



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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May 2026

Pastor's Pen.....

For many of us, the month of May always brings thoughts of Memorial Day, which is on the last Monday in May. Initially called "Decoration Day," it has always been about keeping alive the memories of our war dead. That's what the day is for. It's not a day for honoring living veterans, nor even for veterans who survived a war and then came back home to live to a ripe old age. No, Memorial Day is specifically to remember those who entered the field of battle and didn't come out of it alive. This is why all of those "*Thank-you-for-your-service*" comments are pretty cringe-worthy around Memorial Day.

According to the University of Oslo and the Norwegian Academy of Sciences, there have been more than 14,000 wars in the world since 3600 B.C. That means that the entire world has known "peace" for only 5% of the time over the past 5,600 years or so. I guess that when Cain picked up a rock and killed Abel, he really started a trend. (Genesis 4)

Professing Christians have never reached a consensus on the morality of engaging in armed violence. Some are adamantly opposed to it, while others are not, depending on the circumstances. My Great-Great Grandfather served in Union Cavalry during the Civil War, and the entire time he always fired over the heads of "Johnny Reb," because he didn't want to harm anyone. (*He was a draftee*) How that all worked out is part of a larger story, but it does underscore the fact that war is tragic. It's something that all sane people would prefer to forgo; again, circumstances permitting.

So, let us remember those who fought bravely and didn't make it back home. We respect their valor, and we have empathy for their grieving families. And above all, we long for the appearing of the Prince of Peace, when all shedding of blood will come to an end.

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....



MAY BIRTHDAYS	
Sharon Khan	5/3
David Lech	5/5
Debbie Brennan *	5/7
Bev Young	5/11
Dawn Drost	5/14
Amanda Doktor	5/15
Michelle Nunez *	5/18
Shirley Schimka	5/23
Amanda Graham	5/23
Mary Faust	5/26



David Lech

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Bev Young



Shirley Schimka



there are some things that must happen because they must. things you can't avoid. like growing up, failure, grieving, happiness, etc. but when it comes down to it, life is really about people. it's about who you meet and who you don't. who forgets you and who remembers. who you run after and who chases you down the line. it's about who's there when you feel alone and who's not. who you could talk to and who makes it hard for you to be yourself. that's what's important. people. the way they look into your eyes right before they're gone and the way they smile right back at you when you return back home. people, it's always about people. the ones who love you, protect you and the ones who are there for you when you need them most. I hope you never forget that.

What "Mother Means"

"Mother" is such a simple word,
But to me there's meaning seldom
heard.

For everything I am today,
My mother's love showed me the way.

I'll love my Mother all my days.
For enriching my life in so many ways.
She set me straight and then set me
free.
And that's what the word "Mother"
means to me.

Thanks for being a wonderful Mother,
Mom!

By
Karl Fuch



Raise Right makes all your gift shopping easy. Mother's Day, graduations, birthdays, weddings, baby and wedding showers, house warming gifts or for just for your personal use.

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 10 AND THEN GRADUATIONS BEGIN!!

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 May 3 and get your cards May 10!!

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		\$			\$



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!

Update on Heifer Project: The children raised \$300.00 to purchase sheep. This was matched by anonymous person; so, \$600.00.

We will be able to purchase 5 sheep to help family's sustain themselves.

Thank you so much for your generous support.
Miss Linda & Children of St. Paul



Phillip Arnold
Cherrie Wickstrom
Charlotte Mally
The Oberly's
Nancy Perry



In Honor of My Sister:

Kathryn G. Schuett
Sharon Khan

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF March 2026

	2026 BUDGET (ANNUAL)	ACTUALS	
		Month of March	Year to Date
INCOME	\$279,656.00	11,956.55	53,550.67
EXPENSES	\$276,418.00	19,942.55	72,601.76
NET	\$3,238.00	-7,986.00	-19,051.09

Some members are using Zelle, you can too!!

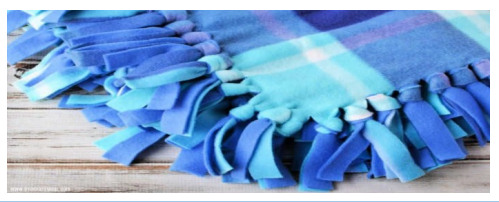
Scan the QR code or on your Zelle account enter in the email for giving.

Zelle: giving@st-paul.org



✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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**



**OFFICE IS CLOSED
MAY 25TH IN HONOR OF
MEMORIAL DAY**



May 7th trip to Kolzes Garden center in Woodstock
Meet at church by 9:30 A. M.

Lunch afterwards at:
Jameson's Char House in Crystal Lake

If you need a ride, please contact Linda at 847-721-3128

Sign-up is at the East Entrance



**July 3rd: Church Picnic,
Parking Lot Fundraiser and
Fireworks**

More information to come!

**September 13th will be Rally
Day and
Picnic after service**

**Ladie's Tea will be
September 19th at
11:30 A. M.**



More information to come!!



