The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen...

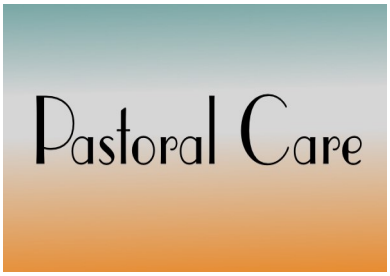
As we are now at the threshold of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, we are once more facing what is really the heart and soul of Christianity. The Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth are what distinguish the Christian faith from mere religiosity or social ethics. Christianity historically teaches that God was Incarnate and tasted death (Hebrews 2:9) on behalf of all people, and then was raised from death. Now, as hard as that is for today's society to swallow, it remains one of Christianity's non-negotiables. The cross and Resurrection are like part of a building's foundation. They are what hold Christianity up. If they were somehow to be removed, then there wouldn't be any point in even taking communion. Christ's death and Resurrection, therefore, are essential not only to make us "good," but also to make us alive.

And so, on Holy Week and Easter we will come. We will come to pray and to observe and to contemplate. We will come to invoke and to serve and to celebrate. We will come to do each of these, and not because we have smug certainty, but rather because we are humbly hopeful. It isn't inconceivable to us that the God who created life, is also perfectly capable of *recreating* it. We are among the people whom the author of the Book of Hebrews wrote as having a faith that *"is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"* (Hebrews 11:1).

This April, I pray that God will fill your life with everything good! I pray that whatever was lost, may be found. I pray that you would receive renewed hope. I pray that the Great I AM (Exodus 3:14) would grant you a new lease on life, and bless you in every way possible! May every good thing that can come from the realms of Glory, come YOUR way this Spring!

David

St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Kim Cichon, Karen Connor , 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.

St. Paul at a Glance

	February 2023	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET
Revenue	**$16,053.77**	**$38,015.65**	**$215,820.00**
Expenditure	**$22,787.78**	**$49,279.87**	**$287,531.00**
Net Income	**$-6,734.01**	**$-11,264.22**	**$-71,711.00**

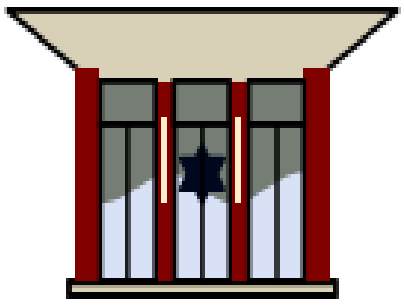
3 Roger Fannin
5 Bobbie Anderson
11 AJ Fong
12 Doris Brztowski
14 Janet Olsen
15 Linn Enockson
19 Roseann Stenzel
20 Mary Doktor
22 CJ Mally
25 Ed Doktor
27 Debbie Everett
30 Sue Lech

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

Kim & Randy Cichon in memory of Ken Kolze & Dorothy Altergott
Mary Ann Leseberg in memory of Ken Kolze

Thanks to all for the cards, calls and prayers. Also, thanks to Rev. Mercer for his visits. The St. Paul congregation is made up of very kind and thoughtful people, you are appreciated.

-Dick Kolze



Save the date: Thursday, April 27th.

The Health Committee invites everyone to visit the Northbrook Community Synagogue in Northbrook to view their exquisite collection of stained glass recovered from other synagogues. We will leave the west parking lot at 10 a.m.. Car pools will be formed. A restaurant will be selected in Northbrook for lunch. A sign up sheet will be posted on the east board around April 8th. Questions? contact Cherrie Wickstrom, 847-632-1941

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
Jan Degner
Nancy Drost, sister of Russ Drost
Russ & Michael Drost
Jeff Florey
Dave Gumm
Carol Hannah
Linda, Ralph, Matthew, & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of the Gumms
Dick Kolze
Larry & Marlene Ingram
Nancy Johnson, friend of Charlotte Mally
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Corry Klipp, friend of David Gumm
Leeland Korman, great nephew of Gary Altergott
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Alfred & Patricia Maruda, parents of Michelle Garcia
Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
Mary Paz
Holly Petersen
Rick Sabatka, friend of the Fausts
Kathy Schuett, sister of Sharon Giles Khan & Marlene Ingram
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Jackie Schultze
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Patrick Thorburn, friend of Ed & Mary Doktor
Beverly Young

