The Scribe

St. Paul UCC
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February 2025

Pastor's Pen.....

February of this year doesn't have any of the special holy days that make churches get extra busy. We're through Christmas now, and Ash Wednesday isn't until next month. So, this gives us time to catch our breath and think about what the rest of the year might look like here at St. Paul.

So, let me ask you: What do *you* think the rest of the year might look like? Would it include a nice Easter service with maybe a breakfast? More Bible studies? A mission project? A hymn sing? There are all kinds of things that a local church can do to solidify their sense of community life, as well as their identity as a local expression of the body of Christ.

The local church that a person belongs to is an anchor for them. It grounds them in ways that they'd least expect, and it buoys them amidst life's choppy seas. In the church, they are connected not only to their ancestors, but also to the God Who named them in their baptism. In the church, the ages become timeless and for a brief moment each week, the church on earth and the church in heaven are mysteriously joined together as one.

The church is so much bigger than just one person, and so much grander than just one ideal. The church was born on Pentecost, and its first cries sounded like the rushing of a great wind. The Holy Spirit is the church's Mother, and she tends it even to this very hour! When you're in the church, you are joined with innumerable others who have been born of that same Spirit. To be part of the church, therefore, is to be part of something that transcends each of us.

You belong here. This is your home. This is God's calling to you. You can join your voice with those of countless others, each Sunday at 10:00am.

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.

Dick Kolze
David and Chris Freeman

Janet Degner
David and Chris Freeman

Phyllis Wittig
Chuck and Margie Anderson
Linda and Ralph Hayford

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	26 Lois Roesner

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

Happy 75th on February 25th Nancy Perry

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!!

"Be Well St. Paul" will actually start the first week in February.

Materials to help guide you will be available in Fellowship Hall on Jan. 12, 19, & 26.

Getting the materials early will give you time to become familiar with the program.
The health committee will be available to help guide you and answer any questions.

Join us on the road to better health.

Pastor David will be on vacation from February 6th thru February 20th. If you have an emergency during that time that calls for the ministrations of clergy, the following are available:

Rev. Jeanne Murawski (Santucci) who grew up here at St. Paul and is now pastor of Immanuel UCC in Streamwood, may be reached at (847)-370-1177 (the entire time) or **Rev. Joel Lohafer** pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Palatine, may be reached at (847)-358-4600. **His availability is only for February 6-13**

Mental Health Referendum

Mental health issues affect a significant number of people in Palatine Township as well as in many communities. A number of people in Palatine are working to address mental health issues.

How Can You Help?

Individuals are needed to form a 708 Board which will evaluate needs, allocate funds, and coordinate a comprehensive system of mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services to benefit the citizens of the community.

How are they funded?

Funding is through a small property tax.

Why support the creation of a 708 board?

The board can fund existing agencies and organizations and help create and expand programs filling gaps identified by periodic needs assessments.

How can you help?

- Join our team!
- Agree to let us list you as a supporter.
- Share with us your opportunity areas to help establish the need for this board.
- Help us collect signatures to get this on the ballot in the Spring of 2025.

Spread the word!

Contact us bradyhugh@aol.com or 847-991-1863

Additional information can be found on the health committee bulletin board in Fellowship Hall

2nd Winter Get Together

Our second get together which is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th at 5:30 p.m.
at Annie's Restaurant.
The restaurant is located at 154 W. Northwest Hwy. in Palatine.

Again, we will be in a separate room and order off the menu.
Separate checks will be provided.
Sign up is due after service on Sunday, February 16th
Sign-up sheet is located in the East Entrance.

If you had a great time in January or per chance missed our first 2025 event,
we hope that you will consider joining us for an enjoyable fellowship time.
Spiritual Life

It's SOUPER BOWL time!!! Although the Bears aren't in the game, YOU can be. Between January 26th through February 9th we'll be collecting soups to help fill the shelves at the Palatine Township food pantry.

In addition to soups, they need pasta sauces, pasta noodles, dried beans (black or pinto), canned tomatoes (diced or chunks) and broths.

Let's show Palatine Township's Food Pantry how St. Paul can help 'tackle' hunger.

