The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen...

As the month of July is considered the middle of summer for most people; we, as people of conscience, might do well to be aware of the struggle that many of our neighbors have during these summer months. Not all of them get to vacation in a second home, or hop in an RV and go to Mount Rushmore. No, in fact, for several of them, they're wondering how their kids are going to get by without a school lunch. They're also behind in their ComEd electric bill because of childcare costs. For single parent households and low-income families, the summer months are particularly burdensome.

Our St. Paul Community Outreach Committee has long addressed issues like these and our congregation has responded well, but churches cannot solve this by themselves. As a whole society, we really need to have an objective search for solutions and we need to do so without the usual partisan posturing and insults. If we put astronauts on the moon back in 1969, then surely today we can solve matters of the economy, energy, and incentive. I'd like to think that we're still a good enough country that we can do this.

Of course, there are a lot of variables to consider in this, but are those variables above us? Are we so weak that we can't rise to our challenges, both as a nation and as individuals? Perhaps I'm over-simplifying this. Maybe I'm the one who just doesn't get it. But the Old Testament proverb still rings true: *"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people"* (Proverbs 14:34). Believe it or not, human sin is at the root of every problem in society. Therefore, it is all the more important today, for the church to be The Church! May God guide us along that path.

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 Care

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)

Pastoral relations

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.

2 Harley Chapman
6 Dave Freeman
6 Jorie Guenther
7 Evan Fong
8 Jeff Whedon
9 Lisa Kowalski
16 David Russell
22 John Beresheim
31 Jeff DePue
31 Shay Storm

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

memorials & gifts

In Memory of Steve Berg
Karen Connor
Bob & Pat Kolze
Lynn & Phil Arnold

In Memory of Dave Gumm
Bill & Roseann Stenzel
Lynn & Phil Arnold
Jennifer Morgan
Janet Degner
Sharon & Gary Altergott
Sheryl Reynolds
James Frost
Myra Buettner
Mary Gram
Paul & June Gumm
Walter Meyer
Sharon Krause

In Memory of Marlene Ingram
Charlotte Mally

James & Shirley Schimka In memory of our brothers, Dennis Schimka and Rick Hasselmann

St. Paul thank you, there truly are no words to express our gratitude for your love and support during dads illness. Whether you sent a card, called on the phone, sent a text or paid a visit, thank you. When my, Grandpa, Reverend Gumm took a job here in 1945 he couldn't have predicted that he would create a village that would 78 years later continue to support his family. We have been blessed to have the good people of St. Paul in our corner.

Thank you, Melissa Gumm, Julie, Aaron and Aiden Cheatwood and Ruth Waukau

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The Family & Friends of Marlene Ingram
The Family & Friends of Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
Brian Altergott
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Nancy Drost, sister of Russ Drost
Russ & Michael Drost
Jeff Florey
Bonnie Hartmann, cousin of Mary Ann Leseberg
Matthew & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
Larry Ingram
Jennifer, friend of Kris Freeman
Karen, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Corry Klipp, friend of Melissa Gumm
Dick Kolze
Leeland Korman
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Holly Petersen
Kathy & Karen Peterson, friends of the Arnolds
Kathy Schuett, sister of Sharon Giles Khan & Marlene Ingram Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Shay Storm
Beverly Young

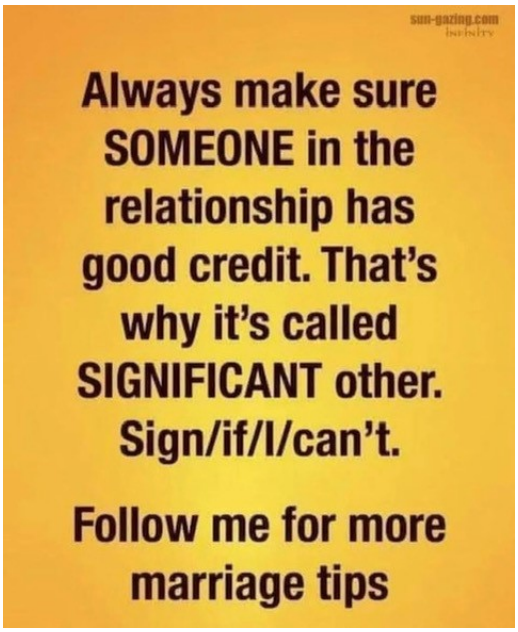
SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

July Usher Captain: David Graham

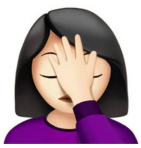
July Readers:
2: Tom Donat
9: Cherrie Wickstrom
16: Reader Needed
23: Reader Needed
30: Reader Needed

Lectionary for July:
2: Gen 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Jer 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4,15-18; Rom 6:!2-23; Matt 10:40-42**.**
9: Gen 24:34-38,42-49; Psalm 45:10-17; Song of Sol 2:8-13; Zech 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-014; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19,25-30.
16: Gen 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Isa 50:10-13, Psalm 65:1-13; Rom 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9,18-23.
23: Gen 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12,23-24; Wisd of Sol 12:13,16-19; Isa 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Rom 8:12-25.
30: Gen 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; Psalm 128; 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Rom 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33,44-52.

Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband ordered me some expensive jewelry, but motorcycle parts came instead. Thankfully they fit his bike...



My wife said, "For Christmas take $200 and buy me a Nativity set and if there's anything left over you can spend it on fishing stuff!"



From the Spiritual Life Board...

You are invited to St. Paul's
"Dinners, Discussions and Desserts"
When: Wednesday, July 19th
Tuesday, August 22nd
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

All sessions will start at 6:00 pm sharing a meal, followed by discussion while enjoying dessert.
Discussions will be Bible-based, yet relevant for our time.
The discussion aspects of these events are not sequential so, if you are unable to attend one, it is not an issue.
Of course, we hope that you would consider attending them all.
There will be a sign up in Fellowship Hall for the events so that we can sufficiently be prepared.
A free offering will be present to help offset the food expense.
We hope to see you there!

Summer Ice Cream Word Search!

C R W N N K X B C B B B O V N T X N X V C U V K E
J O P X L E D E A R U M E N D N R I D A E W B E K
G Q F O K L A V O T A F O U L I V M R B Y T K E D
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Banana	Chocolate	Peach
Brownie	Coconut	Peppermint
Bubblegum	Coffee	Pistachio
Butterscotch	Mango	Pumpkin
Caramel	Maple	Strawberry
Cherry	Neapolitan	Vanilla