The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen...

What do ancient Christians being fed to lions in Rome's coliseum, and secret Christians behind Stalin's "iron curtain", and the modern church in 21st century North America all have in common? The answer is, they're each one *the Church.* They are people who believe that a crucified Galilean was raised from the dead and that he is the Son of God. They may not agree with one another on everything and they certainly don't understand everything, but they are united by their common faith in Christ.

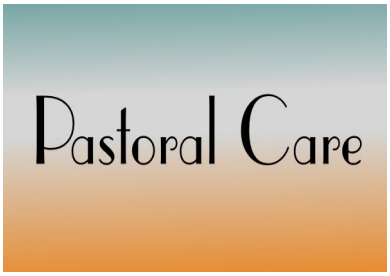
The Church of Jesus Christ is a peculiar entity. We are a collection of folks who typically don't share a whole lot in common, yet to our dying breath we'll stand on the promises of God. That is what unites us. That is also what makes us peculiar, because most other groups in society prefer to gather around principles that are more tangible and more verifiable. But as for us, we believe in things such as the dead being raised and that all persons are made in the image of their Maker. We are people who believe in some pretty incredible things!

The month of September is the gateway to the church's busier time of increased activity and special seasons, in contrast to the lull of the summer months when more of us are scattered to the four winds. **Rally Day** will be on **September 10th** with an outdoor worship service at **10:00am.** Please bring a lawn chair with you, including one for each person in your family or entourage.

Now that many of us are returning from our summer hideouts, it is time once again to focus on being the church together.

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.

9/3 David Whedon
9/4 Sharon Florey
9/4 Melissa Gumm
9/6 Linda Hayford
9/9 Christina Guenther
9/11 Sharon Altergott
9/15 Marla Beresheim
9/18 Pat Kolze

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

memorials & gifts

Jackie Schultze in memory of Steve Berg and Dorothy Mendes
James & Melinda Kirby in memory of Steve Berg
Jim & Shirley Schimka in memory of Steve Berg and Marlene Ingram

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Brian Altergott
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Karen and Carol Douglas
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
Jim, previous co-worker of Jackie Schultze
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
Judy Troutman
Nick Vendafreddo, father of Tom Vendafreddo
Beverly Young

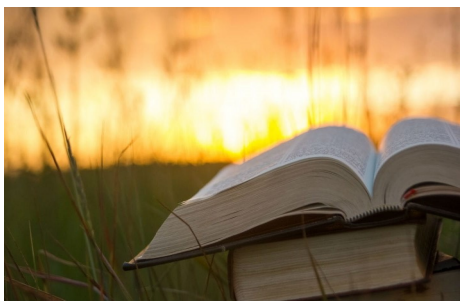
SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

September Usher Captain:
Chuck Oberly

September Readers:
3: Tom Donat
10: Rally Day/ Outdoor
17: Cherrie Wickstorm
24: David Russell

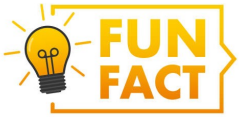
September Projectionists:
3: Jim Wotal
10: N/A Outdoor Service
17: Chuck Oberly
24: Roseann & Bill Stenzel

Lectionary for September:
3: Ex 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b; Jer 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28.
10: Ex 12:1-14; Psalm149; Ezek 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20.
17: Ex 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Gen 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35.
24: Ex 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16.



God bless the little children...

Imagine you're traveling and opening your passport at the airport and boom!!!....😭😭😭



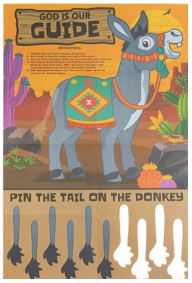
I forgot my cat outside.
I am too scared to let him in now.

This may be my last post

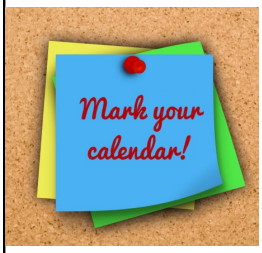
Rally Sunday

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

COME ONE COME ALL - CALLING ALL FAMILIES –
BRING YOUR FRIENDS
RALLY DAY - CELEBRATING BEGINNING OF CHURCH SCHOOL
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th at 10:00



Begins with an outdoor church service at 10:00 – bring your lawn chairs. If you don't have one, call the church office and we will have a folding chair for you. There will be games—for kids of all ages, prizes, crafts, and surprises!!! A picnic lunch will be served.



Health Insurance Presentation

On September 24th the Heath Committee will host an informational meeting on health insurance. Before this meeting it is a good idea to review your current health insurance policy and determine your needs and benefits. Ask yourself if your current policy is serving you well. Check to see if you have a good understanding of your policy and what it covers.

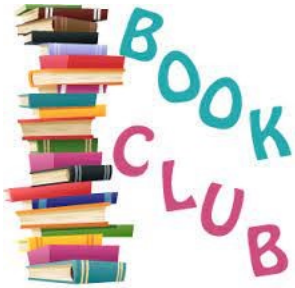
The speaker will provide educational sessions to help people determine the right path to take in determining their health insurance needs. The presentation will include information about Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Prescription Drug Coverage. Additional information regarding dates for Medicare Beneficiaries will also be covered.

Time will be provided to answer any questions you might have regarding your policy. Making decisions about health insurance takes some time and thoughtful consideration. Begin thinking about it soon so that you will be prepared to make changes if needed.

You are invited to St. Paul Taco Dinner and Game Night hosted by Women's Fellowship to be held on Saturday, September 30th starting at 5pm. A sign up sheet is posted in the East Entrance. Gracias!

The Health Committee invites everyone to attend the October outing on Wednesday, October 11th We shall leave the west parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and travel to Jonamac Orchard in Malta, IL. The tour includes cider, doughnut, samples of 8 varieties of apples grown there, You will learn the history of their family owned business and information about growing apple trees. The gift shop sells pies, apples, cider, apple wine, and apple beer.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the east bulletin board. Car pools will be formed. Questions: Cherrie Wickstrom, 847-632-1941



An informal book club has been organized and has several members. If you like to read and share ideas with others you are invited to join us. Gatherings are scheduled about six weeks apart so all have time to read the book. The public libraries, book stores, and kindles are used to access the book. Meetings are casual and comfortable for everyone. Currently we have met on a weekday morning but if there is interest we could meet at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Contact Cherrie Wickstrom, wickchick1@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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