



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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November 2025

Pastor's Pen.....

What we think of as the first Thanksgiving in America, took place in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in the autumn of 1621. That is the event that we all learned about when we were children, and it is the event that our current celebration of Thanksgiving is based on. The pilgrims got together with their Native American neighbors and had a three-day feast, at the heart of which was a sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings they had received over the course of the past year.

What made this first Thanksgiving all the more remarkable is the that it came on the heels of significant tragedy. Over the previous winter after *The Mayflower* had dropped anchor, roughly half their number had perished from disease and cold weather. And yet, even after all of that, the pilgrims felt compelled to give thanks. Was that because they were in denial and pretended that their losses were good things? No, not at all. But at the same time, however, they still recognized the providence of God manifested in their indigenous neighbors who had helped them to plant crops and get settled in their new home. And so, they gathered and they gave thanks.

Thanksgiving is possible, even in the midst of pain. Thanksgiving is a rational recognition of the goodness of God, even at times in which it may be hard to feel thankful about much of anything. But then again, that is because Thanksgiving is not about what we "feel;" rather, it is about *what we know to be true*. It is about thanking God for the external, objective truisms of God's goodness, mercy, and grace to each of us.

The scriptures, in various places, point to a future realm in which God will once and for all do away with death, and mourning, and crying, and pain. One of the better-known passages on this is Revelation 21:1-5, but there are yet others which herald the notion that God isn't finished with making all things new. So, if there is anything that we may hold on to for hope, it is certainly that! Wherever you may find yourself at Thanksgiving this year, all of us at St. Paul pray that God's best would be yours in abundance. We pray that you might find hope when there's tragedy, and that you might find peace when there's strife. And with all of it, we pray that your heart would be connected to the heart of Almighty God, from Whom, all blessings flow.

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.



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

Debbie Brennan at the church office or Pastor David .

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...



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Jackie Schultze	11/1
Sally Graf	11/8
David Graham	11/19
Carol Hannah	11/23

Thank you to everyone who came out to assemble the hygiene kits.

The girls home will be opening by the end of the year and these kits and the blankets will be appreciated!!



FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER

	2025 BUDGET (ANNUAL)	ACTUALS	
		Month of	Year to Date
INCOME	\$249,825.00	\$27,336.73	\$190,640.83
EXPENSES	\$288,528.00	\$21,866.46	\$209,062.65
NET	-\$38,703.00	\$5,470.27	-\$18,421.82



I hope this new story of mine inspires you to clean out any clutter in your own lives. God bless you always.

When my children were in school, each year at the end of Summer my wife and I would buy them all some new clothes for the coming school year. It was a habit that I kept up over the years even though my Special Needs sons are now both in their thirties and wear sizes larger than me. This year I got them both some new shirts and blue jeans to wear for the Fall and Winter to come. But when it came time to put them in the closets and dressers they just wouldn't fit. There were too many old clothes from past years still in them.

I decided then to do some "Spring" cleaning in Autumn and started to pull out the old shirts and pants that were still in good condition but weren't getting worn anymore. I didn't leave my own closet out either. Soon we had two, large, trash bags full of clothes to donate to the local thrift store and help keep other people warm this Winter. It felt good emptying out the dressers and closets again. It had been too long since I did it last. It made my heart feel light.

I think this feeling came from what I learned when I was a boy. When I was only eleven years old my Nana's old house caught fire and burned down in the middle of the night. We all escaped with our lives but lost every thing we owned. As traumatic as that experience was, though, it taught me a valuable lesson about just how little we need to be happy. I found that all we really need is a little food in our stomachs, a roof over our heads, a few clothes on our backs, Love in our hearts and faith in our souls. The rest doesn't add much.

In fact, I found that having too much stuff can weigh you down and keep you from the happiness you want.



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*****
This also helps St. Paul help others!

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 November 9 and get your cards November 16th!!

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		\$			\$



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**Best Wishes Roseann and Bill!!
We will miss you!!
Your St. Paul Family**



Totenfest Service of Memory Request Form

*As in the tradition of Totenfest, on this day we will remember and celebrate the lives of all those who passed on to be with God **in the last 12 months.** This year the Totenfest Service will be held on Sunday, November 23rd.*

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

Date of Death: _____

**Kindly return to the church office by Sunday, November 17th. Thank you.*



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.

Grief Share "Surviving the Holidays"
November 6th and December 4th
6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Cost \$10 Light snacks and coffee will be provided.



