The Scribe

St. Paul UCC
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October 2023

Pastor's Pen.....

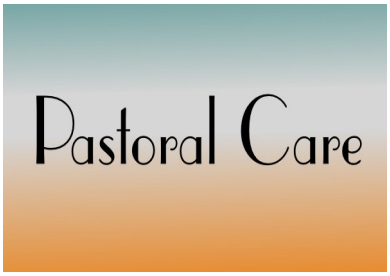
Next month, on **Sunday November 12th** during the worship service, we will have the annual ritual of everyone coming forward and placing their pledge on the altar, for what they intend to give to support the mission of this local church in the coming year. Those who choose to mail in their pledge beforehand will already have had their pledge placed on the altar for them. Then, after the pledges have been brought forward, the congregation will offer up a prayer of consecration.

"Stewardship" is a churchy word for "management." It's all about how we manage those resources that God has infused into our lives. Of course, a large part of that is the financial support of the people towards the work of the church they call "home." Now, for some, they aren't in a position where they can give monetarily. So, instead, they choose to offer their time and talent by volunteering. That is good to do, as well.....I had a Moderator back East who did it that way. Then, for still others, they do it all -- they give, they serve, and they're here even if the creek rises! It takes everyone to make up a church.

It does indeed, take everyone, to make up St. Paul. This over-150-year-old church has been going strong all these years because of people like you! *(What we're trying to do now is work on the next 150.)* This is why your stewardship committee is asking for your support as we move into the Year 2024. We believe that St. Paul has been a real gem in this greater area for many, many generations and we think that it should remain so. Please watch your mailbox for a letter with pledge card which will be mailed out soon.

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.

8 Robert Kraft
12 Jean Chapman
13 Karen Whedon
14 Kathi Wotal
19 Chuck Oberly
22 Dick Kolze
30 Chuck Anderson
30 LeighAnn Fong

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

Karen Springman in memory of Blanche Schug
Mary Ann Leseberg in memory of Marlene Ingram

memorials & gifts

To my wonderful church family, thank you to everyone for the beautiful birthday cards and your kind and thoughtful messages. You made my 90th birthday so special.

Having been a part of the St. Paul Church family my entire life, I have such fond memories of all the wonderful, caring people who have always been a vital part of our church. Our church pews were filled and we had 300-400 members, but we knew and cared about each other. And, we still do.

Thank you so much. With all my love and God's blessings, Mary Ann Leseberg.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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
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
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

October Usher Captain:
Gary Altergott

October Readers:
1: Tom Donat
8: Reader Needed
15: Cherrie Wickstrom
22: Reader Needed
29: Reader Needed

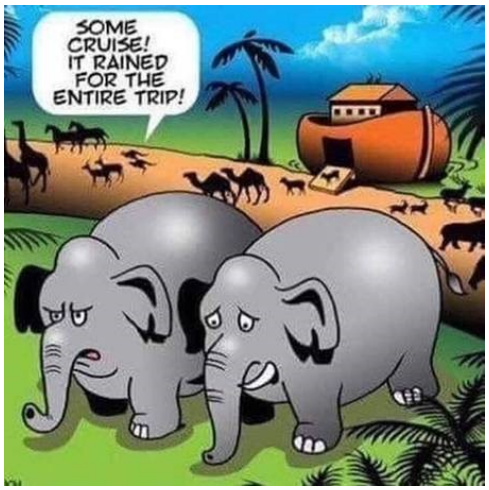
Lectionary for October:
1: Ex 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Ezek 18:1-4,25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32.
8: Ex 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Isa 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46.
15: Ex 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Isa 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14.
22: Ex 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Isa 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1Thess 1:1-10.
29: Deut 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17; Lev 19:1-2,15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46.

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

Atta girl!

You drop something when you were younger, you just pick it up.

When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.



YEP!

FUN FACT

The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in place.

