

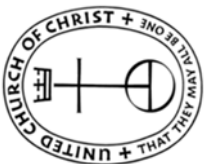
St. Paul
United Church of Christ

The Scribe



FEBRUARY *2012*

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144 East Palatine Road
Palatine, IL 60067



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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.
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Pastor's Pen.....

A Little Church Humor...



Dear Members & Friends of St. Paul,

On Ash Wednesday February 22nd, we will be offered two worship opportunities to begin the Lenten season. The first will be at **9:00 am** at **St. John UCC**, located at 308 N. Evergreen Avenue in Arlington Heights. A breakfast will immediately follow.

The second will be at **7:30 pm** at **Incarnation United Methodist Church**, located at 330 W. Golf Road in Arlington Heights.

Both of these are joint services that involve several other churches, including St. Paul.

As most of us already know, Lent is the 40-day period leading up to Holy Week and Easter. It is a season in the church year that is set aside for personal renewal in one's own commitment to God. While not intending to neglect the communal nature of Christianity, Lent still has an intensely personal aspect to it. It is a time for each person to decide in their own heart just how important God really is to them.

Blessings to you as you begin your 2012 Lenten season.

Rev. David K. Mercer
Senior Pastor



February Birthdays

2 Gene Morgan	19 Karl Bethke
4 Christine Loconti	19 Shirley Kolze
5 Justin Everett	19 Lynn Arnold
6 Brandon Doktor	23 Lyman Walter
6 Courtney Conrad	24 Donna Bochat
11 Lois Badour	25 Nancy Perry
11 Marty Kennelly	26 Lois Roesner
14 Ellen Beresheim	27 Bradley Gillette
14 Timothy Doktor	27 Erik Bethke
16 Kim Krenz	

*If there's anyone I missed, please call the church office,
so we can update our records. Thank you!*



Acolytes for February

February 5: Kyra Graham & Jeffrey Wagner
February 12: Carrie Kerlin
February 19: Matt Kerlin
February 26: Kyra Graham

Greeters for February

February 5: Larry & Marlene Ingram
February 12: Pat & Bob Kolze
February 19: John & Marla Beresheim
February 26: Joyce Mah

February Usher Captain: Dave Freeman

February Nursery Attendants

February 5: Kim Ferris
February 12: Sandra Gumm
February 19:
February 26:

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

5th- Isa 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11,20c; Cor 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
12th – 2 Kings 5:1-14; Palm 30; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45
19th– 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
22nd-Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Isa 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6,16-21
26th- Gen 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15



**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

- Albert, friend of Charlotte Mally
- Max Arnold, brother of Phil Arnold
- Phil Arnold
- Edythe Bentsen
- Jerre Burke, grandmother & great-grandmother to the Labonar family
- Jim Dailey, friend of Charlotte Mally
- Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob and Pat Kolze
- Linda Frahm
- Gehlin Family, friends of the Drost Family
- Margaret Gintz
- Glenn Harris
- Gloria Herron
- Larry Herron, son of Gloria Herron
- Parker & Cole Hume, nephews of Claudia and Greg Mayer
- Sheila Hurt, friend of Dawn Drost
- Jerry, friend of Jackie Schultze
- Ed Krenz, friend of the Hayford Family
- Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
- Paul Mende, nephew of Charlotte Mally
- Gladys Paine
- Adelyne, cousin of Charlotte Mally
- Jean Reynolds
- Jennifer Smith, niece of Phil Arnold
- Charles Wagner, father of Larry Wagner
- Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey
- Ruby Wood, sister of Gloria Herron
- Marty Verba, mother of Linda Hayford
- Vivian, friend of Charlotte Mally

ST. PAUL SCRIP PROGRAM
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St. Paul Scrip Program

THANKS to the 10 families who participated in our January 8, 2012 Scrip Order. Earnings for the Wachs Fund came to \$141.70. The 2011 earnings check in the amount of \$1,929.27 will be presented to the Wachs Fund by the Board of Community Outreach on Wachs Love Sunday, February 12th.

FEBRUARY SCRIP ORDERS are due in the Scrip Mailbox by 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Sunday (Feb. 12th) and will be ready for Pickup on the following Sunday (Feb. 19th).

This is an **EASY** way to donate to the **Wachs Fund** all year round, with no additional cost to you - just for prepaying for the shopping you would do anyway! The earnings stay in our account! **Please – help with this worthwhile project.**

Details for this program are shown on the back of the Retail/Vendor Lists available in three locations in our church facility. Order Forms are with the lists.

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St. Paul eScrip Program

(This is an entirely different program from the Scrip Program Listed Above!)

We earn money for the St. Paul Wachs Fund just by registering your Dominick's Fresh Values Card with eScrip. Then when you make purchases at any Dominick's store, we get credited with a percentage (%) of your purchase. If you haven't registered your card, we can take care of it for you. **Both programs are sponsored by the Board of Community Outreach.** Questions??

Contact Darlene Vogt, **St. Paul Scrip** & **eScrip** Program Coordinator, downstairs during coffee time on Sundays.

Upcoming Events at St. Paul

Nicaragua Mission Trip Chili Cook Off

Saturday, February 11th

We hope that you will join the team for our final fundraising event prior to our trip - Chili and Dessert Cook Off on Saturday, February 11th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary in Mt. Prospect. At this event we will hold a raffle and silent auction with a wide array of prizes. If you wish to enter your chili or dessert, please sign up on the sign up sheet in GMH. Tickets are purchased at the door. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any team member -Greg Mayer, Mary Doktor, Kim Ferris, Randy and Debbie Everett, Ellen and Amanda Graham.

