stan

Stan's November Schedule

Stan is here beyond Sundays:

Tuesday Nov. 1 and Thursday Nov. 3
Monday Nov. 7 and Thursday Nov. 10
Monday Nov. 14 and Thursday Nov. 17
Monday Nov. 21

Stan will be on vacation Nov. 22 thru Nov. 26 with Marty's family in Chicago

If you need something please call or e-mail:

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Stan's Cell: 720-209-6700
s.jewell@stppc.org

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Travis Jürgens: travis.j@stppc.org
Kristen Jürgens: Kristen.j@stppc.org

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Three new members were received: Harriet NKWET, John Black, and Carol Black.
- A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, 6 November after worship to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).
- St. Paul will host a guest minister (candidate for pastor at Green Mountain Presbyterian Church) Sunday, 6 November.
- The sound system corrections in both the narthex and nursery have been completed.
- A new Interim Pastor contract was approved for Stan Jewell.
- Guidelines for moving people to the inactive rolls were approved.
- Approval was given for Trick or Treat for UNICEF.
- Approval was given to have a speaker from Family and Senior Homeless Initiative share the information about the program with church members.
- A Christmas Concert Fundraiser on the evening of Sunday, 18 December was approved.
- Approval was given to use Memorial Funds for new refillable candles: Christ, Advent, and communion table.

FROM THE DEACONS

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, What a busy time for our Deacons and our church family! We are excited about all the happenings.

The Fall Festival was a terrific success and the Deacons had a fun time helping. We appreciated all the gifts of time, talents, and treasures you provided. Kudos to our faithful

leader and fun maker, Sheila Moskowitz.

We are now wrapping up our Stewardship campaign and with your help we will reach the goals needed for our continued growth.

Care Group I is in charge of our Sunday



Morning Servants for November. Please contact Julie Meskimen at 303-696-7498 or Sheila Moskowitz at 720-530-8936 to assist in this endeavor.

We appreciate ALL of you who participate in this program. May our GOD who NEVER SLUMBERS or sleeps bless you and keep you in HIS tender care.

The Problem is Heaviness—from *Tales of a Magic Monastery*, by Theophane the Monk

Let me tell you something that happened on the last day of my retreat. I told the guestmaster that I didn't think I'd be able to get back soon because I wouldn't have the time. He came right back with "The problem is not TIME; the problem is HEAVINESS."

He turned and went downstairs, returning with a little carpet. "Here, take this. It is a magic carpet. If you'll just sit on it and let go of your heaviness, you can go anywhere you want. It's not a question of time."

I have come to know this is true. People laugh at me when I tell them. Will you laugh too? All right. Then stay there.



SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date 2011</u>
Total Church Income	\$14,609	\$160,924
Mortgage Expense	\$ 4,142	\$ 37,745
Church Expenses	\$14,680	\$137,849
Total Church Expenses	\$18,822	\$175,594
Net Gain/Loss	\$(4,213)	\$(14,670)
Net Gain/Loss without Mortgage Expense (\$70)		\$ 23,074

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

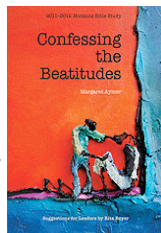
Elderberries

Elderberries' monthly gathering will be Thursday, 17 November at noon. If you have at least 50 years of "wisdom" you are an Elderberry. Join us at the church for food and fixing Chrismsons. We will have food brought in from East Café so we don't have to spend time in the kitchen. It will be important for us to have a close count so we can order the right amount of food, so please call Gayle in the church office to RSVP this month. Also, please plan to bring cash to pay for your share which will be approximately \$10 each. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details as to the cost.



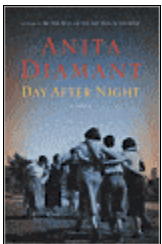
Agape—Presbyterian Women

On Thursday, 10 November, we will continue with lesson 2 of the Horizons Study, "Confessing the Beatitudes." Sue Robertson has ordered books and has them for anyone interested for \$8.00. If you have any questions or for a book, see Sue.



Books & Brunch

Books & Brunch will meet on Saturday 19 November at Sheila Moskowitz' house at 9 a.m. to discuss Day After Night, by Anita Diamant. Please RSVP to Sheila at 303.766.9179.



If you have questions about our book club, please call Judi Garvey at 303.220.1055. We'd love to have you join us!

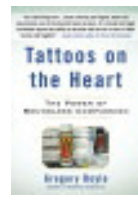
Chili Cook-off

The annual Chili Cook-off with Old Landmark Ministries is coming Sunday, 13 November at 4:00 p.m. Get your chili recipe ready to submit to the judges and get cooking! Sign up sheets and more details will be available soon. Watch the bulletins and bulletin boards.



Mid-week Gathering

Mid-Week Gathering folks continue study of Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion, by Gregory Boyle, a Catholic priest in the heart of Los Angeles' poorest and crime ridden neighborhood, Dolores Mission. The story is filled with moving examples of the power of unconditional love in difficult times and the importance of fighting despair. Re-reading the benediction over our sanctuary doors can help us choose to look at those "whom God alone loves" in a new way because of this book.



It is never too late to join in—please join us Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for a fellowship-filled potluck dinner or come to discuss this call to love all of God's people from 6:45–7:30 p.m.

Page Turners

Page Turners will meet at the church on Saturday, 12 November at 9:30 a.m., to discuss Murder at the Brown Palace, by Dick Kreck, a true story set here in Denver, Colorado. All are welcome—men, women, and older children. Call Deanna Gordon at 303.365.2838 if you have questions or to RSVP.



