

THE ST. PAUL EPISTLE

Come Join the Feast!**Sunday School Starts 11 September at 9 a.m.**

St Paul is introducing a new Curriculum for all ages this year entitled "Feasting on the Word." By using this program through all ages, everyone will be studying the same scripture every Sunday in each class. Then pastor Jewell most Sundays will be preaching from that same passage. Each group will have its own approach to the passage and Pastor Jewell will use the experience of the different classes in worship. For example: using reading or prayers from the adult material, using music or skits from the children's materials or litanies written by the youth.

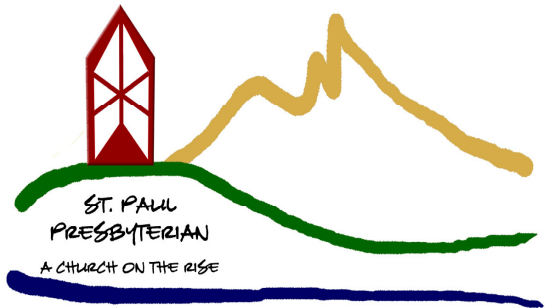
Grades K-2 Am I welcome here?

These young learners are moving out from their families to explore the worlds of school and church—this resource helps teachers shape learning experiences that proclaim you are welcome here. You belong to God and to God's church family.



Grades 3-5 What does it mean to belong here? This group is growing in their desire to join teams and organizations. This curriculum helps teachers shape learning experiences that address the many ways God's word shapes the identity of members of the body of Christ, encouraging their love of questions and capitalizing on their desire to feel competent in their academic skills. These children will use their Bibles to dig into the stories of our faith and share them with others.

Grades 6-12 How do I live my life as a disciple of Jesus Christ? Youth are figuring out who they are as they search for whose they are. This material provides opportunities for the age group to explore their personal and communal identity in Jesus Christ through meaningful community building experiences, engaging Bible Study and relevant learning activities. Each session includes a media connection section that ties the week's scripture passage to a film, video, song or website.



Adults How does my faith formation and my worship integrate with my knowledge and experience of the world? Adults see the world through the filter of life experience and life transitions. Adults enter Bible Study and worship, bring with them a variety of views. This material engages adults in a deeper exploration of the Biblical Texts.

**September means Music!**

We are interested in involving all of you in the music program in one way or another. Here are a few ways you can participate:

St. Paul Singers: Join the choir. If you can sing during worship, you can also sing in the choir. Don't worry if you feel like you're not a good singer—we all feel that way sometimes! And we can help you improve! If there's enough interest in a children's choir, one may be formed for special occasions.

Special Music: Play your instrument or sing a solo during a service of your choice. If you have friends who play along with you (string quartet, brass quintet, etc.), please contact me—we may be able to have the whole group play special music.

Soundboard: If technology interests you, learn to run the soundboard for worship services (we have instructions written down and can help you learn).

Handbells: The first Sunday in which the handbells will play is October 16. Email handbells@stppc.org for more information.

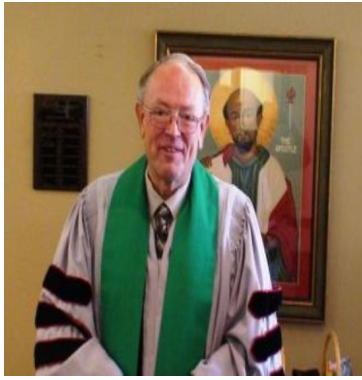
We look forward to glorifying our Lord Christ with you through music!

*Warmly in Christ,
Travis*



**SEPTEMBER
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PASTOR'S PAGE



Is God Calling You?

On Sundays in January & February we had our 2-part annual congregational meeting. We received the annual reports, and elected elders and deacons, reviewed financial reports and elected a nominating committee. That nominating committee is made up of appointees from the Session, Nancy Dixon, Cheryl Wetzel; the Deacons, Sue Hatfield; and four from the congregation at large, JoAnn Cunningham, Dave Goss, Steve Morin, and Peter Moskowitz. I hope you will express your appreciation for the commitment of these people.

During the next month I will be setting up a time to meet with them and get them started on their tasks. Their primary responsibility is to nominate the new elders and deacons to be elected at the January congregational meeting. We will discuss the roles of each of these positions and the time commitment involved. We will also consider the balance of men and women on the boards, theological balance and the roles on the boards that will be vacant when the retiring officers leave. Then they will pray over the list of full time members and ask God to reveal whom they should contact.

