



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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Pastor's Pen.....

For much of society, the month of October is typically the countdown to Halloween. Temporary costume shops pop up in otherwise struggling shopping plazas all across the country, and bright orange pumpkins fill up cardboard bins at grocery stores and roadside farmstands. I'm not necessarily opposed to such things, as I took my own son trick-or-treating when he was a child. But for those of us who are admitted "theology nerds," the month of October has a very different meaning. For us, rather, October is the countdown not to Halloween, but to **Reformation Day**. For it was on **October 31, 1517** when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was that moment in history that has traditionally been recognized as the start of the Protestant Reformation.

All Protestants, not just Lutherans, may trace their ecclesiastical heritage to Luther. While other voices such as Jan Hus preceded him, it was Luther who (*Aided by the recently developed printing press*) caused a rapid snowball effect all across Western Christendom. While people had long been led to believe that one is saved only by purchasing indulgences and doing whatever the church told them to do, Luther stood up and said "*No! Enough!*" to all of that. Luther, rather, pointed the church back to its Pauline roots and declared that one is saved only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ – and not by whatever a priest says.

Luther (*Who was himself, a priest*) tried to steer the church away from its clericalism and get back to the plain text of the Bible, which pointed to Christ and to Christ alone, as the way of salvation. Luther understood full well that Christ is the foundation and cornerstone of the church, and he wanted everyone else to grasp that, as well. I think Luther would be disappointed by the pastor-worshipping that goes on in some corners of Christianity today, but it's still not too late for the church everywhere to recover the important principles that he taught. One of those is ***Solus Christus***, which is Latin for "Christ alone."

Church is about Christ, Emmanuel – God with us (*As we'll hear about very soon during Advent!*). And no person, place, or thing should ever be allowed by God's people to occupy that spot that belongs to Christ. This October, let us remember those lessons that our brother Martin Luther left with us just over 500 years ago. They haven't gone out of style, and they never will!

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](tel:2243866285) (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](tel:8473580399) 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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8 Robert Kraft
 12 Jean Chapman
 13 Karen Whedon
 14 Kathi Wotal
 19 Chuck Oberly

22 Dick Kolze
 24 Janet Walter
 30 LeighAnn Fong
 30 Chuck Anderson

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



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

4:30 pm – ST. PAUL - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring.....

White Elephant Gift – something you no longer want that is gathering dust! Please wrap it.

Hors d'oeuvre or Dessert – please sign up

Drink of choice – wine is fine – coffee and tea provided

A friend



Have you signed up for Coffee Hour?

If not, now is your chance!

Bake or buy some goodies at the store!

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

We appreciate your help!!



St. Paul UCC supported Journey's with a brick purchase.



When you place a Raise Right (Scrip) order you receive gift cards you want/need and in return your purchase helps the community outreach program to help support those in need that do not meet the criteria of the Wachs program.

There are so many cards available! Restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, retail stores and more. If there is a place you shop regularly consider buying gift cards.

Also, Christmas is coming, what a great gift for those hard to buy for teens or college students. Buy in October, November and December to put less stress on your budget!!

It is so easy to do, just fill out the form that is available at church. Popular stores are listed, but if you go to www.raiseright.com you can see the entire list of cards that are available. Please write that store in the right column of the order form, attach your payment and slip it in the Raise Right (Scrip) box outside the church office.

The second Sunday of each month is when Raise Right orders are due.
The third Sunday is when the Raise Right orders are distributed.

