



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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July 2026

Pastor's Pen.....

This July 4th will be somewhat different from most others because it also happens to be the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Many of us remember the Bicentennial from 50 years ago, and as time flies, here we are once more at yet another milestone in our nation's history.

America is still a young country, relatively speaking. As a nation-state with borders and a constitution, we've been around for far less time than most other countries around the world. In a sense, we're still an experiment. But our founders had a vision for a nation conceived in liberty, and in which government exists only by consent of the governed, and in which an individual's rights come not from the government but from God. And now at 250, these ideals remain enshrined.

There is much about our country that should evoke feelings of profound gratitude, from each of us. It is appropriate, therefore, for us to thank God for the courage of our founders, as well as for those who have built this nation. And may we do so, as we reflect on 250 years of this remarkable republic!

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...



JULY BIRTHDAYS	
Steve Manis	7/1
Harley Chapman	7/2
Dave Freeman	7/6
Jorie Guenther	7/6
Evan Fong	7/7
Constance Costa	7/16
John Beresheim	7/22
Shay Storm	7/31
Jeff DePue	7/31
Diana Monacelli	7/31

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Steve Manis





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!



The St. Paul Prayer Team is happy to announce that we are starting a **Prayer Support Group** for church members and friends has begun.

Why: To share joys and concerns in a caring and supportive environment and further support others through active listening and prayer

When: 9:30 A. M. – 10:30 A. M. on the first and third Fridays of each month

Where: St. Paul Church in the Gumm Library
Please sign up on the sheet near the east entrance.

Please see Kim Cichon if you have questions.



Larry Ingram

Larry Ingram Jr.
John & Marla Beresheim
Cherrie Wickstrom
Nancy Perry
Charlotte Mally/Doris Brztowski
Chuck & Barb Oberly

Lucille "Ingram" Saari
Charlotte Mally

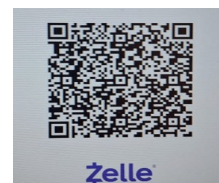
FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF May 2026

	2026 BUDGET	ACTUALS	
		Month of May	Year to Date
INCOME	\$279,656.00	\$9,886.31	\$75,436.98
EXPENSES	\$276,418.00	\$24,033.05	\$96,634.81
NET	\$3,238.00	-\$14,146.74	-\$21,197.83

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





Possible Rummage Sale

Are you interested to see St. Paul holding another rummage sale? Well, you may be in luck! Initial discussions have taken place to possibly hold a rummage sale on **Saturday, October 17th.**

However, first we need to take a poll on two very important questions. The poll results will determine if the rummage sale will be held. Two simple questions will be asked.

#1 Donation of your time

- A. Will you be able to help with setting up for the sale (sorting, pricing and layout) the week of October 12th?
- B. Will you be able to help at the sale and clean up on Saturday, October 17th?

#2 Do you have a sufficient amount of items to sell at the rummage sale?

Please watch the east entrance bulletin board for the rummage sale poll expected to be posted by mid June through July. You may also call the church office to provide your answers to the poll.

The Spiritual Life Board will make a final decision if the rummage sale plans proceed at the August's Spiritual Life Board meeting on August 5th.

Rummage Sale Poll

It is IMPORTANT that you fill out the poll by the East Entrance so we can plan accordingly for the Rummage Sale on
OCTOBER 17TH

We have had numerous people outside of St. Paul calling and asking if we will be having another Rummage sale.

I would love to contact them and tell them YES!!

Sign your name on the sheet and then check off what you might be able to assist with so we can have a successful sale.

If you want to call in the information to the office you can do that too.

The information will be re-evaluated by the end of August so we can decide for sure.

Thank you so much!!
Debbie Everett

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HYMN?



Why have the words to some hymns been changed?

I was recently asked about *The New Century Hymnal*, specifically why the texts to many well-known and beloved hymns have been changed. Included in this hymnal's Foreward, Preface and Introduction are some in-depth reasons for it. In the Editor's Notes I found the most succinct explanation:

"*The New Century Hymnal*" was compiled with anticipation of the joy it will bring. It was also prepared with the hope that its musical and poetic offerings will be true both to past traditions and to the desire of the church to renew its worship. As in every age, texts have been changed to provide for worship in the vernacular. The wisdom of using skilled hymnwriters to perform this task should be evident as the hymns are sung. Many classic texts are reclaimed through new translations, which in some instances restore verses that had fallen into disuse. Throughout, the goal has been not to achieve the perfect or ultimate version, but to make the hymns live in our own time to be passed into the hands of coming generations, for their use and adaptations."

