The Scribe

St. Paul UCC
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February 2023

Pastor's Pen...

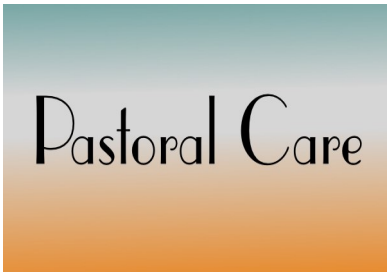
Guess what happens later this month -- we start the countdown to Easter! Now, before you groan about things like holidays and time flying by, just bear with me for a minute. On Wednesday February 22nd we will have a 7:00pm worship service here to mark the beginning of the 40-days of Lent, which themselves are *the* countdown period to Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday April 2nd and culminates with Easter on April 9th.

Why do these 40 days of Lent even matter? Well, it isn't so that you have adequate notice to buy your Easter ham and clean your house for guests. No, the reason for it, rather, is because the church traditionally uses Lent to commemorate when Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fasting and praying. This is why you may see some people "give up" certain things for Lent; they're doing it to personally identify with Jesus. Such people are seeking to grow spiritually. Now, while giving something up or fasting are not actually requirements of us, per se, it *is* a spiritual discipline that some choose to practice. One key to it, though, is to not broadcast it so that others may see how "spiritual" you are (Matthew 6:16-18), but rather it's something that you should keep just between you and God.

Finally, the big deal in all of this is what it represents. Christ *"bore our griefs and carried our sorrows"* and *"he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5). Christ's redemption of humanity was costly; though not to humanity, but to Christ. That is yet another reason why we worship!

David

St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Kim Cichon, Karen Connor (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Ed Doktor, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), and David Mercer (Staff Rep).



Pastoral visitation is available to those who are hospitalized, temporarily laid up at home, or going through rehab at a facility. Because hospitals and other institutions do not notify the church when a patient is admitted, we need for you or your family member to notify us. We will be more than happy to accommodate your request for pastoral care. Please note also that the pastor may be reached for emergencies at (224) 386-6285 (cell phone).

Pastor David's procedure in visiting St. Paul's shut-ins, as well as, those members who have a difficult time getting to church is to offer support, bring Holy Communion (their option) and to let them know we journey together in worship. Pastor David understands that scheduling may depend on frequency of doctor's appointments or the church member's schedule. Visitation is always available, however, as the shut-in member's health and life situation may change and more extensive pastoral care is needed. Any church member or their family member desiring more frequent pastoral visitation, or to be placed on the visitation list in the first place should contact the church office at (847)-358-0399 to make arrangements.

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

The Pastoral Relations Committee Is Available To You!

Do you have an idea, a question, a comment, or a concern that you would like for Pastor David to know about? You have a couple of options available to you. First, you may speak directly with the pastor. Our pastor is here for ALL of St. Paul's members and he welcomes communication from ALL members. If you aren't comfortable in speaking directly with the pastor, however, then your second option is to go through the Pastoral Relations Committee. Their purpose is to foster good relations between pastor and parish through open and thoughtful communication. St. Paul's Pastoral Relations Committee members are: Debbie Everett (Chair); Tom Donat, Jim Frost, and Bob Kolze.

From the Treasurer...St. Paul at a Glance

	December 2022	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET
Revenue	**$47,336.72**	**$251,950.31**	**$230,100.00**
Expenditure	**$20,509.15**	**$273,647.96**	**$262,298.00**
Net Income	**$26,827.57**	**$-21,697.65**	**$-32,198.00**

1 Jen Lech
8 Agnes Warren
14 Tim Doktor
25 Nancy Perry
2 Gail Russell
11 Marty Kennelly Jr
19 Shirley Kolze
26 Lois Roesner
7 Ellen Graham
14 Ellen Magee
19 Lynn Arnold

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

In Memory of Dorothy Altergott

Lynn & Dan Berk
The Cameron Family
Danielle & Uli Johnson
Jill & Tung Tran
Orrin & Gloria Helms
Ron Bochat
Karen & David Whedon
Pat & Bob Kolze
Jean & Harley Chapman
Teresa Adams
Nancy Perry
Judith Walsh
Janet Degner
Roseann & Bill Stenzel
Laurie & Michael Kinney
Sharon Krause
Linda & Bill Balco
Charlotte Mally
Cherrie Wickstrom
Chuck & Barb Oberly
The Eberlin Family
Randy & Debbie Everett
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Cole

In Memory of Ken Kolze

Charlotte Mally
Linda & Ralph Hayford
Cherrie Wickstrom
Roseann & Bill Stenzel
Shirley Kolze
Rev. Dr. James & Ruth Mennerick
Randy & Debbie Everett
Nancy Perry

Our Dear Friends at St. Paul,

Jim and I want to thank you for your comforting cards and healing words on the passing of my brother, Rick Hasselmann. He is at peace now.

