



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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Pastor's Pen.....

Legendary Chicago resident Al Capone was the consummate giver of gifts. He bestowed gifts on a lot of different people: Chicago police officers, politicians, and ordinary citizens. It might come as no surprise, however, that with Capone there was always a string attached to it. He didn't give the gifts because he truly loved the people whom he gave them to, but rather because he loved himself. Al Capone gave gifts in order to curry favor and procure public support. And, not surprisingly, this shallow tactic worked well for him for quite a while....at least until the Feds eventually got him for tax evasion.

Of course, the God Whom we worship is no Al Capone. God gives good gifts, too, but God does so purely out of love, mercy, and grace. Yes, God does (*rightly*) demand our obedience, but we should understand though too, that God acts purely from God's holiness.

The month of October always reminds me of the Augustinian monk by the name of Martin Luther, who stood up and reminded the church that God gave us the gift of salvation with no conditions applied to it. It was on October 31st in the year 1517 — the eve of All Saints — when Luther ignited a firestorm by posting his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This was essentially a public notice in which he was requesting a debate with Vatican authorities on each of the 95 points that he had listed, most of which had to do with God freely giving mercy and grace apart from any merit on our part.

Luther never really intended to break off from the Catholic Church; he merely wanted to get her back to her Pauline roots. But when Pope Leo X extended to Luther the "left foot of fellowship" in the form of a Papal Bull on June 15, 1520, there was no turning back. Luther knew at that point that the church was split. And so, in response he burned the Papal Bull in a public gathering on church grounds later that same year.

What we may take away from all of this is that sometimes the church may forget the very nature of grace, but the scriptures never change. And if only we will keep reading them, then we won't lose sight of the fact that God gives us eternal life apart from any "earning it" on our part. That's what grace is!

See you in worship!

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](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)



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.



CARE TEAM REMINDER

If you want the CARE TEAM to be aware of any joys, concerns (such as procedures) or prayers....please contact

Debbie Brennan at the church office or Pastor David and they will let the Care Team know.

If you call out of office hours or 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 so much...

Mission Moment

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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.

BOARD MEETING



**There will be an
ALL BOARD BUDGET MEETING
on October 11th at 10:00 AM
In Fellowship Hall
Coffee-Tea-DONUTS**

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 2025

	2025 BUDGET	ACTUALS	
		Month of August	Year to Date
INCOME	\$249,825.00	\$16,926.39	\$163,304.10
EXPENSES	\$288,528.00	\$20,355.38	\$187,196.19
NET	-\$38,703.00	-\$3,428.99	-\$23,892.09



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
Robert Kraft	10/8
Jean Chapman	10/12
Karen Whedon	10/13
Kathi Wotal	10/14
Charles Oberly	10/19
Charles Anderson	10/30
LeighAnn Fong	10/30



The programs for September and October at the Arlington Heights Sr. Center are posted on the health committee bulletin board.



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.



Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

On Nov. 9th the health committee will host a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association. Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available, and Alzheimer's Association resources.

The health committee has had multiple requests for this program and we believe it will help us all gain a better understanding of the disease and how it may impact our lives as well as those of our loved ones. Many of us have already had some experience in this area and know just how devastating it can be. We look forward to learning more about any new developments that have occurred in this area.

Mark your calendars and join us after the service in the lower level conference room.



FIND HAPPINESS

Once a group of 50 people were attending a seminar. Suddenly the speaker stopped and decided to do a group activity. He started giving each attendee one balloon. Each one was asked to write his/her name on it using a marker pen. Then all the balloons were collected and put in another room.

Now these delegates were let into that room and asked to find the balloon which had their name written within 5 minutes. Everyone was frantically searching for their name, colliding with each other, pushing around others and there was utter chaos.

At the end of 5 minutes no one could find their own balloon. Now each one was asked to randomly collect a balloon and give it to the person whose name was written on it. Within minutes everyone had their own balloon.

The speaker then began, "This is happening in our lives. Everyone is frantically looking for happiness all around, not knowing where it is.

Our happiness lies in the happiness of other people. Give them their happiness; you will get your own happiness. And this is the purpose of human life...the pursuit of happiness."



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 October 12 and get your cards October 19th!!

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		\$			\$
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		\$			\$

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.

MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY

IN HONOR OF
THE ST. JOHN CHURCH – CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS
who courageously sacrificed their lives.