This is an important task, in any year, but it is especially important this year because these elders and deacons will be working with the new pastor when he or she arrives, helping to orient the new Pastor on how the church is currently functioning, and working with them to make changes to fit the church and the new Pastor.

The question is, "who is God calling to these important positions?" I encourage you to pray for this nominating committee and pray for wisdom and discernment. Also, if you believe someone should be considered please let a committee member know. However, please know they must consider the balance and issues above as they contact people to be nominees.

If you are contacted, please prayerfully consider this call. They will not just be filling slots and will not contact you if they do not feel you are the right person for the position. I know it is a commitment. So as you consider the call please know the following:

- 1) The boards have regularly scheduled meetings and members are also part of the ministry areas.
- 2) We will be doing some team building and training for the new board members so that they can fulfill their ministry effectively.
- 3) God doesn't call the equipped God equips those who are called.

God may be calling you. Please make your decision prayerfully.

Yours in Christ,

Stan

Stan's September Schedule

Stan is here beyond Sundays:

His office, visiting, and meeting hours are 10 AM to 8 PM Mondays & Thursdays.

If you need something please call or e-mail:

Stan's Westminster Home: 303-421-5568

Stan's Cell: 720-209-6700

s.jewell@stppc.org

Staff email contacts:

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Travis Jürgens: travis.j@stppc.org

Kristen Jürgens: Kristen.j@stppc.org

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

AUGUST SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session took the following actions:

- Chose their two members to the Nominating Committee: Nancy Dixon and Cheryl Wetzel. The other members are: Sue Hatfield (deacon), Dave Goss, JoAnn Cunningham, Steve Morin, and Peter Moskowitz. There will be five elder slots to fill at the end of the year: one 1-year term and four 3-year terms, as well as three deacon openings. Please prayerfully consider serving.
- Determined the process for choosing the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) with the approval of the committee size (7) and six overarching qualifications for those nominated. Session will be the group nominating PNC members, bringing those names to a congregational meeting in the not-too-distant future.
- Adopted a new member policy, making it easier for people to join St. Paul. This process will be explained over several Sundays in September.
- Approved repair of the protective glass on the outer side of the stained glass in the Celebration Center.
- Approved the all-age church school curriculum, Feasting on the Word, and teachers.
- Approved a new Wedding Policy and Memorial Service/Funeral Policy.
- Noted that Elderberries have given monies to purchase the Bibles for third graders.

FROM THE DEACONS

Greetings in Christ:

The Deacons are your member care connection. If you do not know your personal deacon, you may call any deacon listed in the Sunday bulletin. That deacon would direct you to YOUR deacon or help you themselves.

Remember the Sunday Morning Servant Program. Group 3 is responsible for September. Please call Sue Hatfield at 303-695-9348, or Tom Turpin at 720-870-1346, to sign up.



“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same **SPIRIT** and there are varieties of services, but the same **LORD**; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same **GOD** who activates all of them in everyone.”

I Corinthians 12:4-6

JULY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date 2011</u>
Total Church Income	\$16,269	\$129,024
Mortgage Expense	\$ 4,168	\$ 29,447
Church Expenses	\$14,484	\$109,737
Total Church Expenses	\$18,653	\$139,184
Net Gain/Loss	\$(2,384)	\$ (10,161)
Net Gain/Loss without Mortgage Expense	\$1,784	\$ 19,287

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

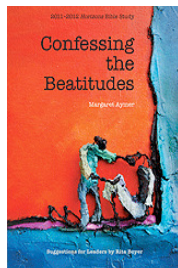
Elderberries



Elderberries, Thursday, 15 September at noon. If you have at least 50 years of "wisdom" you are an Elderberry. Join us at Guadalajara, 1001 S. Abilene, just north of Mississippi across from Sonic and behind LaQuinta on the West side of the street. Call Deanna Gordon at 303-365-2838 for reservations or if you need a ride. They would like a count on the Wednesday before.

Agape—Presbyterian Women

The Agape group gets going on the new study for 2011 on Thursday, 8 September at 7:00p.m. at the church. We will be using the Horizons Study, "Confessing the Beatitudes." Sue Robertson has ordered books and will have them for anyone interested for \$8.00. If you have any questions or for a book, see Sue.



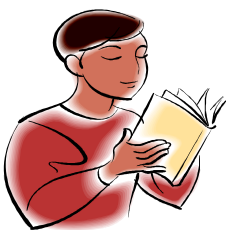
Books & Brunch

Books and Brunch will gather to discuss Little Bee, by Chris Cleave, on Saturday, 17 September at 9:00 a.m., at the home of Judi Garvey. If you have questions, contact Judi at 303-220-1055.