Feed My Starving Children

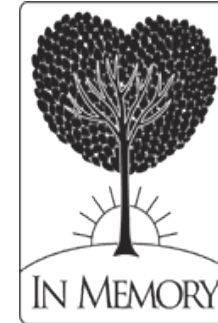
March 3rd

St. Paul has reserved 20 spots in a packing event on Saturday March 3rd at the FMSC location in Schaumburg. Please contact Greg Mayer or the church office if you would like to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in Grosse Memorial Hall.

When: Saturday March 3rd

Where: 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL.

Time: 9:00 – 11:00am



Memorials

The Benos & Shingu Family in memory of George Shingu

Charlotte Mally in memory of Marian Hempel,

and in honor of Gloria Herron and Ethel Baumann

Dick & Jean Kolze in memory of Marian Hempel

Phil & Lynn Arnold in memory of Marian Hempel

From the Health Committee:

Health Kit Donations

Again this year, the team will be purchasing items to assemble health kits to give to people who live at the city dump in Granada, Nicaragua. These people lack so many simple necessities to live a healthy life that we are so blessed to have immediately at our disposal. Envelopes are on the palm tree in GMH for a monetary donation for supplies that will be purchased in Managua, Nicaragua. Envelopes should be given to a team member - Greg Mayer, Mary Doktor, Kim Ferris, Randy and Debbie Everett, Ellen and Amanda Graham.

From The Staff:

A Note from Music Director, Julianne Glesne

December was a busy month! Mary Faust helped put together the Hymnal Supplement that we will use for hymns that are not included in the New Century Hymnal or familiar hymns where the words have been changed. We used the Hymnal Supplement for the Christmas services and the response was positive.

Celtic Christmas, the concert by Jenne Lennon on December 4th, was well attended. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales were given to St. Paul for the Benevolence Fund. The Chancel Choir and Cherub Choir were involved. The children were "angels". They looked beautiful and could not have been better behaved for a long concert! I want to thank to Mary Doktor, Michelle Labonar, Kris Freeman and the parents of the children for their help.

The Christmas Eve Service went very well. Thank-you to our choir director, Jenne Lennon, and the Chancel Choir for their hard work and extra rehearsals. Also thank-you to the Cherub Choir and ALL who were part of the lovely service.

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday February 22nd – Two Services:

9:00 am at St. John UCC of Arlington Heights. Breakfast to follow.

-and-

7:30 pm at Incarnation United Methodist of Arlington Heights.

Maundy Thursday April 5th –

7:30 pm at the Christian Church of Arlington Heights.

Good Friday April 6th -- Two Services

12:00 NOON here at St. Paul.

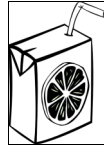
-and-

7:30 pm at the Congregational UCC of Arlington Heights.

From the Community Outreach Board...

"Souper Bowl Sunday" Food Drive

The Board of Community Outreach is kicking off the annual St. Paul "Souper Bowl Sunday" food drive for the Palatine Township Food Pantry. This year, we are asking for donations of juice and juice boxes. Donations are being collected on January 29 and February 5 (Super Bowl Sunday), and can be placed on the table under the clock in Grosse Memorial Hall. Thank you for all your support.



WACHS LOVE SUNDAY February 12, 2012

For over 20 years, we have celebrated *Wachs Love Sunday* on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day at St. Paul. Valentine's Day is a special day set aside each year to make a point of telling special people in our lives that we love and care about them. It is not just a ploy of card and flower vendors. Daniel P. Wachs, a long-time St. Paul member, spent much of his adult life making a point of showing people that he cared about them. He was forever finding ways to help others in one way or another—here at church, within our congregation and within our community. He was the chairman of the Building Committee in 1955 when the St. Paul education wing was built and dedicated so we would have room to teach our children of God's love. You can check out the old newspaper article downstairs on the bulletin board. After his death in 1989, his family created the Wachs Love Fund here at St. Paul to honor his life, and his love of helping others. The Board of Community Outreach received many Wachs Fund requests throughout the year from Palatine residents experiencing great hardship in our difficult economic times. The Wachs Love Fund provided \$3,327 in assistance in 2010 with utility bills, car repairs, rent and housing assistance, and health care needs.

The Wachs Fund is funded in three ways—through participation in the Scrip program that you read about each month in the bulletin and the Scribe. We encourage you to try purchasing Scrip for a couple of months, starting today, for some of the shopping you do each month—for groceries,

prescriptions, clothing, gasoline, gifts, dining out or other entertainment—as well as for gifts you are going to purchase, or the gift cards themselves. You may place your order on the second Sunday of each month, and pick it up on the third Sunday. A percentage of those purchases you make through the Scrip program come right back to the Wachs Love Fund. In 2011, 14 families participated regularly in the program, providing us with a profit of \$ 1927.27, which will be deposited into the Wachs Love Fund this week. Secondly, the Wachs Love Fund benefits each time you shop at Dominicks if you have registered your Dominicks Fresh Values card with Darlene Vogt, or online so a percentage of your shopping goes back to St. Paul's Wachs Fund through their e-scrip program. Please talk to Darlene or any member of the Board of Community Outreach if you have questions.

And, the third way that the Wachs Love Fund is funded is through your generosity on Sunday, February 12, Wachs Love Sunday. There will be envelopes in the end of each of the pews. We ask you to consider giving generously to the Wachs Fund if you are able. The monies collected for the Wachs Love Offering will provide assistance to those in our community who are struggling to survive financially, have experienced a medical, family or job crisis, or have fallen through the cracks of other forms of assistance—the stories are sometimes unimaginable. Please consider giving generously to the Wachs Love Fund, just as Daniel Wachs gave generously of himself throughout his life. Thank you.

Your Board of Community Outreach

Karen Wagner, Kim Cichon, Greg Mayer, Nancy Perry, Holly Petersen, Bob Rogers and Darlene Vogt