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

April Usher Captain: Ralph Hayford

April Readers:
2: Tom Donat
9: David Russell
16: Tom Donat
23: Cherrie Wickstrom
30: Janet Olsen

Lectionary for April:
2: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Matt 21:1-11; Isa 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Matt 26:14-37:66 or Matt 27:11-54.
6: Ex 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2,12-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,31b-35**.**
7: Isa 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:43.
8: Job 14:1-14 or Lam 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42.
9: Acts 10:34-43; or Jer 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt 28:1-10.
16: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.
23: Acts 2:14a,36-41; Psalm 116:1-4,12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.
30: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.

From the Worship Team…

Palm Sunday Worship/Family Service April 2nd @ 10am

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal, April 6th @ 6pm

Good Friday Service, April 7th @ 7pm

Easter Worship Service, April 9th @ 10:00 am
Pancake Breakfast to follow. Free will offering

Beginning the first Sunday in April, St. Paul will be returning to Altar Communion. However, if you are unable to come forward, please know you will still be able to receive communion in the pews.

The St Paul Sunday School class is raising money to purchase baby chicks to give to families who are in need of eggs. We have a basket of plastic eggs in Fellowship Hall that you can place a donation in and then place your egg in the "Nest Basket" to be included in our collection. Thank you to all who support our efforts. Blessings from the St Paul Children

APRIL IS "MOVE MORE MONTH"

"The American Heart Association stresses that with the coming of warmer weather it is time for us all to get outside, get active and do more with our bodies – so our bodies can do more for us in turn. As we work through this pandemic together, an active lifestyle is even more critical to our health, for ourselves, our families and our communities.

MOVING MORE IS YOUR FIRST STEP TO LIVING BETTER!
Physical activity lowers our risk of depression, raises our mental health and improves our muscle and bone health. It also makes our bodies and minds stronger in times of crisis, when we most need our strength to support ourselves and others."

The St. Paul Walkers welcome all who are interested in getting outside and walking once a week. We meet on the track by Cutting Hall each Tuesday at 10:30. No reservations necessary. Walk at your own pace and your own distance. This is a great opportunity to help you get started with regular physical activity. Whether you opt to walk, run, swim, lift weights, ride bikes, etc., get yourself **MOVING**!

STARTING DATE: APRIL 11th - 10:30. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Women's Fellowship Upcoming Events

Please join Women's Fellowship on **May 6th** at 10am to learn more about gardening from our own Bob and Pat Kolze. Coffee and coffee cake will be served. Also, on **May 10th** we will be visiting Kolze's Corner nursery. We will meet in the west parking lot at 9:30. Lunch at Jamieson's to follow. Sign Up sheets are posted in the East Entrance

Attention Ladies, Get your hats ready for a Hawaiian party. Women's Fellowship 5th Annual Tea Party will be held on **Saturday, May 20th** at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass for all of us to share. Friends are welcome! Sign Up sheet is posted in the East Entrance.

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

Some times the shirt says it all...

Actual Church Bulletin Bloopers

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Don't forget Potluck Supper this Saturday, prayer and medication to follow.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10am. All ladies are invited to lunch in Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

If you need to heave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

The peace making meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Aw oh

Hmmm...

Why do Brides Wear White?

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl
whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"
The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness,
and today is the happiest day of her life.'
The child thought about this for a moment then said,
"So why is the groom wearing black?"

April Word Search

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April Fool's Day
Aries
Baseball
Basket
Beginning
Bloom
Bunny
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Chocolate
Earth Day
Easter
Flowers
Green
Grow
Jellybeans
Jokes
Planting
Plow
Puddles
Showers
Spring
Sun
Taurus
Warmer Weather