



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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August 2025

Pastor's Pen.....

As of this writing, there are still another two months of summer to go before we arrive at the Autumn Equinox. Most of St. Paul's members are in their summer mode of travel, get-togethers, weeding the garden, and the like. And throughout all of it, the church is in that season of the Church Year known (*for lack of a better term*) as "Ordinary Time." The period that runs between Pentecost in June and Advent at the end of November, is when we hang the green-colored paraments on the altar and lectern and call it "Ordinary Time."

But there is something very holy about Ordinary Time. This is the longest season on the calendar of the Church Year and it is when the rubber meets the road. It may lack the hype and ornate splendor of Christmas and Easter, but Ordinary Time is when the base shows up. People who faithfully worship during Ordinary Time do so not because they don't have anywhere else to go, but because they believe that their prayers in Ordinary Time are just as valid as their prayers during the festive seasons. They value the gospel accounts of Jesus calming the storm or giving his Sermon on the Mount every bit as much as they do his Nativity or his Passion. A large portion of our members' lives are lived in Ordinary Time. In fact, a large portion of the church's life together takes place during Ordinary Time. In Ordinary Time, God is still present and at work in the world. More baptisms take place during Ordinary Time than at any other time of the year. It was during Ordinary Time when Billy Graham conducted most of his crusades. And it is during Ordinary Time when we have the most opportunities for spiritual growth. Granted, Ordinary Time may not be as fun as is Christmas, but "fun" isn't the goal of our faith. Rather, what *is* the goal is to ***".....come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ"*** (Ephesians 4:13).

The base already knows this and so that is why they continue to unite their souls with Christ, and to do so in the regular company of God's people. Let us treasure, therefore, Ordinary Time for the sacred gift that it is! There is just something very, very special about the Ordinary!

David



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)



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.



If there is a joy, concern, or need, please contact
Debbie Brennan and/or
Pastor David at the church
office.

If there is no answer, please leave a
message & phone number where
you can be reached, and one of us
will
return your call.
Thank you...



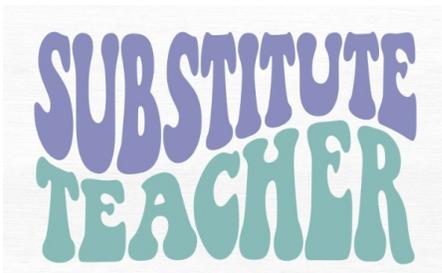
Our Parking Lot Fundraiser brought in \$5,100 to help pay for the maintenance of the parking lot which costs approx. \$4,500.

A HUGE thank you to all that helped out, ran this fundraiser, and helped set it up!!
YOU are all AMAZING, and we appreciate you!!

We will start planning this event sooner next year, and along with the feedback and notes that were taken during this years event, there will be some changes made to the fundraiser for next year.

If anyone is interested in being a part of this committee next year please let us know.

Shay, Jackie, Gary and Chuck did an awesome job, but we will need to get a strong committee again next year.



NEEDED

Miss Linda will not be in church on September 14 or the 21st. She is looking for a substitute teacher for these dates. If you would be interested in helping out for one of these dates please contact Miss Linda at 847-721-3128. Thank you.



Rally Day will be celebrated on Sunday, September 7th with the 10:00 communion service, followed by games and prizes on the east lawn, and a luncheon for all. Please mark your calendars.



Milestone Birthdays



Orrin Helms



Phil Arnold

August 2025 Birthdays

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
Charlotte Mally	8/3
Orrin Helms	8/5
Phil Arnold	8/12
Randy Everett	8/16
Kim Cichon	8/16
Robert Kolze	8/18
Cheryl Goodrich	8/18
Ethan Mally ***	8/20
Kathleen DePue	8/21
Dee Langguth	8/21
Kyra Graham	8/23
Barb Oberly	8/23
Carrie Kerlin	8/24
Mark Mally	8/24
Lillian Kroll	8/28
Zion Stanciu ***	8/31

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

In the past 6 months we have sent contributions to:

Illinois Conference \$1,115 for One Great Hour of Sharing

Heifer Project \$422





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 August 10th and get your cards August 17th!!

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			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		\$			\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		\$			\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		\$			\$
Walgreens \$100.00		\$			\$
Walgreens \$25.00		\$			\$
Walmart \$100.00		\$			\$
Walmart \$25.00		\$			\$
Walmart \$50.00		\$			\$



29-Year-Old Woman's Friendship with 97-Year-Old Woman Began with a Ride and Wendy's Meal

"I'm so grateful for our friendship," Lilian, 97, tells Estrella, 29.

In June, 29-year-old Miami, Florida resident Estrella Quiroz was driving to pick up lunch when she noticed an elderly woman walking slowly down the street and decided to approach her to see if she needed assistance.

That woman turned out to be Lilian, a 97-year-old retiree. The pair became fast friends .

"I'm driving and I saw this really old lady, like, walking across the street," Quiroz says at the start of her video posted to both Instagram and TikTok. "She was so slow and she had a little walker. I looped back around to see if I can find her."

Quiroz drives around searching for the woman, then spots the retiree waiting at a bus stop. She offers her a ride, and Lilian cautiously accepts her offer.

Lilian asks why she's helping her for free and Quiroz says she reminds her of her "abuelita."

Chatting, the pair learn more about each other, which includes a lovely coincidence: Lilian was born in Leon, Nicaragua and so was Quiroz's dad.