For October:

Oct. 13 Raise Right orders are due

Oct. 20 Raise Right orders are distributed

Below is the Raise Right (Scrip) form that is on the table by the front of church and on the table by the church office above the mailbox.

| St Paul United Church of Christ/Palatine, IL | | | Date | | |
|---|-----|-------|----------------|-----|-------|
| Name | | | email or phone | | |
| Check # | | | Order total | | |
| Common products | QTY | Total | Product | QTY | Total |
| Amazon \$10.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Amazon \$100.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Amazon \$25.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Dairy Queen \$10.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Jewel Osco \$100.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Jewel Osco \$50.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Mariano's (IL) \$100.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Mariano's (IL) \$50.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Starbucks \$25.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee | | \$ | | | \$ |
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| Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee | | \$ | | | \$ |
| Walgreens \$100.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |
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| Walmart \$50.00 | | \$ | | | \$ |



The Health Committee invites everyone to the Fall Luncheon to be held on:

Wednesday, October 9th, at 11:30 a.m.
The location will be in the dining room at
Makray Memorial Golf Club,
1010 S. Northwest Hwy.,
Barrington, IL 60010.

(Be advised the dining area is three steps down)

We shall order from the menu and have separate checks.
20% gratuity will be added to each check. Guests are
welcome.

Sign up sheet is on the corkboard at the East
Entrance.

Please call Debbie at the church office if you need
transportation
847-358-0399



Senior Health Fair

Wednesday, October 23, 2024
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Palatine Senior Center
505 South Quentin Rd.
Palatine, IL 60067

The Health Committee will
send a gift card to college
students away from home as
well as individuals in the
service.

If you want to have a card
sent to a family member
please let us know.

These cards will be sent in
Oct. and Feb.

Please call Jackie Schultze
at 847-995-1539 to
request a gift card.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Youth members, Pastors, lay leaders, church members, earth lovers
ALL INVITED!

A Pilot Project to develop a CLIMATE CAMP in 2025

Friday November 8, 5pm to Saturday November 9, 1pm
Pilgrim Park Conference Center, 26449 1340 N Ave. Princeton, IL

Led by Rev. Michael Mulberry, a coordinator for the UCC Great Lakes Creation Collaborative

All ages, especially youth, invited to:

Build climate change awareness

Advocate for Climate Justice

Brainstorm plans for '25 Climate Camp at Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center

REGISTRATION

Go to <https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com/> and register under Intergenerational Camps 2024.

Cost is \$140 person (includes: 1-night lodging; 3 meals; registration fee: and pilot project expenses)...

Scholarships are available, contact OutdoorMinistries@ilucc.org

Any questions? Contact Rev. Dr. David Russell, rddrr1774@gmail.com

God's earth needs our help!

Updated 2024-2025 COVID vaccinations are expected to roll out this month.

Medicare Part B continues to cover the vaccination, as do most insurers, but it is best to check in advance if you are getting the vaccine.

Pray without ceasing.

**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
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
Beverly Young
Rosann friend of Sharon Khan
Cassandra Trost

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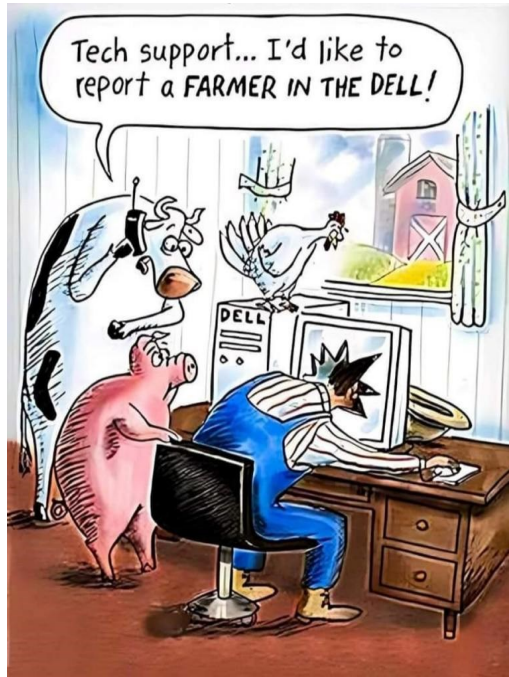
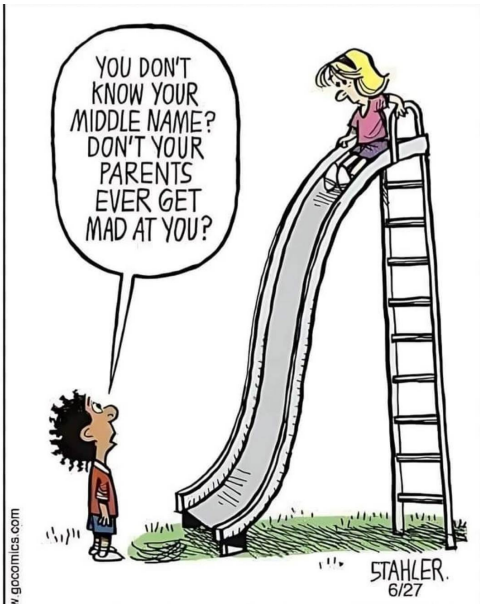
**October Usher Captain:
Gary Altergott**