Saturday March 1, 2025
St. Paul Fellowship Hall
4:30-??
Mardi Gras Surprises

When attending a Mardi Gras party, dressing in the vibrant colors of purple, green and gold is customary. Embrace the spirit of the occasion by donning flamboyant marks, beads, feather boas, sequins, and costumes, adding to the splendid tapestry of revelry.
Get as creative as wish!!
Please bring an appetizer, dessert and your beverage of choice.
Coffee and tea will be provided.
<u>Dinner will NOT be served.</u>
Sign up is by the east entrance.

When Bing Crosby's nephew asked him casually, late in Bing's life, about the most difficult moment of his career, he expected some juicy gossip about a difficult Hollywood director or the story of a struggle with a studio. But Bing instead told him it was on a USO tour in December of 1944 in an open-air field in France.

He'd just made 15,000 French and American troops laugh and holler with Dinah Shore and The Andrews Sisters and now had to close the show with a quieter number: "White Christmas." He described having to maintain his composure and vocal control in front of 15,000 crying GIs as the toughest moment of his career.

He never wore his toupee on USO tours - a small thing, but he thought these occasions were above Hollywood artifice - and more importantly insisted that no officers or other top brass got front row seats. Front row seats belonged to enlisted men who were headed for the frontlines.

A few days after this performance of White Christmas his audience was sent to The Battle of the Bulge, one of the deadliest battles in the history of humanity.

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community outreach

Raise Right makes all your gift shopping easy. Birthdays, baby and wedding showers, house warming gifts or for just for your personal use.

There are so many choices of gift cards on www.raiseright.com and the website will show you how much the Community Outreach program will earn off of every card purchase.

You receive 100% of the gift card amount you purchase, and the VISA cards do not have an activation fee.

Place your order by February 9 and get your cards February 16.

If you have any questions, please see Sue Lech or email at s.lech@comcast.net

Below is the Raise Right (Scrip) form , print it off and fill it out. If you go to www.raiseright.com you can see all of the gift cards that are available.

There is no activation fee on the VISA gift cards

St Paul United Church of Christ/Palatine, IL

Name	email or phone
Check #	Order total

Date

Common products	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		$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		$
Walgreens $100.00		$
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Walmart $100.00		$
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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
Jay Kolze, nephew of Bob & Pat Kolze
Leeland Korman
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost
Holly Petersen
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
Maceo & Dolores Ellison
Grace Hogaboom, friend of Pat Kolze

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

February Usher Captain:
Sharon Altergott

February Readers:
2: Tom Donat
9: David Russell
16: Kim Cichon
23: Lynn Golden

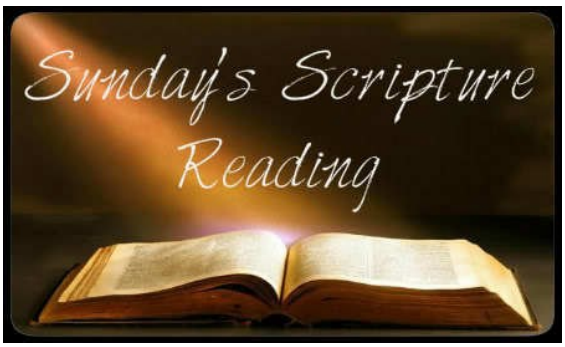
February Greeters:
2: Mary Carlisle
9: Chuck and Barb Oberly
16: Karen Whedon
23: Jackie Schultze

Lectionary for February
2: Psalm 71: 1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

9: Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, Luke 5:1-11

16: Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 6:17-26

23: Psalm 37: 1-11,
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, Luke 6:27-38