★ Louis Bergman ★ Gustav Heinrich Schaeffer ★ Karl Lange



October 11, 2025 10:00am

Presented by

St. John United Church of Christ
The Daughters Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 – 1865
The Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War

Location:

St John church yard cemetery
1475 West Algonquin Road, Palatine, IL

All are welcome.

This is a rain or shine event.

“We are grateful to all who have served defending freedom for all.”



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-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
Marcus Jones and Family
Cindy Smith (friend of Janet Olsen)
Ted Brennan

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

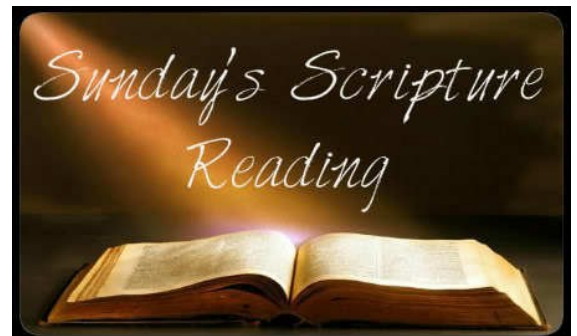
October Usher Captain:
Gary Altergott

October Readers:
5: Tom Donat
12: Cherrie Wickstrom
19: Kim Cichon
26:

October Greeters:
5: Sally Graf
12: Shay Storm
19: Mary Carlisle
26: Mary Carlisle

Lectionary for October:

**5: Lamentations 1: 1-6,2
Timothy 1: 1-7, Luke 22:
14-23**
**12: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 2
Timothy 2: 8-15, Luke
17:11-19
Luke 12: 32-40**
**19: Jeremiah 31: 27-34, 2
Timothy 2: 14-4:5, Luke
18:1-8**
**26: Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-
22, 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-
18, Luke 18: 9-14**



I DID A PUSH-UP TODAY.



WELL, ACTUALLY
I FELL DOWN, **BUT**
I HAD TO USE MY
MY ARMS TO GET
BACK UP, SO ...
CLOSE ENOUGH

NOW I NEED CHOCOLATE

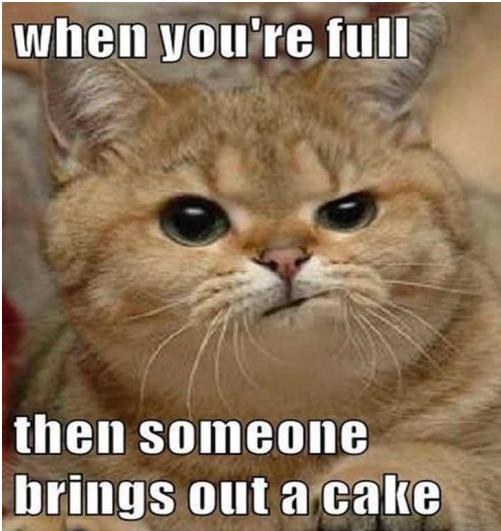
Me: I'm gonna start having fun on
my days off

Me on my days off:



boredpanda.com

when you're full



**then someone
brings out a cake**

**First rule of
house cleaning
while listening
to music:
The toilet brush is
never the
microphone**



Before you go any further



**Today is not the day.
And I am not the one.**

memes.com



October



Find all 25 HIDDEN WORDS in the word search puzzle below. Good luck!

S	D	W	A	R	F	P	R	K	F	C	B	Y	J
N	G	W	E	Y	I	Z	R	J	O	E	R	D	A
I	R	D	W	C	E	O	N	R	W	G	A	N	C
H	I	O	K	O	W	R	N	B	P	H	K	A	K
C	A	I	C	D	R	S	O	E	L	S	E	C	E
W	N	R	R	A	T	C	O	S	T	U	M	E	T
G	O	A	V	A	N	E	E	W	O	L	L	A	H
H	Y	O	L	E	S	G	U	R	M	I	Z	P	N
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ACORN
APPLES
AUTUMN
CANDY
CIDER
COBWEB
CORNSTALKS

COSTUME
FIELDS
FULL MOON
GOURDS
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST

HAYRIDE
JACKET
LEAVES
PICKING
PUMPKIN
RAKE

SCARECROW
SCENIC
TRAILS
WAGON
WOODS
YARDWORK