The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen...

There are two things that can help us get through the month of February, if only we'll keep them in mind: (1). *Spring officially begins next month!* and (2). *Easter is next month, also.* Just keep thinking about those two things, reminding yourself that we are on the downward slope away from snow and ice, and toward warm sunshine and dandelions on your lawn!

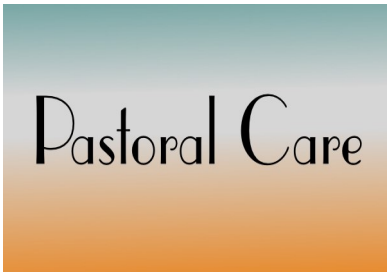
The earth has a way of cycling through things and renewing itself. That's the way that God created it. Only God could make something that can become new and fresh, even though it's four and a half billion years old!

So, as we look forward to the shift from one season to the next *(I mention this in order to sound hopeful, because February can be brutal!)* let's each think of ways that we can show due appreciation to God for the magnificent earth that God has created. Maybe that means taking extra care to properly dispose of old motor oil, or cans of paint. Perhaps it involves participating with others in roadside trash pick-up. And, it might mean support of lobbying for responsible waste management by ocean-going vessels. There is more than one way to manifest proper treatment of God's good earth.

Winter cold doesn't last forever. Eventually it gives way to the renewal of Spring. The life-giving benefits of the earth's tilt will be upon us before we know it! Therefore, may we treat her with all of the consideration that she deserves.

David

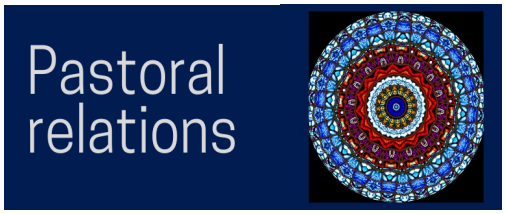
St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Karen Connor (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Ed Doktor, Tom Donat, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Robert Kraft and David Mercer (Staff Rep).



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.

February Birthdays

1 Jen Lech
2 Gail Russell
7 Ellen Graham
11 Marty Kennelly Jr
14 Ellen Magee
14 Tim Doktor
19 Shirley Kolze
19 Lynn Arnold
25 Nancy Perry
26 Lois Roesner

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

We are reinstituting our winter monthly get togethers for a meal at a local restaurant. As you may recall prior to Covid, we were meeting during the months of January through March at The Tap House in Palatine. The following dates below remain for this winter. We hope that you will consider joining us for an evening of fellowship and laughter. Everyone is responsible for paying for their own meal and beverage.

Location: Rep's Place (near the Jewel) 3200 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows

Dates: Wednesday, February 21 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 21 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Wachs Love Fund was created over 25 years ago in honor of Daniel Wachs who was a long time member of St. Paul. He was an advocate of supporting those in need in the Palatine area. The Wachs Fund provides one-time support to people within the St. Paul family and Palatine Township households that are experiencing financial hardships and contact St. Paul for assistance. The support could be as small as a gas gift card for travel to care for a sick relative, a grocery gift card so a family will have food on the table, housing payments so someone has a roof over their head or heating gas to keep a family warm. Wachs also supports local not-for-profit charities such as Palatine Food Pantry and Journeys.

The Community Outreach fundraiser occurs once a year and is held on the Sunday closest to Valentines Day. This year the Wachs Love Fund is being held on February 11th. Please prayerfully consider donating to this wonderful fund that provides support to those in need. Envelopes will be next to the bulletins on Sunday Feb 4th and Feb 11th.

Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

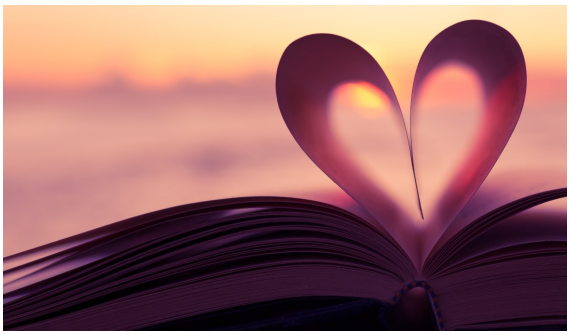
The Family & Friends of Fred Welstead
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Karen and Carol Douglas
Nick & Mike Drost
Ed, cousin of Jackie Schultze
Jeff Florey
Bonnie Hartmann, cousin of Mary Ann Leseberg
Bob Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Shimka
Matthew & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
Larry Ingram
Jennifer, friend of Kris Freeman
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Dick Kolze
Leeland Korman
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Patty and Kassie, friends of Sharon Khan
Alfred & Patricia Maruda
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost, Dawn's son
Carl Nichols, uncle of Melissa Gumm
Holly Petersen
Kathy & Karen Peterson, friends of the Arnolds
Kathy Schuett, sister of Sharon Giles Khan
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Bonnie Stallone, daughter of Jim & Shirley Schimka
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Judy Troutman
Nick Vendafreddo, father of Tom Vendafreddo
Beverly Young

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

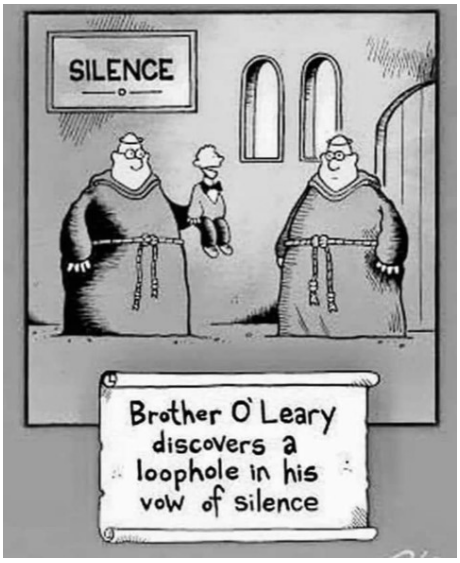
February Usher Captain:
Gary Altergott

February Readers:
4: Tom Donat
11: Reader needed
18: Cherrie Wickstrom
25: Janet Olsen

Lectionary for February
4: Isa 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11,20c; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.
11: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.
14: Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Isa 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:1-6; Matt 6:1-6,16-21.
18: Gen 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.
25: Gen 17:1-7,15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Rom 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38; Mark 9:2-9.

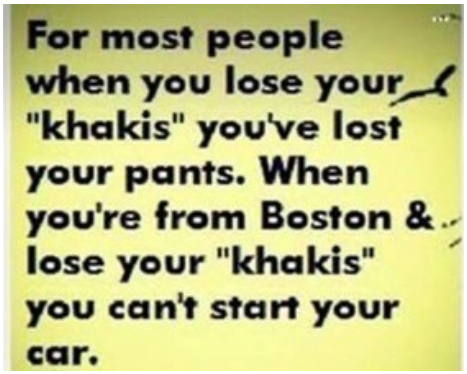


***On the Lighter Side*...brought to you by the Health Committee...**



Or should this say Brother *O'Gary?*

And from the East coast...



Winter Word Scramble

(Unscramble the letters to find the Winter words from the list below)

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t e e s l	_ _ _ _ _
e b e r n a i h t	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Word List: blizzard earmuffs fireplace groundhog hibernate mittens sleet snowflakes snowman sweater toboggan warmth