The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen.....

What is your deepest longing and your greatest fear? What do you desire most and what do you fear most? Inextricably tied together, these are not questions about fantasy, but rather about the soul. If you're like 99.9% of people, your longings and fears are rooted in the ultimate matters of life and death. Like Job, you raise the question, *"If a man dies, shall he live again?"* (Job 14:14).

Holy Week and Easter are when the church wrestles with these whole notions. During this season, the word "gospel" gets uttered a lot, and the lectionary readings delve into matters of dying and rising. Such is the time that we're on the cusp of right now.

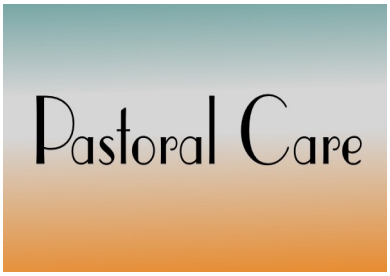
Frequently mentioned yet seldom defined, the word "gospel" seems to waver among all sorts of meanings; it has been applied to everything from social action to the simple act of being nice to people. By far, the best definition that I've heard, however, comes from Wartburg Seminary Professor Craig Nessan who wrote: *"...the message of Jesus crucified and risen from the dead by which salvation from sin, evil powers, and death had been won."* (Pg. 3, *Beyond Maintenance To Mission: A Theology Of The Congregation* 1999, Fortress Press. Minneapolis)

The gospel speaks to humanity's deepest longings and greatest fears, because the gospel is God's answer to human frailty. This is exactly why the church gathers all over the world each Sunday and goes through all those rituals that seem strange to the uninitiated. We gather because we're trusting in a Promise!

I'll see you in worship!

David

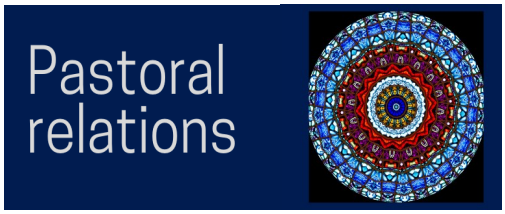
St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Karen Connor (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Tom Donat, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Robert Kraft and David Mercer (Staff Rep).



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.

March BIRTHDAYS

2 Ryan Kennelly
12 Nancy Finke
17 Jan Degner
6 Steve Barr
16 Jim Frost
28 Bev Enockson

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

Ellen & David Graham in memory of Fred Welstead
Chuck & Barb Oberly in memory of Fred Welstead & Russ Drost
Nancy Perry in memory of Fred Welstead
Bob & Pat Kolze in memory of Fred Welstead
Jim & Shirley Schimka in memory of Fred Welstead

****Our 3rd Get Together will be at the Tap House located in downtown Palatine Road on Thursday, March 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.****

If you are able to attend, please sign up on the sign up sheet located at the East entrance no later than Sunday, March 17th.

A great big thank you to my family and friends and staff at St. Paul who are helping me by enlarging the print of the music, of the bulletins, and providing rides to church. It means a lot and it is so appreciated! God bless all of you for your love, concern, and care.

Charlotte E. Mally

Last December your TPIRC team introduced Messy Church, which is about people coming in all their mess, their messy lives and messy families and just coming together as they are experiencing God who loves them, and enjoying Christian Community. It's a church for people at ALL stages of their faith journey and of ANY age, children, adults, young and old. Their first Messy Church gathering with dinner was held, please see the pictures below. *(Pictures courtesy of Cherrie Wickstrom)*

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Elliott Doktor, grandson of Ed & Mary Doktor
Karen and Carol Douglas
Nick & Michael 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
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost, Dawn's son
Carl Nichols, uncle of Melissa Gumm
Ethel Otto
Holly Petersen
Kathy & Karen Peterson, friends of the Arnolds
John Riley, friend of Melissa Gumm
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

March Usher Captain:
Randy Everett

March Readers:
3: Tom Donat
10: Gary Altergott
17: Janet Olsen
24: Cherrie Wickstrom
31: Reader Needed

Lectionary for March
3: Ex 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Cor 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.
10: Num 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,7-22; Eph 2:1-10, John 3:14-21.
17: Jer 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-2; Psalm 119:9-16; Heb 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.
24: Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-16.
28: Ex 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2,12-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,31b-35.
29: Isa 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hen 10:16-25; Hen 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:2-29:42.
30: Job 14:1-14; Lam 3:1-9,19-24; Psalm 31:1-4,15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66, John 19:35-42.
31: Acts 10:34-43; Isa 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1,2-14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Acts 10L:34-43; John 20:1-18; Mark 16:1-8.

Palm Sunday Worship Service
March 24th @ 10am

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal, March 28th @ 6pm

Good Friday Service, March 29th @ 7pm

Easter Worship Service, March 31st @ 10:00 am

Once again the Spiritual Life Board will be hosting the Annual Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast after the 10am worship service. Please join us for some great pancakes and fellowship. Free will offering.

Please join us on **Saturday, March 9th at 4:30** in Fellowship Hall for Chili Dinner and Bingo!
Please sign up on the sheet in the East Entrance to bring in your award winning chili, cornbread, favorite salad or dessert of choice. Also, to make it more fun, bring in a white elephant item for prizes. We will supply the sour cream, shredded cheese and diced onions and of course... BINGO!!