Totenfest Sunday, November 19th

St. Paul will remember and celebrate the lives of the faithful members and loved ones who have died in the past year. Totenfest is a German word that means "Festival for the Dead;" this memorial has roots in All Saints and All Souls days from the medieval church. At this service of remembrance, a candle will be lit as the name of each person is read, celebrating the life of the loved one who passed away **in the past year.**

Should you wish to remember someone who was not a church member, and has passed away in the last year, please complete the printed forms available in the Narthex, or call the church office, so that their name can be included in the worship service. **Please have the completed forms to the church office by Sunday, November 12th. Thank you!**

Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, October 8th after the 10:00 am worship service to discuss 1 N Oak.

Men's Fellowship Group … all St Paul men invited!

We will meet on Saturday, October 21st
Optional Bible Discussion 9am
Dart Ball at 10am
(with coffee and donuts, of course)

Community Outreach News…

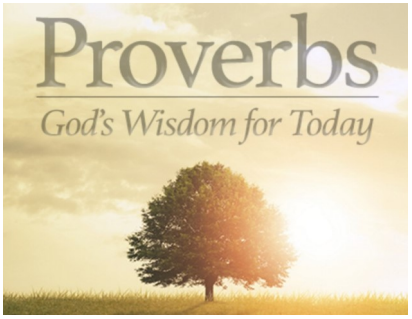
Can we fill the can?

This pho-

Journey's the Road Home is in need of canned goods for their clients. Our Fall project is collecting canned goods for them. Our goal is to fill a large "can" for them. We will be collecting October 15th, 22nd, and 29th. The "can" will be in the east entry way. There will be list of the needs attached to the can and also on the Community Outreach Table near the elevator on the upper-level beginning October 8th.

Other upcoming projects are:
Clean Start for 24 for the Township in January
Oodles of Noodles for Palatine High School in the spring

More info on these projects to follow



"Proverbs With The Pastor"

The Old Testament Book of Proverbs is one of those books that have been called "Wisdom Literature" due to the (often) very practical content that they carry for our day-to-day lives. On six **Thursday** mornings this fall, from **10:00-11:00am**, Pastor David will lead a reading and discussion on the Book of Proverbs. This will be very informal, and very relaxed. While no one will be called on specifically, participants are still encouraged to read the passages ahead of time and if they feel like it, share which proverb was of special meaning for them. **RSVP requested to the church office by Sunday October 8th.** BYOB -- Bring your own Bible. The location will be in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday October 12th 10-11am **Proverbs 1:1-9:18.**
Introduction, Instructions, & Warnings.

Thursday October 19th 10-11am **Proverbs 10:1-22:16**
First Collection of Solomon's Proverbs

Thursday October 26th 10-11am **Proverbs 22:17-24:22**
First Collection of the Words of the Wise

Thursday November 2nd 10-11am **Proverbs 24:23-34 & Proverbs 25:1-29:27**
Second Collection of both, the Wise and King Solomon.

Thursday November 9th 10-11am **Proverbs Ch. 30**
Words of Agur

Thursday November 16th 10-11am **Proverbs Ch. 31**
Words of Lemuel

STEWARDS OF GOD'S EARTH presented by David Russell
Please join me **Sunday October 29 at 11:15am** (Downstairs Conference Room)
for a workshop on climate and our environment.

Topics we will be discussing are:

- **God's creation: Our use or abuse?**
- **Recycling vs Renewing**
- **Solar possibilities**
- **Our water limitations**
- **A "Green" Church?**

October Word Scramble

1. GANREO _____

2. OCREBOT _____

3. RLLCOUOF_____

4. RCAON_____

5. UTNMAU_____

6. KTYAACSH_____

7. STHAERV_____

8. AHNNICGG_____

9. QSSUAH_____

10. OWLELY_____

11. CRNO_____

12. ELALHONEW_____

13. UNPIPMK_____

14. UCENSHTST_____

15. EAKDR_____