Choir—'tis the season!

We will begin rehearsing for St. Paul's Christmas concert soon. This concert will be at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 18 December. Mark your calendars and join us for choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m.! You don't have to be a talented singer or have a great voice. If you've ever played a musical instrument or sung hymns, then we need your voice in the choir! We will be singing some of John Rutter's Christmas carols, which are not difficult. Also, if you play an instrument and would like to play a solo or chamber piece, please email me at travis.j@stppc.org, so we can schedule you in the program. I look forward to it!



MISSION and OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Aluminum Can Recycling to Support VBS

Keep saving aluminum to help the environment and Vacation Bible School. The container is in the celebration center as we raise funds for the 2012 VBS. Please rinse out any cans and crush them if possible and bring them to the church.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Ministry of Witness will again gather food baskets for those in need at Thanksgiving time. If you would like to help sort and prepare a Thanksgiving meal for a family, join in on Tuesday, 22 November. Call Faye Salvatore if you would like to volunteer.



Operation Christmas Child

It is time to start collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. Pack a shoe box with gifts for a girl or boy and bring the labeled and decorated shoe box to the church no later than December 2. Details of appropriate items are on the website, www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/. We will then go to the warehouse to help pack the boxes for shipment on Saturday, 3 December. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the warehouse and work from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please note that helpers must be at least 13 years old to work at the warehouse. For more information or to register as a helper, call Sheila Moskowitz at 720.530.8977.

Peacemaking Offering

In October we received the Peacemaking Offering and collected a total of \$725.10. Twenty-five percent of the collection was sent to support Leisa Wagstaff, who serves the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon as a teacher and trainer of teachers in the Presbyterian Teacher Training College. Thank you for your generous support of the peacemaking initiatives of the PC(USA).



From Travis—You are invited to a concert which I will be conducting with the Lamont Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free, but tickets are required, and can be ordered at the Newman Center box office. It will be in Gates Hall at the Newman Center for the Performing Arts. We will be performing Mozart's Overture to the *Marriage of Figaro*, Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, Handel's Overture to *Solomon*, and Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini*. Steven Mayer, piano faculty at Lamont, will be the soloist for the Rachmaninoff. I hope you can make it!

Food Pantry

Please remember our food pantry as you shop—our visitors to the pantry have increased greatly now that we are connected to the Hunger Free Hotline. Our new "Totes for the Pantry" program will help increase our supplies, but you don't have to have an official "tote" to shop for the food pantry.



Mitten Tree



Help the Mitten Tree the warm the hearts and hands of many children in need this Christmas season. St. Paul is teaming with the Aurora Inter-church Taskforce to help supply toys, hats and mittens to those in need. Last year our church members did such a great job donating. I have to tell you I personally had

the joy of seeing the faces of the volunteers when I showed up with a truck bed full of items. They had been getting so many requests for toys and warm clothes and their supplies were severely dwindled. They had to turn away dozens of requests during such a crucial time of year.










This year we are asking for everyone's help again. If you have the ability to donate an unwrapped toy, mittens, hats or warm clothes please bring it in to the church after we do the "Hanging of the Greens." Our goal is to deliver the donations a little earlier this year to help out this great need and cause. I plan on taking the donations again this year unless we have others that want to see a great organization at work fulfilling a great need in the Aurora community.



— Tim Cummins

A Special Musical Opportunity

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:00p.m. Jr. Girl Scouts 6:30p.m. Anglers 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00p.m. Daisies	2 6:00p.m. Midweek Gathering 6:00p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. St. Paul Singers 	3 6:30 p.m. Deacons	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 9:00 a.m. OLM Leadership Conf. 
6 9:00 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Social Time 10:15 a.m. Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:30 a.m. OLM worship 11:45 Ministry of Worship	7 7:00 p.m. St. Paul Ringers	8 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts	9 6:00p.m. Midweek Gathering 6:00p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. St. Paul Singers 	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30p.m. Girl Scouts	12 9:30 a.m. Page Turners 4:00 p.m. OLM Men of Integrity
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Worship Schedule for November

Worship Time 10:15 a.m.

November 6: **21st Sunday after Pentecost** Guest Preacher - Candidating sermon

Matthew 25:1-13

Communion Sunday

Congregational meeting after worship

November 13: **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** – *Multiply The Gifts*

Matthew 25:14-30

November 20: **Christ the King Sunday** – *What Kind of King?*

Matthew 25:41-36, Ezekiel 34:11-17

Communion Sunday

November 23: **Thanksgiving Vesper Service** — 6:45 p.m.

Pie Social after the service

Bring a food item for the Food Bank

November 27: **1st Sunday of Advent** – **Rev. Karen Wehrman**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Thank you to all the businesses who generously supported the Wild West Fall Fest!!

Chick-Fil-A

Costco

King Soopers

Nick's

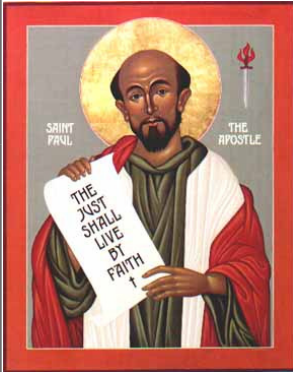
Skate City

Tagawa Gardens

Wendy's

Smash Burger

Wal-Mart



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Sunday Morning Schedule:

Christian Education 9:00 a.m.

Social Time 10:00 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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the Synod of the Rocky Mountains,
and the Presbytery of Denver.