During the most recent Hymn Sing, I encouraged the congregation to sing words that are in their hearts and memories as opposed to feeling forced to sing words that are different. I'm not convinced that we need to be concerned with whether or not we're singing the "right" or "wrong" words. Hopefully as we sing we feel uplifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, and take that joy with us as we go out into the world. Please email me at musicleader26@gmail.com if you wish to comment!

And while we're discussing hymns, thank you to those who have submitted their lists of favorites already!! To those who have not, please do so by email or by dropping your completed form in the "music box" near the east entrance of the sanctuary. The results will be announced in September. Thank you for your participation!

Michelle Nunez



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



4th of July Church Picnic Reminder

The 4th of July church picnic will take place on **Friday, July 3rd** starting at **5:00 P. M.** which coincides with the fireworks.

FUNDRAISER

Parking lot Fundraiser Help Needed

This is the only fundraiser we do at the church, so please consider helping us out
July 3rd and July 4th



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

Sign-ups are at the East Entrance.

Ladie's Tea will be In the Spring **TBD**



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

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 July 12 and get your cards July 19!!

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		\$			\$



Pray without ceasing.

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

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
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
John Connor, Karen Connor's former In-law
Marjorie and Chuck Anderson
Sharon Khan
Kenny Kolze, son of Shirley Kolze
Monica D, who works with Sue Gould
Christine, friend of Sue Lech
Holly Petersen, former member
Colton and Declan, grandson's of Janet Olsen's friend
Gloria Helms
Kathy S., sister of Sharon Khan
Ted Brennan, Debbie Brennan's husband
Ralph Hayford
Glenn Carlisle

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

July Usher Captain:
Randy Everett

July Readers:
5: Tom Donat
12 Chuck Oberly
19: Kim Cichon
26: Gary Altergott

July Greeters:
5: Janet Olsen
12: Jackie Schultze
19: Sally Graf and Beth Blaetz
26: Cherrie Wickstrom

Lectionary for July:

**5: Genesis 24:34-38,
Romans 7:15-25,
Matthew 11: 16-19**

**12: Genesis 25:19-34,
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9**

**19: Genesis 28:10-19
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30**

**26: Genesis 29:15-28,
Romans 8:26-39,
Matthew 13:31-33**





Crabby Road

7-2-10



Crabby Road

7-4-12

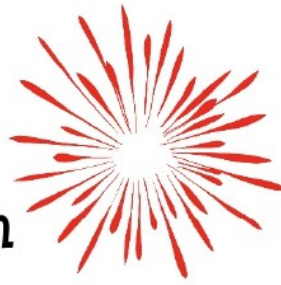


Name: _____

Date: _____



July



Word Search

Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.

S K R O W E R I F Z N O I T A C A V
 L E V A R T C M W K T K F A G T W N
 L R B O B P I I T J F B E N A H A R
 T Z M T S L W N N G L U I K C S T S
 H M W A Y P U T D C C K M T I U E U
 Y C C M F F O E R E I M W O R N R N
 R A D O L C C L B H P P C P E D M G
 R M P T C V W R F E K E K Z M R E L
 E P P Y T N A L S P R W N M A E L A
 B I D K C B E T K U I R L D F S O S
 P N D O X M R A H X M L Y M E S N S
 S G R W O O F H D K J M F Y Z N V E
 A N L N H H C A E P K K E K N J C S
 R G A S G B E A C H M T D R T U D E
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 J V F W N S U N S C R E E N Y P K N
 G N I M M I W S I C E C R E A M J N

AMERICA

BARBECUE

BEACH

BLUEBERRY

CAMPING

CORN

FIREWORKS

FLIP-FLOPS

HAT

HIKING

ICE CREAM

INDEPENDENCE

JULY

LEMONADE

PEACH

PICNIC

RASPBERRY

SANDCASTLE

SHORTS

STRAWBERRY

SUMMER

SUNDRESS



TOMATO

TRAVEL

VACATION

WATERMELON



SUNGLASSES

SUNSCREEN

SWIMMING

TANK TOP

