The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen...

The 1955 movie *"A Man Called Peter"* has a scene in which the Marshall family is sitting down to dinner. The main course that evening was "hash," which apparently, was not a favorite of Peter Marshall (Sr). When it came time to say grace, Peter deferred to his wife, Catherine, saying to her: *"You'll have to say grace this time, dear. The Lord knows that I'm not grateful for hash, and there's no fooling Him."*

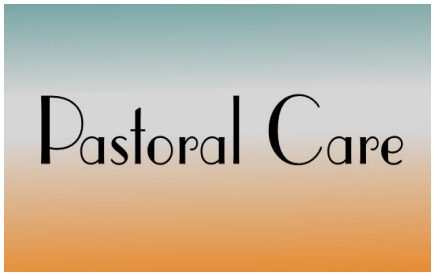
In a way, might that describe all of us? We know that we're supposed to be thankful, but life just dumped a big, steaming pile of hash on our plate! It's during those seasons of life when we much prefer that someone else would bow their head and offer thanks to God, even if it's on our behalf. We know that God brought the cranberry sauce and ornamental corn into our life at various times, but right now all we have is hash.

Well, believe it or not, God is carrying you through those hash seasons in your life! God knows that your life hasn't been all pumpkin pie and whipped cream, and God is also big enough to handle your less-than-jubilant attempts to express gratitude. But, more importantly, God knows you on a soul-deep level. There is no person who knows you as fully as God knows you. And there *is* something to be thankful for in that! Every minute of your life, whether in waking or in sleeping, your very soul is cradled in the arms of the One Whom the prophet Daniel called "*The Ancient of Days.*" The same God who carried the pilgrims on their dark and rough journey on the Mayflower, is the same God who now carries you on yours.

May renewed strength, peace, hope, and eternal joy be yours in abundance!

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.

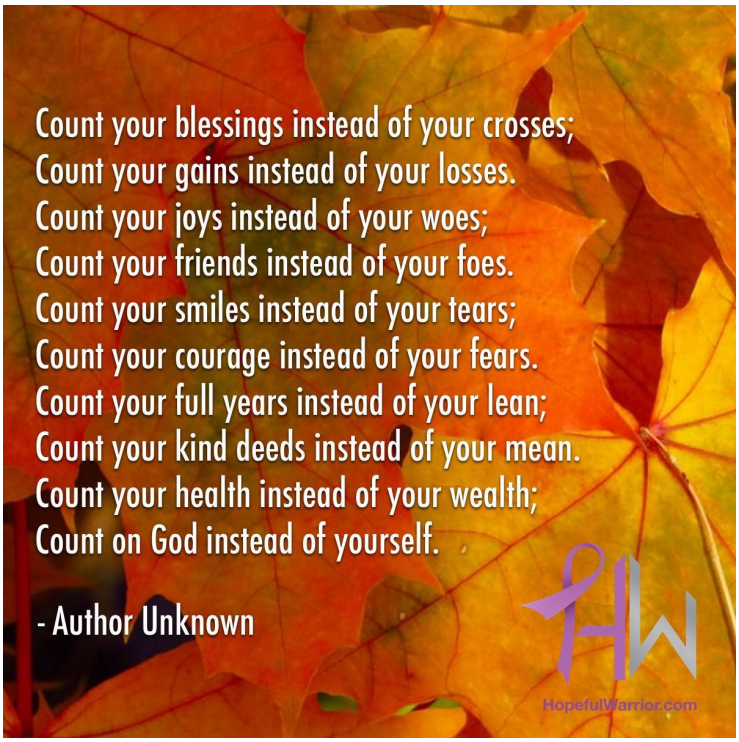
1 Jackie Schultze
19 Randy Cichon
19 David Graham
23 Carol Hannah

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

I wanted to extend my appreciation to all for your cards and well wishes. St. Paul consists of many kind and caring members. Thank you for your kindness, cards, thoughts and prayers.

Blessings to all, Dick Kolze

From the Health Committee...



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

November Usher Captain:
David Graham

November Readers:
5: Tom Donat
12: reader needed
19: n/a- Totenfest
26: Janet Olsen

Lectionary for November:
5: Josh 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37; Mic 3:5-12; Psalm 43: 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12.
12: Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; Wis of Sol 6:12-16; Amos 5:18-24; Wis of Sol 6:17-20; Psalm 70; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13.
19: Judg 4:1-7; Psalm 123; Zeph 1:7,12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30.
23: Deut 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Cor 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19.
26: Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; or Ezek 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

2024 Offering Envelopes

The 2024 Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex **during the months of November and December**. Please note some envelope numbers have changed due to consolidation. If you know of someone who is unable to attend worship, please feel free to take them with you and drop them off. **Thank you!**

The **2024** Bulletin sponsor sign up sheet and envelopes are **in the Narthex.** The cost is $40 per month. Please fill out the sign up sheet, take a designated envelope, place your donation inside and you can either mail it in or drop it in the collection plate on Sunday. You can also call the church office and Mary can sign you up as well. Thank you!

Totenfest Sunday, November 19th

St. Paul will remember and celebrate the lives of the members and loved ones who have died in the past year. 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!**

FYI—From the Safety and Security Task Force

CHURCH SECURITY

The outside door at the east entrance will be locked shortly after the end of the service on Sundays. If you leave and need to return to the building, you will have to knock on the windows in Fellowship Hall to get help. You could also let one of the monitors know you will need to get back in. This is being done to ensure the safety of the congregation during coffee hour.