Sincerely, Shirley & Jim Schimka

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Brian Altergott, brother of Gary Altergott
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Mary Bloodgood, friend of Mary Faust
Nancy Drost, sister of Russ Drost
Russ & Michael Drost
Jeff Florey
Carol Hannah
Ralph, Matthew, & Michael Hayford
Jerri Helms, daughter-in-law of Orrin & Gloria Helms
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of the Gumms
Larry & Marlene Ingram
Nancy Johnson, friend of Charlotte Mally
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Corry Klipp, friend of David Gumm
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Alfred & Patricia Maruda, parents of Michelle Garcia
Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
Paulette Mohr, aunt of Kim Ferris
Mary Paz
Holly Petersen
Robin Plemich, cousin of Kim Ferris
Dennis Schimka, brother of Jim Schimka
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Kathryn Giles Schuett, sister of Marlene Ingram and Sharon Giles Khan
Jackie Schultze
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Patrick Thorburn, friend of Ed & Mary Doktor

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

February Usher Captain:

Communion Sunday: There is a combo wafer/communion cup on the table as you enter, *(with the bulletins)* please take one and bring to your seat. Thank you!

February Readers:
5: Tom Donat
12: ***Reader Needed***
19: ***Reader Needed***
26: Cherrie Wickstrom

Lectionary for February:
5: Isa 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Cor 2:1-16; Matt 5:13-20**.**
12: Deut 30:15-20; Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Cor 3:1-9; Matt 5:21-37.
19: Ex 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9.
22: 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.
26: Gen 2:15-17;3:1-7; Psalm 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11.

On February 26, 2023, our very own, Attorney Jim Wotal, will join us for a presentation on Estate Planning. He will share information on Probate, Estate Taxes, Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. Whether you need help getting started on creating an estate plan, or you want to update or change your current estate plan, Jim's information will be helpful. Laws change and so do your wishes. Your estate plan should reflect your wishes.
We will meet at 11:15 in the Conference Room on the lower level.

Jim is a licensed Illinois Attorney since 1984, and an Illinois Certified Public Accountant since 1980. His practice is located at 675 North Court, Suite 245, Palatine, Illinois.

Wachs Love Fund was established at St. Paul many years ago for the purpose of helping others that are struggling financially within our congregation and within our wider community. The Wachs Love Fund was set up by the family of Daniel Wachs, a long-time St. Paul member who was always reaching out to help others. The fund was created to offer people a hand up to get out of a bad situation or circumstance. It provides one-time assistance to any individual or family for things like late utility payments or late rent assistance. The fund has also provided support in matters such as winter coats and non-perishable food for in-need high school students, and for other Palatine area charitable foundations such as Journeys.

The Community Outreach Committee, a committee of the Spiritual Life Board, administers the Wachs fund. Community Outreach will also refer people to agencies that can provide additional or longer-term assistance. The fund is supported by the annual Wachs Love Offering on the Sunday nearest Valentine's Day. This year the **Wachs Love Offering will be collected on February 12th.** Envelopes will be by the bulletins in the entryway. Please consider donating to this wonderful cause.

Community Outreach
Mary Doktor, Sue Lech, Lisa Arthur and Karen Connor

On the Lighter Side...brought to you by the Health Committee

Senior Moments...

It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free...and three sizes smaller.

Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.

Tip for a successful marriage: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

Helpful Tip #94587....

If you answer the phone with "Hello, you're on the air!" most telemarketers will quickly hang up...

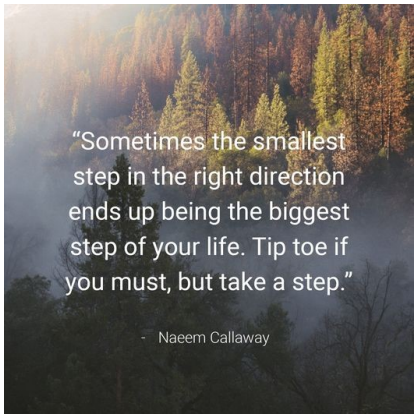
Helpful Tip #94588....

Never yell into one of these.

You'll strain your voice.

If you can't remember why you walked into the room, but you can remember the rest of these jingles...you are my people.

1. "My bologna has a first name"
2. "I don't wanna grow up"
3. "Gimme a break, gimme a break"
4. "The best part of waking up"
5. "Sometimes you feel like a nut"
6. "I'd like to teach the world to sing"
7. "Reach out and touch someone"
8. "If you dare wear short shorts"
9. "They're magically delicious"
10. "Meow, meow, meow, meow"
11. "Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is"
12. "So kiss a little longer. Hold hands a little longer. Hold tight a little longer"



Groundhog Day Word Search

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