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
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
Ted Brennan, husband of Debbie Brennan

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

**April Usher Captain:
Chuck Oberly**

May Readers:

**3: Tom Donat
10: Chuck Oberly
17: Kim Cichon
24: Gary Altergott
31: Ed Doktor**

May Greeters:

**3: NEED
10: Sally Graf & Beth Baetz
17: Barb Oberly
24: NEED
31: NEED**

Lectionary for May:

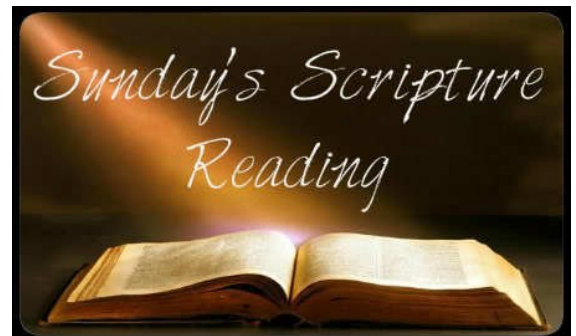
3: Acts 7: 55-60, 1 Peter 2: 2-10, John 14: 1-14

10: Acts 17: 22-31, 1 Peter 3: 13-22, John 14: 15-21

17: Acts 1: 6-14, 1 Peter 4: 12-14, John 17: 1-11

24: Acts 2: 1-21, 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13, John 20: 19-23

31: Genesis 1: 1-2, 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13, Matthew 28: 16-20



I Don't Really Have To Go Outside



I Just Want The Treat When I Come Back In

People who can fall asleep quickly, freak me out. I mean, don't they have thoughts?

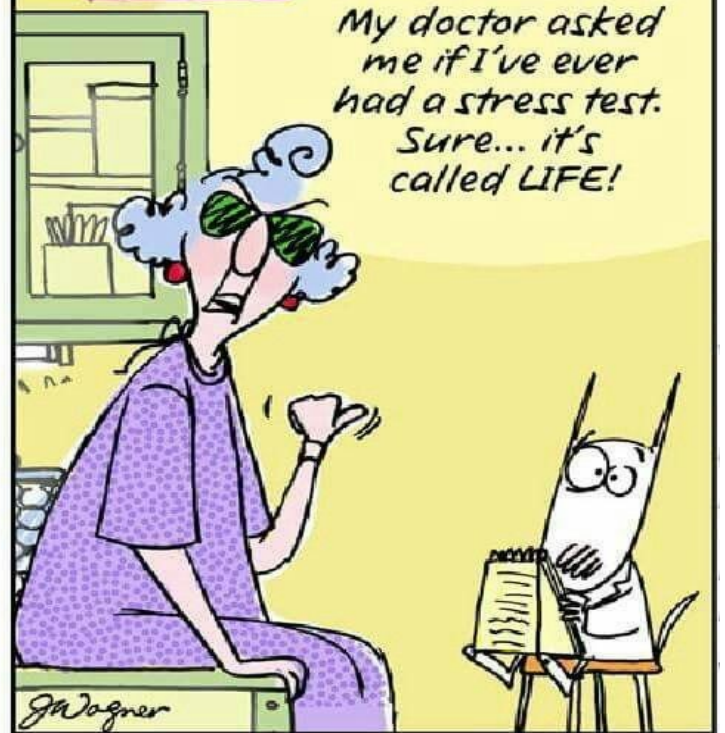


Some people call me crazy. I prefer the term happy with a twist.



Maxine Crabby Road

My doctor asked me if I've ever had a stress test. Sure... it's called LIFE!



Don't wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect.

IT'S CALLED SELF-CARE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH



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May



- AZALEA
- BACKYARD
- BARBECUE
- BASEBALL
- BEACH
- BEEES
- BELTANE
- BIRDSONG
- BLUE SKY
- BOATING
- BREEZY
- BUTTERFLIES
- CAMPING
- CAP
- CARD
- CARING
- CELEBRATION
- CINCO DE MAYO
- COMMENCEMENT
- COOKOUT
- DERBY
- DIPLOMA
- FAMILY
- FIFTH
- FISHING
- FLOWERS
- GARDENING
- GIFT
- GOLF
- GOWN
- GRADUATION
- GREENERY
- GRILLING
- GROWTH
- HIKING
- LOVING
- MAGNOLIA
- MAYFLOWER
- MAYPOLE
- MEMORIAL DAY
- MILD
- MOM
- MOTHERS DAY
- NATURE
- NURTURE
- PARK
- PEONY



- PICNIC
- PLANTING
- PLEASANT
- PREAKNESS
- REMEMBRANCE
- RENEWAL
- ROSE
- ROWING
- SPORTS



- SPRING
- SUNNY
- SWIMMING
- TENNIS
- TRAILS
- TRIBUTE
- VETERANS
- VOLLEYBALL
- WILDFLOWERS