Page Turners

Our organizational meeting for the year will be Saturday, 10 September, from 9:30—11:00a.m. in the Celebration Center. All **men and women** of



St. Paul are welcome. Bring a potluck breakfast item to share and a book suggestion for the group to consider. We meet every other month on the second Saturday of the month.

For more information, call Faye Salvatore at 303.617.6110 or Ginger Norman at 303.680.4033.

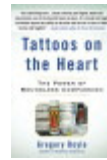
Calling all Ringers!

Not for a basketball game, but those who want to ring handbells with our church this year! Whether you have rung before or not you are welcome. Please let us know by sending an e-mail to handbells@stppc.org with your name, phone number, e-mail address, and ringing experience level. If you are not a computer user, please call the church office and leave that information at 303-693-3434. This will help us plan for the coming music season. Thank you!



Mid-week Gathering

Beginning Wednesday, 31 August, the Mid Week Gathering folks will begin a nine week 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. This is a story 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.



Please join us 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. The book is available in soft-cover or on Kindle.

Garden Club

Garden Club will be discussing xeriscaping by going to the Aurora Xeriscape Garden on Chambers and Alameda on Saturday 17 September at 9:00 a.m., followed by brief

tour of the St. Paul Garden along with free plants, including shasta daisies, daylilies, irises, hens and chicks, yarrow, and others. Please join us for a very good and informative time. You are welcome to meet at the church at 9:00 or at the xeriscape garden main entrance at about 9:15.



Looking Ahead

Fall Wild West Family Festival

Mark your calendars, the Fall Wild West Family Festival is coming on Friday, 14 October, from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. This year, the festival will have a Country-Western Theme. If you would like to help, call Sheila Moskowitz at 720-530-8936.

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.



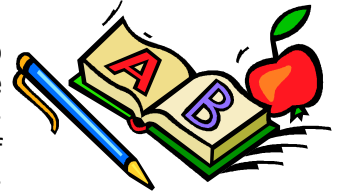
Support Aurora Interfaith Task Force Assistance Programs on 20 September

This month you can eat at Arby's at 1099 S. Blackhawk St. and support AITF 5:00—8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, 20 September. Simply present the special certificate and a portion of your meal costs will go to support the Aurora Interfaith Task Force Assistance programs. AITF provides people with food, utility and rent assistance in the city of Aurora. Each month we publicize a different restaurant and date for this program and make the certificates available for pick up in the narthex.

Look for the September certificates on the guest table in the narthex soon.

School supplies

It's back to school time, but some children face a challenge getting ready and getting supplies. We are collecting school supplies through the end of September to help with that challenge. The collection bin in the narthex awaits donations of pencils, crayons, scissors, spiral notebooks, markers, or any other supplies you provide.



Second Wind Fund of Metro Denver 5K Music Festival

Second Wind celebrates 10 years of providing counseling services to youth ages 19 and younger at-risk for suicide this year. Second Wind is largest mental health provider for youth in metro area. Second Wind is going national w/ program in Missouri in fall 2011 and in Indiana & Florida in 2012. Please join us for 10th Annual 'Give A Second Wind' 5K Music Festival on Sunday, September 18, at the Jeffco Fairgrounds. The event features 5K run, 3 mile walk, 1 mile walk and all day music festival w/10 concerts/bands, family fun bike ride, plus free BBQ lunch plus massages, T-shirts, kids activities & memorial dove release. Contact Katie Ford, 720-300-8213, see the brochure in the celebration center, or visit www.swfmd.org to register. Donations are accepted if you are unable to attend.



Looking ahead to World Communion Sunday October 2

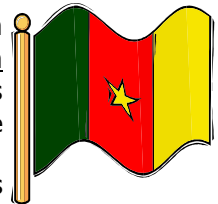
This is going to be a great day of celebration and fun. It all begins with: **Sunday School** with our new fall curriculum "Feasting on the Word" focused on the scripture for worship that day. (see article on page 1)

Special Worship is a service that will celebrate our relationship with our members from Cameroon. They have been meeting with Travis and Kristan and Stan design a special service. The music and service will be reflective of the worship from our African Brothers and Sisters. Of Course it will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We will also receive the Peacemaking Offering on this day. (see article on page 5)

A **Fellowship Lunch** will follow sponsored by the Ministry of Belonging. This will be a Potluck Lunch. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share from their ethnic background. Because we expect wonderful and unknown treats for the palette we ask you to label the dishes and bring a copy of the recipe to share. We can make copies as needed.

