The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen.....

At the end of every theatrical performance, there is a final moment known as "the curtain call." That is when all of the actors come out on stage, join hands, and receive applause from the audience. As every theater goer has noticed, there is a lot of equity in the curtain call. The show is over, and each of the characters now stand there together on equal footing. Prince and pauper stand out there together, their hands joined in solidarity. So also does the builder and the building code inspector.....The swindled and the swindler.....The victim and the criminal.....The hero and the villain. They *all* stand there together, finally as one. The dead are alive again, all wounds are healed, all thirst is quenched, and all relationships are mended. Curtain calls can give one a sense of triumphant relief in that they communicate something transcendent; they seem to point to an ultimate reality that lies beyond the script and the scope of the play itself.

Seeing one of those curtain calls always makes me think of the Day of our Lord, when Christ returns and consummates history as we know it. Right now, it's hard for us to imagine what that's going to look like, but it's a basic tenet of our faith nonetheless. I've always imagined it as a "curtain call" of sorts. It will be when the proverbial lights come on, and each of the characters are brought back out on stage. They will come from wherever they happen to be when Christ calls. They will come from their graves and from their sickbeds. They will come from palaces and prisons, alike. Soldiers will lay down their weapons and bakers will lay down their rolling pins.....and they will all come, together. The drama will be over, the lights will be on, and life's mysteries will finally be understood. That may have been what Paul was alluding to when he wrote: ***"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known."*** (1 Corinthians 13:12)

My analogy is inadequate, but it's the best that I can come up with. I know that the Last Day won't play out *exactly* like a curtain call, because the scriptures also speak of God's judgment. But we should know that time and space, mortality and eternity, mercy and judgment....are each in God's hands. This life that we're in at the moment, is not all that there is. At some point, Christ is going to turn the lights on and call the characters back out on to the stage. And then we will finally understand life's hard mysteries. We will grasp then what we cannot grasp now.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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 Care

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.

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12 Phil Arnold
16 Kim Cichon
16 Randy Everett
18 Bob Kolze
18 Cheryl Goodrich
21 Dee Langguth
21 Kathy DePue
23 Kyra Graham
23 Barb Oberly
24 Carrie Kerlin
28 Lillian Kroll

Milestone 90th Birthday
3 Charlotte Mally

Many thanks to the St. Paul family and friends who supported
Randy and me throughout the years.
Your care, compassion, and prayers are very much appreciated.

With much love and gratitude, Kim

In Memory of Randy Cichon

Barb & Chuck Oberly
Linda& Ralph Hayford
Debbie & Randy Everett
Richard Kolze
Rev. James & Ruth Mennerick
Ron Bochat
Kristin & David Freeman
Shirley Kolze
Shirley & Jim Schimka
Gloria & Orrin Helms
Sharon & Gary Altergott
Cherrie Wickstrom
Nancy Perry
Thomas & Anna Mennerick
Paul Pratt
Debbie Esmail
Ralph, Sandi & Taylor Romeo
Debbie & Mary at Shear Pleasure
The Sanfilippo Family
Jim, Lora & Alden Horvath
Cindy Kile
Sharon Florey

Tim & Dawn Pisarski
Jim Frost
Julie Ercoli
Dr. Kerry Wilson
Jim & Lena Torsiello
Maureen O'Brien
Josphine Cunningham
Tony & Kathy Jungblut
Michelle & Jasiel Garcia
Chuck & Carol Mollenkamp
Mike & Tansy Donovan
Jack Kolze
Dan Weis
Donna Rafferty
Rick & Maralyn Kolze
Al & Nancy Blohm
Rich & Dorothy Krabbe
Bill & Carol Hennings
Bill & Rosann Stenzel
Jackie Schultze
Charlotte Mally

In Memory of Fred Welstead

Jackie Schultze

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Karen and Carol Douglas
Nick & Michael Drost
Ed, cousin of Jackie Schultze
Elena, daughter-in-law of Mary Carlisle
Jeff Florey
Bob Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Shimka
Matthew & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
Larry Ingram
Ashley Karr, friend of the Everetts
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Dick Kolze
Jay Kolze, nephew of Bob & Pat Kolze
Leeland Korman
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Stan Lech, brother-in-law of Sue Lech
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost
Ethel Otto
Holly Petersen
John Riley, friend of Melissa Gumm
David Sutton nephew of David Russell
Kathy Schuett, sister of Sharon Giles Khan
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Sharon, neighbor of Bob & Pat Kolze
Bonnie Stallone, daughter of Jim & Shirley Schimka
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Nick Vendafreddo, father of Tom Vendafreddo
Beverly Young
Rosann friend of Sharon Khan
Cherrie Wickstrom

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

July Usher Captain:
David Graham

August Readers:
4: Tom Donat
11: Gary Altergott
18: Kim
25: Gary Altergott

August Greeters:
4: Bill and Rosann Stenzel
11: Dee Langguth
18:Sue Lech
25: Janet Olsen

Lectionary for August:
4: Psalm 78: 23-29, Ephesians 4: 1-16 , John 6: 24-35
11: Psalm 130, Ephesians 4: 25-5:2, John 6: 34, 41-51
18: Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6: 51-58
25:Psalm 84, Ephesians 6: 10-20, John 6: 56-69

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Summer Choir

The current choir members and I would like to invite you to join us for casual summer choir rehearsals. We'll be meeting in the choir room from 1:00p.m.until 2:00p.m.on the following Wednesdays: August 7, and August 14. The choir will not be singing at any Sunday morning services during the summer, rather we'll be keeping our voices in tune and working on vocal techniques.

Please feel free to join us on any (or all!) of these dates.

<u>Regular Choir practice will begin August 28th at 4:15pm</u>

Michelle Nunez

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<u>Coffee Hour</u>

Everyone seems to enjoy the fellowship, coffee and especially the goodies after the service.
In order to keep these goodies coming, the Coffee Hour sign up needs your help.

<u>How can you help?</u>

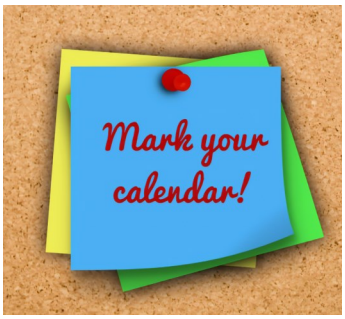
- **Simply sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.**
- **If you don't want to bake something, store bought items are just as good and appreciated.**
- **You might consider partnering with another member.**

Please remember that if you are not familiar with making coffee and tea or setting up the goodies, others are always present to assist you. As a common saying today, "it's easy, peasy" for you

Rally Day :

Sunday September 8th

Church 10:00
Lunch 11:30
Games-Prizes-Music on Lawn
Weather permitting



Messy Church-

"Fall for Jesus...He Never Leaves"

Sunday September 29th 3:30

Fun-Faith-Crafts-Songs-Story-Dinner
Bring Friends
ALL ARE WELCOME

We can always use your help....
Sign up East Entrance

So when these Electric Car's batteries overheat and burst into flames, is it still considered a zero emissions car? Asking for a friend.

Note to Self:

Do not sit on the floor without a plan on how to get back up.

Why must I prove that I am me to pay my bills over the phone? Do strangers call to pay my Bills? And if they do, why don't you let them?