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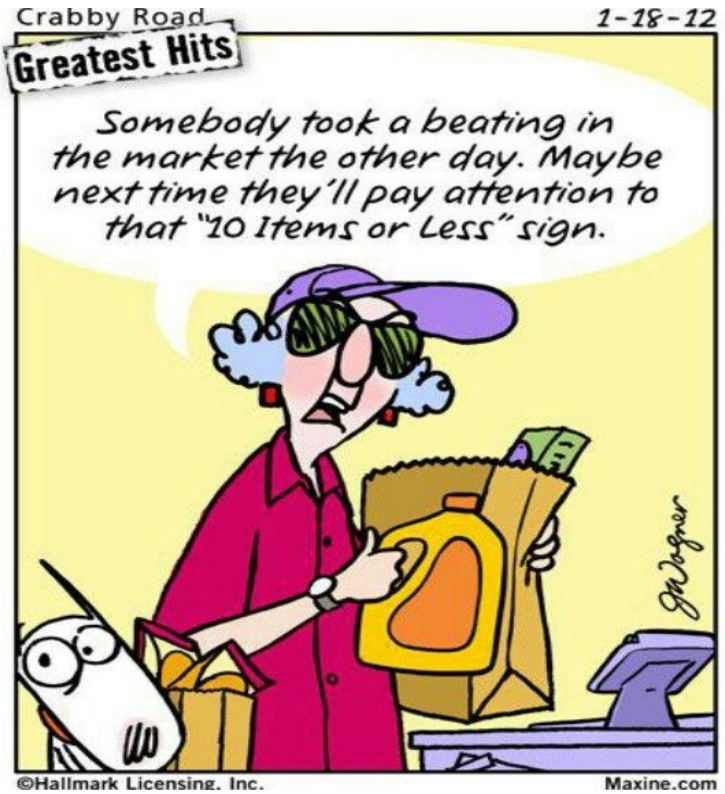
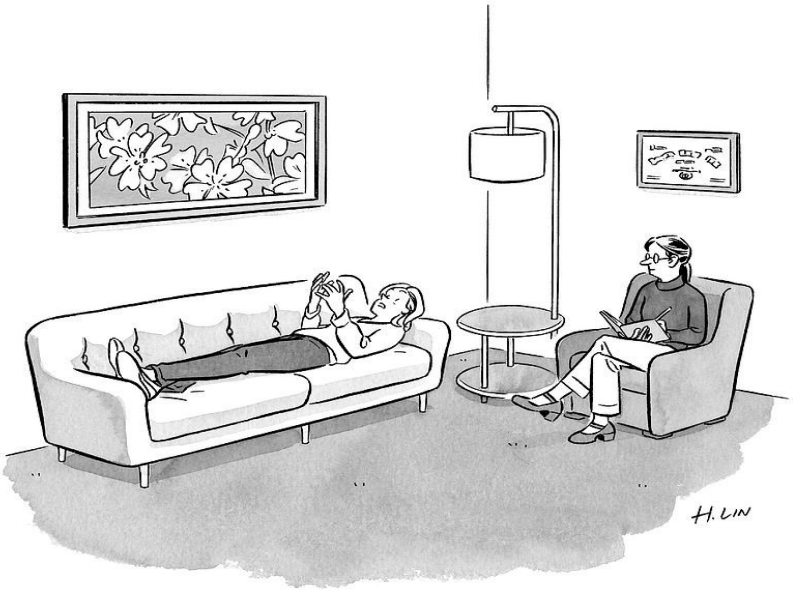
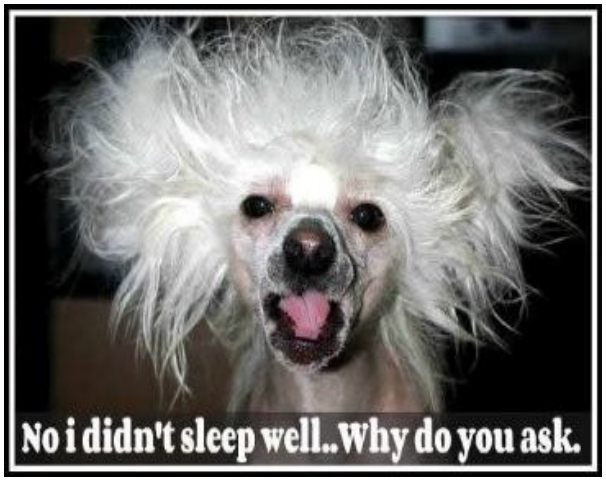




"I am genuinely full of empathy and compassion until I see how other people drive."



February

AQUARIUS
CANDLELIGHT
CARNATION
CHOCOLATE
COZY
CUPID
FEBRUARY
FIREPLACE
FRIENDSHIP
GROUNDHOG DAY
HEART
HUG
KISS
LEAP YEAR
LOVE
MARDI GRAS
PINK
PISCES
PRESIDENTS DAY
RED
ROMANCE
ROSES
SKIING
SNOW
SWEETHEART
VALENTINE
WINTER

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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