Last blanket tying for 2025 is November 15th.
10:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M.

There will be a break for December, January and February.
We will start back up again March of 2026

This will be an ongoing project for St. Paul

Holiday Family Craft Workshop
December 6th
10:30 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Christmas Music Program
December 14th at 10:00 A. M.

Christmas Pageant
December 21st at 10:00 A. M.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
4:00 P. M.



Holiday Craft Family Workshop

You are Invited

The holidays are a wonderful time to display your creativity by crafting.

Crafts for all ages will be available, and all supplies will be provided.

We would love for you to join us for a fun filled day.

Lunch will also be provided.

December 6th

10:30A.M. – 2:00P.M.

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Musical Christmas

Program

Featuring St. Paul's Chancel Choir, guest singers and musicians, a variety of songs of the season, and lighting of the Advent candles.

Sunday, December 14th
10:00A.M.

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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 and 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
Marcus Jones and Family
Cindy Smith, friend of Janet Olsen
Ted Brennan

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

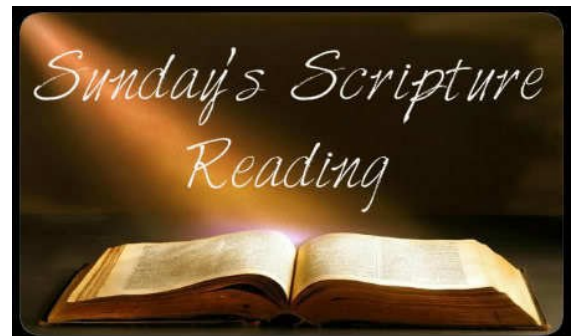
November Usher Captain:
David Graham

November Readers:
2: Tom Donat
9: Melissa Gumm
16: Kim Cichon
23: Cherrie Wickstrom
30: Mary Carlisle

November Greeters:
2: Jim and Shirley Schimka
9: Nancy Perry
16: Jackie Schultze
23: NEED
30: Dave and Karen Whedon

Lectionary for November:

2: Psalm 32: 1-7,
2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12,
Luke 19: 1-10
9: Psalm 17: 1-9,
2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17,
Luke 20: 27-38
16: Isaiah 65: 17-25,
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13,
Luke 21: 5-19
23: Psalm 46,
Colossians 1: 11-20,
Luke 23: 33-43
30: Psalm 122,
Romans 13: 11-14,
Matt 3: 1-12

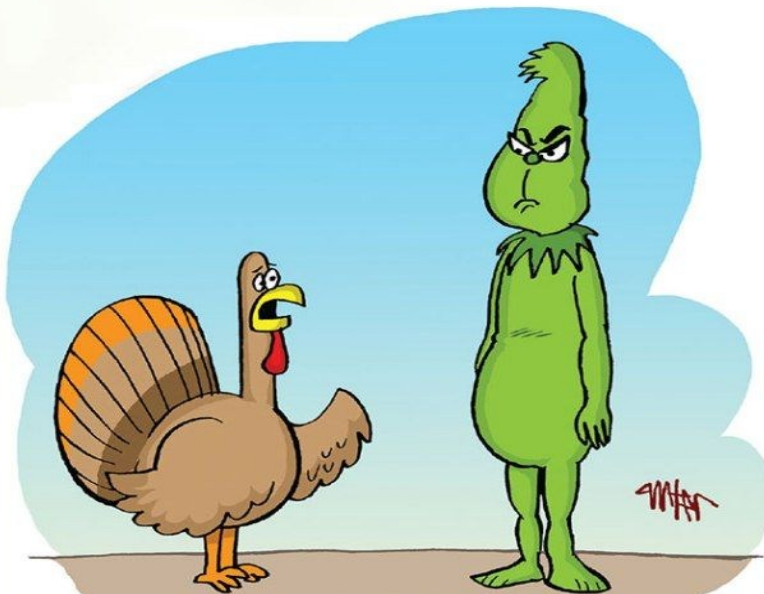




exercise

"I thought you said extra fries..."

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"We'd like to hire you to steal Thanksgiving."



NOVEMBER WORD SEARCH

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BLACK FRIDAY
DAY OF THE DEAD
FOOTBALL
NOVEMBER
STUFFING
TURKEY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
FALL
LEAVES
PUMPKIN PIE
THANKSGIVING
VETERANS DAY