Women's Fellowship

All Women Invited to.....

Women's Fellowship Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 St Paul Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch - dessert – coffee – tea will be provided We will be making Christmas gifts for the children who attend the Christmas Eve service. All materials will be provided. Please sign up at the East Entrance. Thank you. (Friends are always welcome)

Blessings,
Linda Hayford & Dee Langguth

The Holidays are upon us … Below is an order form If you would like to order a Poinsettia plant to help decorate our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season (starting December 3rd). We will be ordering 7" pots @ $15.00 each. Please make checks payable to St. Paul. Please turn in your order forms to the church office. Thank you! (there are additional order forms in the Narthex)

DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

Name: _____

In Memory of:_____

Honor of: _____

Number of Plants: Red _____ White ____ Pink _____ x $15.00@ = _$_____(total)

You may pick up your plants any time after the Christmas Eve service

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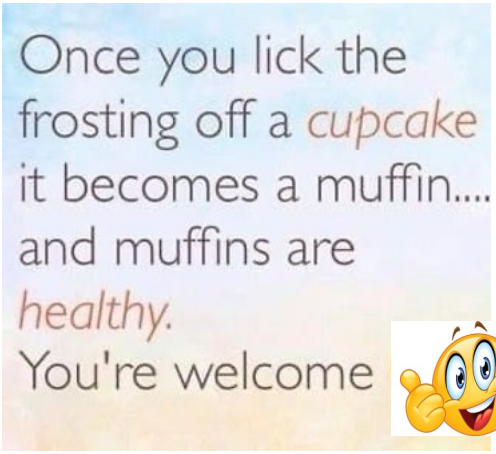
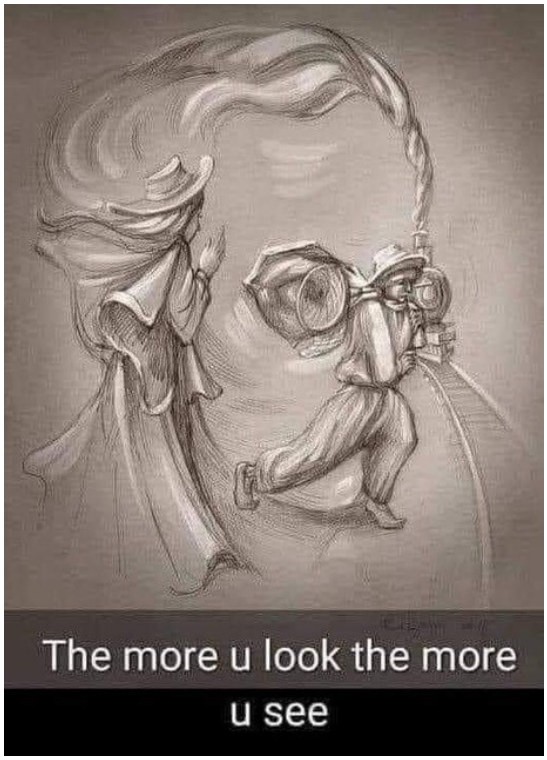
Christmas Decorating

Your help is needed to decorate the Sanctuary for this holiday season. Please join us on **Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 am.** It is expected to take about 2 hours to complete pending the amount of help present. Please consider helping us. And we will be setting up our new "shorter" Christmas tree, so should be much easier to decorate.

See Debbie Everett for details or questions. Thank you!



I STOOD WAVING TO MY NEIGHBOR FOR 10 MINUTES THIS MORNING BEFORE REALIZING SHE WAS CLEANING HER WINDOWS



St. Paul Community,

We take care of things (and each other), all the time! Being a caretaker, guardian, manager or steward are all roles we know and have probably played. Stewardship comes from that Olde English act of being a keeper of the house. This is just who we are. We are the keepers of the church we know as St. Paul UCC, Palatine, IL. Being stewards of St. Paul is also part of who we are as followers of Jesus.

Being stewards means investing ourselves into the life and future of St. Paul. Remember that parable (Mt. 25:13-27) Jesus told about the master who entrusted his property to his servants. One received 5 talents, another 3, and the last received 1. I like this story for the message of investing that the servant-stewards did or did not do. The master returns from his trip and discovers that the stewards with 3 and 5 talents each doubled their master's investment, but the steward with one talent had hidden the master's investment in a hole.

We are given, each of us, God-given talents to invest in the life we're privileged to have. We are called to use what we have been given to help build our church and community; to invest ourselves in the life of our faith community, not to bury our talents, our gifts.

Today's world has changed so much and is still changing. All of these cultural shifts affect our church as well as us. This is exactly when we need to use our gifts to keep St. Paul alive and thriving. Facing this new environment is the challenge of our time. To do that, we need to utilize, invest and steward our gifts so, with God's help, we can find our way forward in this changing world.

Pledge your gift for 2024, good and faithful steward.

-Your 2024 Stewardship Team

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Coming December 3rd!

Your TPRIC team is introducing a new program at St Paul. It's called Messy Church! So, what is Messy Church you ask, it's about people coming in all their mess, their messy lives and messy families and just coming as they are experiencing God who loves them, and enjoying Christian Community. It is a form of church that involves creativity, celebration, hospitality and mission. It's a church for people at ALL stages of their faith journey and of ANY age, children, adults, young and old.

Please plan to join us on December 3rd from 4:30 - 6:30 for our first Messy Church. Our theme is: **"Welcome Jesus, light for the world!"** More info to follow so watch your future Sunday bulletins and next Scribe!

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