Then, after Quiroz offers to buy her lunch at Wendy's, Lilian says she used to be an accountant but now lives alone on government assistance.

Quiroz and her new honorary grandmother finally eat lunch together outside of Lilian's home, where they cement their bond.

"I'm so grateful for our friendship," Lilian says in Spanish. "May God bless us and make us friends."

God bless you! We can decrease loneliness with small acts of kindness

"I know that I was a stranger approaching her ... I'm really glad that she could trust me in that moment," Quiroz tells TODAY.com. "It was very sincere."

"Honestly, I actually was inspired by these small acts of kindness by my own uncle," Quiroz says. "He's very poor in Nicaragua, but I was with him one day, and I noticed that he stopped and started talking to a homeless person for 10 minutes and literally gave him nothing — no food, no nothing."

Quiroz says this act of care didn't require any cash — just time — which made the energy shift in the person.

"I think sometimes it's so easy to see people as almost not human ... life is already so hard for them," Quiroz says. "So, sometimes we don't even need to buy anything. Words can be so powerful in itself."



Community Outreach and TPIRC are excited to announce a new ministry here at St Paul: On October 30th 2024 Shelter Inc announced the groundbreaking of a home for children who have survived human trafficking. This home will have 12 rooms for girls ages 12-18 and they are hoping to have it open late summer or early fall.

This was made know to us through Palatine Faith in Action which Melissa Gumm attends for us. It was then shared at TPIRC, Spiritual Life and Community Outreach, where we came up with the idea to make fleece tie blankets for the girls coming in. Fabric has been purchased through the Wachs Fund and we are ready to begin!

Please join us for this opportunity to mission and have fellowship.

**Saturday, August 16th
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

What will be required is to cut the corners using a template already prepared, cut short strips along all sides of the blanket and tie these strips to secure the front panel to the back panel of fabrics. **The cutting and tying may be done while sitting.** If you have fabric scissors to cut, please bring yours. Otherwise we will have some scissors available.

There is no need to sign up. Please feel free to bring a friend as well.

We hope you will consider joining us! Community Outreach and TPIRC team



Thank you to everyone who helped create the blankets for the center on July 19th. We hope to get more volunteers for August!

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF JUNE 2025

	2025 BUDGET (ANNUAL)	ACTUALS	
		Month of June	Year to Date
INCOME	\$249,825.00	\$26,543.04	\$118,970.68
EXPENSES	\$288,528.00	\$19,110.40	\$139,736.82
NET	-\$38,703.00	7,432.64	-20,766.14



**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

PRAYERS OF PETITION

This week please pray for...

- Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
- Doris Brztowski
- Karen and Carol Douglas
- Ed, cousin of Jackie Schultze
- Elena, daughter-in-law of Mary Carlisle
- Jeff Florey
- Matthew & Michael Hayford
- Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
- The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
- Larry Ingram
- Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
- Jay Kolze, nephew of Bob & Pat Kolze
- Brian Altergott-Gary Altergott's brother
- Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
- 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
- Patrick, Nephew of Sharon Khan
- Cassandra Trost
- Maceo & Dolores Ellison
- Grace Hogaboom, friend of Pat Kolze/Aunt of Jim Frost
- Mary Rickert- friend of Sharon Khan
- John & Lillian Connor-
- Karen Connor's former In-laws
- Marjorie and Chuck Anderson
- Phil and Lynn Arnold
- Ashley White (Ruetsche)-Debbie's Goddaughter
- Lisa, friend of Sue Lech
- Gretchen, neighbor of the Goulds

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

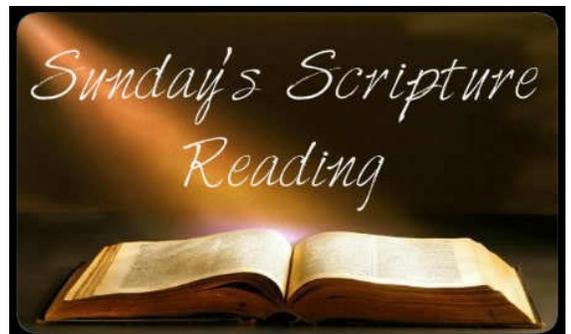
**August Usher Captain:
David Graham**

August Readers:
3: Tom Donat
10: Cherrie Wickstrom
17: Kim Cichon
24: Janet Olsen
31: Kim Cichon

August Greeters:
3: Shay Storm
10: Karen Whedon
17: Barb Oberly
24: Lynn and Steve Barr
31: Sally Graf

Lectionary for August:

- 3: Psalm 107: 1-9 ,
Colossians 3: 1-11,
Luke 12: 13-21**
- 10: Psalm 50: 1-8,
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
Luke 12: 32-40**
- 17: Psalm 71: 1-6,
Hebrews 11:29-12:2,
Luke 12: 49-56**
- 24: Psalm 71: 1-6,
Hebrews 12: 18-29
Luke 13: 10-17**
- 31: Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14**







AUGUST

BEACH
BONFIRE
CAMPING
EXCITEMENT
FISHING
FRISBEE
FLIES
HEAT

HIKING
ICE CREAM
NEW TEACHERS
POPSICLES
SMORES
SUNFLOWERS
SWIMMING
TENT

B E S H F I S H I N G N F I S
A C E B O E R I F N O B R U E
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