Mark your calendars… Women's Fellowship will be holding their Annual Ladies' Tea on **Saturday, May 4th** with a Kentucky Derby theme. Watch future Announcements for more information.

Heiffer International Project…During the Lenten Season the children of St. Paul Church will be collecting donations to purchase goats to help families help themselves. A basket of eggs is located in Fellowship Hall. Please leave your gift in an egg and place it in our basket. Make checks payable to St Paul UCC with *Heiffer Project* on the memo line. Thank you for supporting the youth at St. Paul!

Goat Fun Facts:

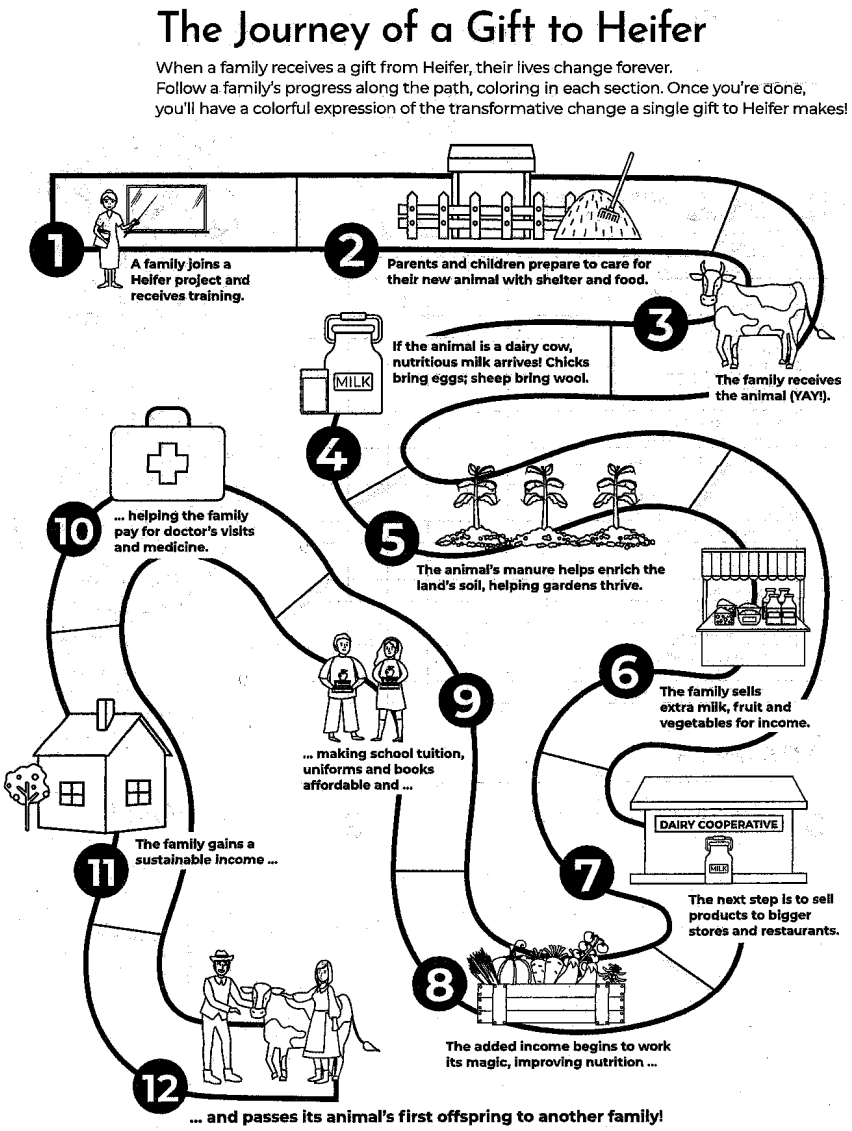
Goats discovered coffee beans

Their lifespan is 8-15 years

Goats can weigh up to 230 pounds!

Goats produce one gallon of milk a day!

They are the most requested animal by donors



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

When older people say, "Enjoy them while they are young." They are talking about your knees and hips not your kids.

Brain cells die, skin cells die, even hair cells die.

But FAT CELLS... must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior because they seem to have eternal life.

Some days
I amaze myself.

Other days, I put my keys in the fridge.

Troubled Parent Posted...
THIS MORNING MY KID SAID THEIR EAR HURT AND I SAID ON THE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, SO THEY WALKED OUT THE FRONT DOOR, CAME BACK IN & SAID BOTH. MOMENTS LIKE THIS GOT ME WONDERING IF I'M SAVING TOO MUCH FOR COLLEGE..

Since we're on a roll...

Spring Word Jumble

FLIAFDDO _____

RSHWSOE_____

MARW_____

ULLARBME_____

AYISD_____

TLERFYTUB_____

GGES_____

NRIBOAW_____

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TIEK_____

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Word key: April, birds, butterfly, daffodil, daisy, eggs, flowers, grass, green, hatch, kite, March, rainbow, season, showers, sprout, sunshine, tulip, umbrella, warm, weather