



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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September 2025

Pastor's Pen.....

Martin Luther once said something to the effect of, *"Imperfect though she be, the church is still our mother."* Those maybe were not his exact words, but that was the gist of them. And Luther did in fact use the maternal analogy for the institutional church.

Rally Day will be on **Sunday September 7th**, and that of course, is our annual come-back-to-church rallying call after so many of our members have been scattered out to the four winds over the summer months. The term "rally" means to come back together after having been dispersed. It means to end the exile. Rally Day is scheduled each year to remind everyone that the fall, winter, and spring programs are starting up again, and that this local expression of the Body of Christ is still here to rise to meet them.

The church is the people, the whole people. Regardless of generation, it is the whole people of God coming together to worship the God who gives us life. The church is the sacred gathering, imperfect though we are. And we gather together not because we're perfect, but because God is. For in our gathering we believe that God comes down to meet us. And in that encounter we are refreshed, we are renewed, and we are regenerated. This meeting together to jointly encounter God is the church's first order of business.

We're looking forward to seeing you!

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...



Rally Day will be celebrated on Sunday, September 7th

Rally Day will be celebrated with the 10:00 communion service, followed by games and prizes on the east lawn, and a luncheon for all.

Sign up sheets to bring food, to help with the games and if you are attending in general are located by the East Entrance.

See You There!!



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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF JULY 2025

	2025 BUDGET (ANNUAL)	ACTUALS	
		Month of July	Year to Date
INCOME	\$249,825.00	\$27,407.03	\$103,447.29
EXPENSES	\$288,528.00	\$27,103.99	\$121,687.19
NET	-\$38,703.00	303.04	—18,239.90



Milestone



Mardy Manis

September 2025 Birthdays

David Whedon	9/3
Sharon Florey	9/4
Melissa Gumm	9/4
Linda Hayford	9/6
Christina Guenther	9/9
Don Goodrich	9/10
Sharon Altergott	9/11
Marla Beresheim	9/15
Pat Kolze	9/18
Mardy Manis	9/30

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



The Health Committee invites everyone to attend the October outing on Wednesday, October 8th. We shall leave the west parking lot at 9:30am and drive to Tom's Farm Market at 10214 Algonquin Road in Huntley. There you may shop for fresh produce, pumpkins, fall decorations, donuts, pies, food products and charming items in the gift shop. Cheryl's café serves coffee and other refreshments but the area is not large enough to accommodate our group.

After shopping we shall drive to Crystal Lake for lunch at the Fire Bar Restaurant at 435 Angela Lane, Suite 4-right off of Randall Road, 815-459-3473.

Reservations for lunch will be made.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the east bulletin board along with the information and directions. Questions? Contact Cherrie Wickstrom.

You are Invited!

The Spiritual Life Board invites you to attend a Saturday morning meeting
“Inspired Minds, Eternal Impact” to share and brainstorm ideas that will benefit our church.

Saturday, September 27th from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Donuts, Coffee and Tea will be provided

It is time to work together for the future of our church, and we need your input and ideas. You may not have any ideas at this instant, but by attending, you never know what might spark and ignite your creativity. Just hearing what others have to say can sometimes lead you to voice your ideas. There are no limits, just possibilities to ideas, and all legitimate / feasible ideas will be discussed and recorded.

Some topics to think about and discuss include:

Membership – how to seek new members, member engagement, member needs

Services and programs – what is working and what should be considered for future

Community engagement

Please know that ‘NO’ voting will take place at this meeting.

The Board of Spiritual Life needs to hear your ideas and input and sincerely values your participation.

***we hope to see
you there!***



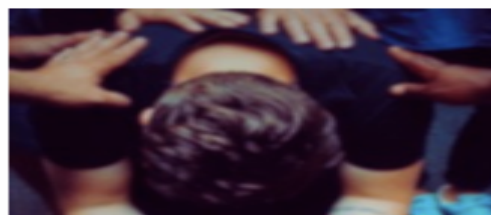
Understanding Substance Use Disorder & Harm Reduction

A Faithful Response from Our Church Community

Substance use disorder (SUD) is not a moral failure—it is a health condition that often stems from trauma, pain, or unmet needs. It affects people from all walks of life, including individuals and families within our own congregation.

Harm reduction is a compassionate, practical approach to supporting people who use substances. It doesn't require someone to stop using to receive care. Instead, it focuses on reducing harm and building trust—just as Jesus did when he fed the hungry, healed the sick, and met people where they were.

As people of faith, we are called to **love, not label**. Our Christian tradition reminds us that healing begins with hospitality, not shame. The Church was once the birthplace of recovery support—and we can be again.



What You Can Do

- Speak with compassion. Use people-first language (e.g., “a person with a substance use disorder”).
- Avoid judgment. Addiction is a health issue, not a moral weakness.
- Offer support. If someone shares their struggle, listen and connect them to help—not condemnation.
- Pray for healing. For those in recovery, those still struggling, and the families affected.
- Let us be a church that reflects God's grace and meets people in their full humanity.



Advocate Health Care



Aurora Health Care

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION

The health committee will host a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association on Sunday, Nov. 9th.

The program will provide information on Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia. More information to come.



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

Start your Christmas shopping now, to help your December budget

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 September 14th and get your cards September 21st!!

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

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

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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Walgreens \$100.00		\$			\$
Walgreens \$25.00		\$			\$
Walmart \$100.00		\$			\$
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Walmart \$50.00		\$			\$



A Tow Truck Driver Turned A Stressful Day Into A Kindness Story

By Jennifer • August 20, 2025



My mother was involved in an incident on a motorway (in Brisbane) this afternoon.