This will be a great day to celebrate the gifts that the Cameroonian community have to share with us as well as the ethnic background of the whole congregation so you don't want to miss it. It will also be a great day to bring friends.

Watch for more details in the Sunday Announcements and in next month's newsletter.



DID YOU KNOW?

Peacemaking Offering to be Received Sunday October 2

Peace has been defined as tranquility, a calm and quiet state, free from disturbances or noise. To live in peace, to be in a state of peace, takes on different meanings for all of us. There are, however, some basic elements that are necessary for all of us to live peacefully. Living peacefully includes the protection of individuals' integrity and human rights. For some of us, peace means access to education and the elimination of poverty, homelessness, injustice, and violence. For some, peace is the ability to openly express our opinions or to practice our religious beliefs without the fear of imprisonment or even death. In our homes, our communities, and our world, we are called to be makers of peace.

The God who grants peace and wholeness calls Christians to understand and address the root causes of violence and injustice so that we may share in mending the brokenness that exists in our increasingly conflict-ridden and fragmented world. Peacemaking is the human response to God's gift of peace giving.

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering celebrated their thirtieth anniversary in 2010. The Offering was organized following the adoption by the 192nd General Assembly (1980) of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, which called for an emphasis on peacemaking across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

St. Paul receives this offering every year on World Communion Sunday. A 25% share of our gifts is designated to a cause of our choice. This year we are supporting Leise Wagstaff in Cameroon. Leisa serves the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon as a teach and trainer of teachers in the Presbyterian Teacher Training College and a related secondary school. She teaches a variety of subjects, including English, English literature, drawing, writing, and child psychology. Leisa has served as a mission co-worker since 1984 in Congo, Lesotho, and Zimbabwe.



Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:14-15

BUILD CHURCHES . . . CHANGE LIVES!

HELP US WIDEN THE CIRCLE BY BECOMING A SUPPORTING INVESTOR OF ST. PAUL'S LOAN!

Every day, more Presbyterians dis-savings and investments to work simple. Presbyterians have donating your investments can support mis-When you invest, you will help re-make low-cost loans available to them build, expand and reshape low-cost loans. Investors earn a For most investors, this is not "new" funds from savings accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs) and money market accounts into Term Notes from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. Some invest through their IRAs.



cover they can put a portion of their building churches. The concept is very to support missions for centuries. Now sion while you earn interest! duce the cost of St. Paul's loan plus other Presbyterian churches—helping their ministry spaces. Churches get competitive return. Everyone benefits! money. They simply move existing

It is an investment, not a gift! At the end of the term you choose, you may reinvest the money for another term or withdraw the funds.

Minimum Investment is only \$500

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Contact the church office

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 4 worship moves to 10:15 a.m. September 11 Sunday School resumes at 9:00 a.m.				1 6:30 Deacons	2 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30p.m. Girl Scouts	3
4 9:00 a.m. The Gospel according to Dr. Seuss 10:00 a.m. Social Time 10:15 a.m. Worship w/ Lord's Supper 11:30 a.m. OLM worship 11:45 a.m. Ministry of Worship	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	6 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts	7 6:00p.m. Midweek Gathering 7:30 p.m. St. Paul Singers	8 7:00 p.m. Agape Circle	9 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30p.m. Girl Scouts	10 9:30a.m. Page Turners 12:00 Summerfest
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Worship Schedule for September

Worship Time 10:15 a.m.

September 4: **12th Sunday Sunday after Pentecost** – *What Is Your Story?*

Exodus 12:1-4

Communion Sunday

September 11: **13th Sunday after Pentecost** – *Do I Have To?*

Matthew 18:21-35

Bibles to 3rd Graders and Commissioning of Teachers

First Sunday for Choir

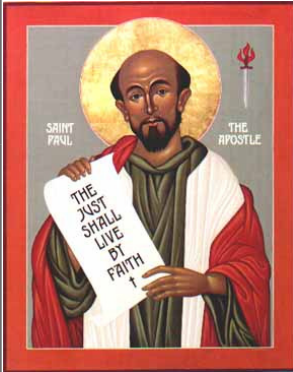
September 18: **14th Sunday after Pentecost** – *It is More Than Enough*

Matthew 20:1-16

Communion Sunday

September 25: **15th Sunday after Pentecost** – *That's Good....Now What?*

Matthew 21:23- 32



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Sunday Morning Schedule:

Christian Education (beginning 9.11)

9:00 a.m.

Social Time

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:15 a.m.

A Congregation of
the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
the Synod of the Rocky Mountains,
and the Presbytery of Denver.