



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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April 2026

Pastor's Pen.....

It's that time of year when we come to the Sacred seasons of Holy Week and Easter. In the flurry of church busy-ness it can be easy to develop amnesia as to what the church is really all about, but at least this time of year confronts us with the heart of it all: The cross and the Resurrection. In fact, the Apostle Paul called both of these "*as of first importance*" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Jesus' death and Resurrection are what make the church distinct from every other voluntary association out there. They are at the very foundation of the church's existence! So, as a reminder, here is the worship schedule for this season:

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| Palm Sunday March 29th | 10:00 A. M. |
| Breakfast to follow. | |
| Maundy Thursday April 2nd | 4:30 P. M. |
| Soup & salad supper to follow. | |
| Good Friday April 3rd | 12:00 P. M. NOON |
| Easter Sunday April 5th | 10:00 A. M. |

Grace & Peace,

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 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

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....



APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
Bob Anderson	4/5
Riley Doktor ***	4/9
Lisa Arthur	4/11
AJ Fong ***	4/11
Doris Brzostowski	4/12
Janet Olsen	4/14
Linn Enockson	4/15
Roseann Stenzel	4/19
Mary Doktor	4/20
Charlotte Mally ***(Granddaughter)	4/22
Pam Rogers	4/24
Ed Doktor	4/25
Debbie Everett	4/27
Sue Lech	4/30



The Bus Driver Who Cares

In a bustling city, a bus driver noticed a regular passenger who seemed to be struggling financially. Rather than simply driving by, he took the time to chat with the passenger one day. After learning that they had been skipping meals to save money for rent, the driver decided to act. He began bringing extra food from home to share with this individual, ensuring they had at least one nutritious meal each day. His kindness not only filled their stomach but boosted their morale, reminding them that they were not alone in their struggles.

Heifer Project this year is to collect enough to purchase a sheep!!

So far the St. Paul Sunday School kids have collected \$214.00 towards a sheep to help a struggling family.

A sheep costs \$120.00 and at the moment there is a matching program going on. We almost have 2 sheep. Once they match, our giving will be 4 sheep!!

Thank you for your generosity.

Collections can be made in Fellowship Hall now until Easter.

Thank you so much!!
Linda and the children.





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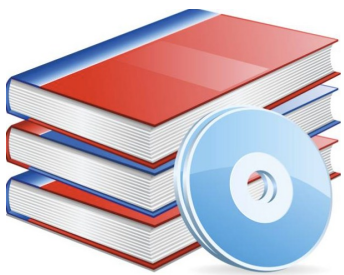
If you have any questions, please see Sue Lech or email at s.lech@comcast.net

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*****There is no activation fee on the VISA gift cards*****

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

BOOK EXCHANGE 2026 - ENDING



Easter Sunday will be the last day for the Book Exchange. Please feel free to take as many items as your wish before we close. The remaining books will be placed in our library or be taken to the Palatine Library.

As a reminder, our church library is open anytime for you to select books.

Thanks to all of you who brought books, etc. to share.

We hope you continue to enjoy the Book Exchange and our own library.



St. Paul members may now request prayers for themselves, their family, and their friends through our St. Paul Emergency Prayer Request Team.

Contact Kim Cichon at (847)308-0602 or kimmy4443@gmail.com at any time of day or night with the name of the person in need of prayer and a brief description of the situation, and an email blast will be sent out to our prayer team as soon as possible.

Please contact Kim with questions. Thank you!

St. Paul Emergency Prayer Request Team

The St. Paul Prayer Task Force is happy to announce the creation of an Emergency Prayer Request Team. This team will provide intercessory prayers on behalf of others. When an emergency takes place, and anyone from the St. Paul congregation or its family and friends need prayers, the St. Paul Emergency Prayer Request Team will activate an email blast to get its team members to pray for the one in need. If you would like to join, please contact Kim Cichon either at church, by phone, text, or email. Once you have joined, you will receive an email with further explanation procedures and guidelines.

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✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

After service on April 12th there will be a July picnic meeting.

We would love to have you attend and provide your input/feedback.



Blanket cutting and tying will be held the 3rd Saturday of the month. We will be here from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M.

This is an ongoing project for St. Paul



Some members are using Zelle, you can too!!

Scan the QR code or on your Zelle account enter in the email for giving.

Zelle: giving@st-paul.org



April 19th after service please stay for our congregational meeting. We appreciate it.

LADIES SPRING TEA

“WEDDING DRESSES THROUGH THE AGES”
POSTPONED from 4/11/26
NEW DATE IS :
TBD



FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF February 2026

	2026 BUDGET	ACTUALS	
		Month of	Year to Date
INCOME	\$279,656.	26,570.57	41,594.12
EXPENSES	\$276,418.	27,549.09	52,659.21
NET	\$3,238.00	-978.52	-11,065.09



Pray without ceasing.

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

PRAYERS OF PETITION

This month 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
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
Maceo & Dolores Ellison
Grace Hogaboom, friend of Pat Kolze/aunt of Jim Frost
John Connor, Karen Connor's former In-law
Marjorie and Chuck Anderson
Sharon Khan
Marcus Jones and Family
Kenny Kolze, son of Shirley Kolze
Monica D, who works with Sue Gould
Ever, grandson of Sue Lech's friend Miriam
Christine, friend of Sue Lech
Holly Petersen, former member
Danielle Lemmons, daughter-in-law of Debbie Brennan
Colton and Declan, grandson's of Janet Olsen's friend
Gloria Helms

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

**April Usher Captain:
Ralph Hayford**

**April Readers:
5: Tom Donat
12: Jim Wotal
19: Kim Cichon
26: Gary Altergott**

**April Greeters:
5: Shay Storm
12: Janet Olsen
19: Barb Oberly
26: Jackie Schultze**

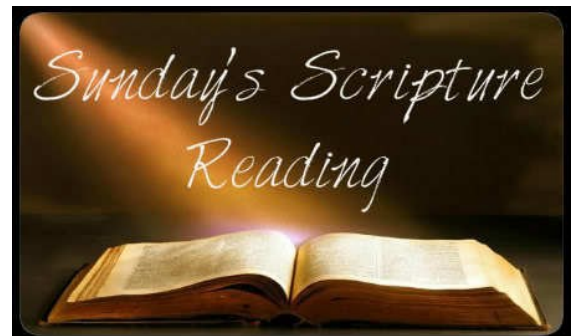
Lectionary for April:

**5: Acts: 10: 34-43,
Colossians 3: 1-4, John 20:
1-18**

**12: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32,
1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19-
31**

**19: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, 1 Peter
1: 17-23, Luke 24: 13-35**

**26: Acts 2: 42-47, 1 Peter 2:
19-25, John 10: 1-10**





Its not about the rabbit

It's about the "LAMB"



I'D BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE IF MY THOUGHTS APPEARED IN A BUBBLE ABOVE MY HEAD



Apparently stress balls are not supposed to be thrown at people that are stressing you out.

Do y'all remember, before the internet, that people thought the cause of stupidity was the lack of access to information? Yeah. It wasn't that.

When you enter a room and forget what you wanted to do



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He Has Risen

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| BLESSINGS | HOLY |
| CHRIST | JESUS |
| CHURCH | LENT |
| CROSS | RESURRECTION |
| EASTER | RISEN |
| FAITH | SACRIFICE |
| FATHER | SAVIOR |
| GOD | SUNDAY |
| GOOD FRIDAY | WORSHIP |