The tow truck driver who assisted her was incredibly helpful; he took photos on her phone, offered to drive her home (after dropping her car off at his holding yard), helped her into his truck.

He arranged and paid for an Uber when he realized he wasn't able to drive her home, gave her his phone number in case she needed more help.

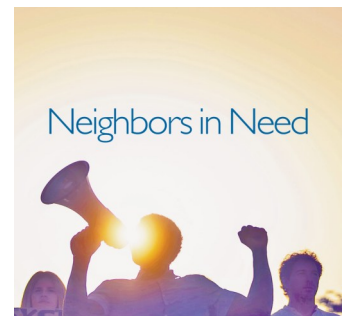
Thankfully, she is fine, a bit shaken up but no issues. Definitely made better by the kind, calm, considerate towie!

We are letting his company know how impressed and thankful we are!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. These include resources, news updates and action alerts related to justice issues.

Advocacy efforts include the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental issues. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries working with several tribes in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Minnesota.



The offering envelopes will be in the bulletins on September 28th and collected on October 5th. To learn more, you can go to the website [UCC.org/justice](https://ucc.org/justice).



**Fleece Blanket Tying
Mission Project
Third Saturday of the Month
Please join us:
Saturday,
September 20th
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
All are invited and
please feel free to bring a friend or two!
If you have a pair of fabric
scissors, please feel free to bring them along.
No experience required**

Mission Moment

In October 2024, Shelter Inc. announced the groundbreaking on Illinois' first DCFS licensed home for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children survivors. It is expected to be completed in 2025. The home is intended for female youth survivors; the average age of these girls is 14.



Several months ago, TPIRC along with Community Outreach teamed up to begin a blanket ministry for girls who will be living at the complex. We meet on the third Saturday of each month from 10-12 in fellowship hall. During one of those get togethers, the idea of Hygiene Kits for the girls was born.

Beginning on Rally Day (September 7th) envelopes will be available on the bulletin board (where the coffee sign up is) in fellowship hall and on the bulletin board at the East entrance. We are asking for a donation of \$10 that will cover the cost of one kit. Each kit will contain: Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant comb, nail file, nail polish, note pad and pen. We will be purchasing these items in mass.

Please either turn the envelope in to the church office or to Debbie Everett, Karen Connor, Sue Lech, Lisa Arthur or Mary Doktor.

**On October 4th from 3-5 p.m. we will gather in fellowship hall
for an assembling event.**

Please bring an appetizer to share and a beverage.

Our goal is to fill 48 kits along with the 48 blankets we intend to give.

EVERYBODY DESERVES A FRESH START



Pray without ceasing.

**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 Connor- Karen Connor's former In-law
Marjorie and Chuck Anderson
Phil and Lynn Arnold
Ashley White (Ruetsche)-Debbie's Goddaughter
Lisa, friend of Sue Lech
Gretchen, neighbor of the Goulds
Sharon Khan
Marcus Jones and Family

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

September Usher Captain:
Chuck Oberly

September Readers:

7: Tom Donat

14:

21: Kim Cichon

28:

September Greeters:

7: Barb Oberly

14: Janet Olsen

21: Nancy Perry

28: Jackie Schultze

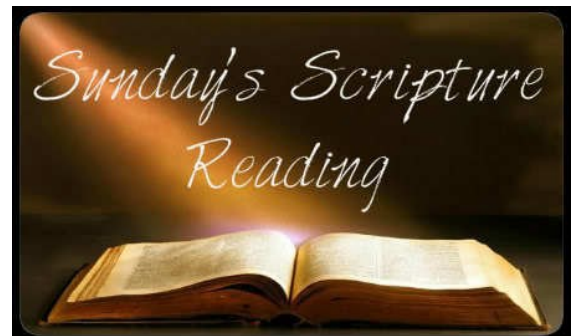
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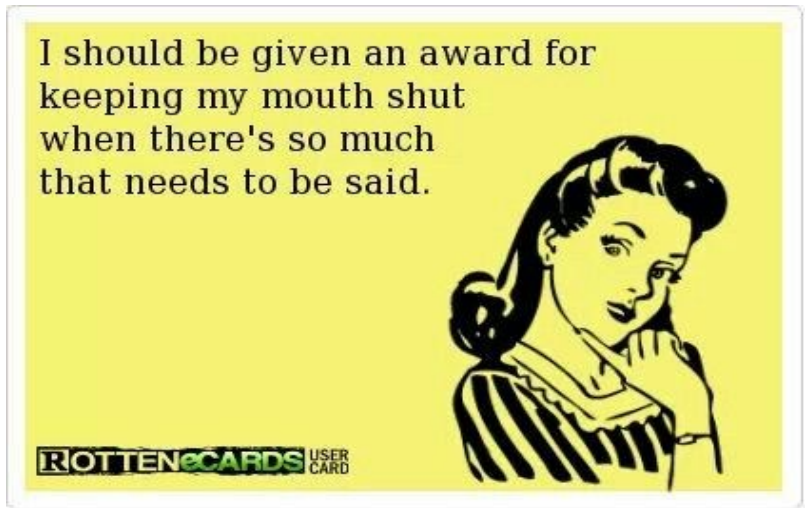
**7: Psalm 139: 1-6 ,
Philemon 1:1-21,
Luke 14: 25-33**

**14: Psalm 51: 1-10,
1 Tim 1: 12-17
Luke 15:1-10**

**21: Psalm 113: 1-6,
1 Tim 2: 1-7,
Luke 16: 1-13**

**28: Psalm 91: 1-6
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16: 19-31**





September WORD SEARCH



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Acorn
 Apples
 Backpack
 Books
 Corn
 Fall
 Friends

Football
 Leaves
 School
 Pears
 Pencil
 Trees
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