**October Readers:
6: Tom Donat
13: Kim Cichon
20: Kim Cichon
27: David Russell**

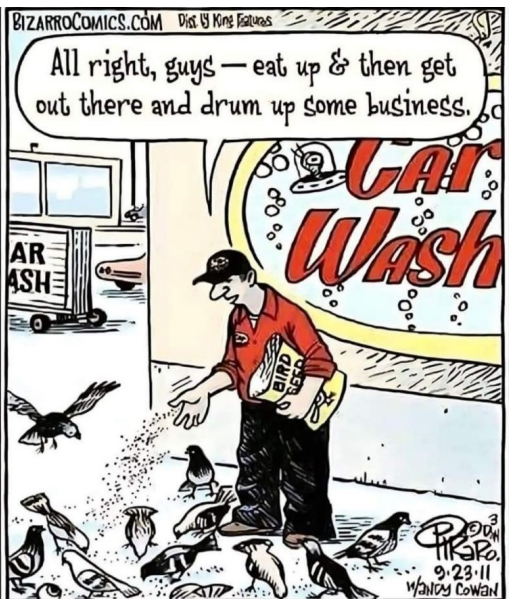
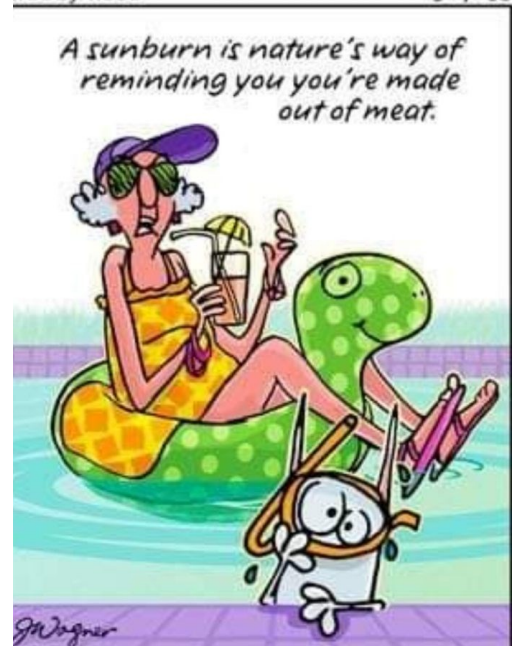
**October Greeters:
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13: ****NEED****
20: ****NEED****
27: ****NEED******

Lectionary for October:
6: Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Heb 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12
Mark 10:2-16
13: Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Heb 4: 12-16
Mark 10:17-31
20: Job 38:1-7
Heb 5: 1-10
Mark 10: 35-45
27: Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
Heb 7: 23-28
Mark 10: 46-52





I do all my own
 'stunts'
 just not intentionally





Fall Word Search

s r a k e h z k m f a h u t g h s j
c o j c d c o r n q e k k i k x j y
a w h a l l o w e e n d i x c a a h
r b t n q g z k i o m w j h x t p f
f u u d h z i j y n u t s p n h p y
v j k y s c n k b p u m p k i n l s
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apple
autumn
candy
cider
corn

fall
halloween
harvest
leaves
nuts

pumpkin
rake
scarecrow
scarf
sweater

