

THE SCRIBE

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Pastor's Pen.....

On October 3rd of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Presidential Proclamation in which the last Thursday in November was to be set aside as a National Day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for all of the blessings received during the year. And since that time, we Americans have taken that day and run ahead with it, mostly preserving its ideals of gratitude. We have further marked the occasion as a time in which we also commemorate the three-day feast of 1621 in which the pilgrims and local native tribe joined in a time of thanksgiving. And from the perspective of the pilgrims, the celebration had decidedly Christian overtones in which their gratitude was directed specifically towards God.

Much is stated at this time of year about what we are thankful for, and one is on the right track when counting their blessings. I would add, however, that even more important than what we are thankful for, is who we are thankful to. All of our blessings come from our Maker, and it is to our Maker that we ought to direct our thanks. I mention this only because it is the who and to part of it that has drifted away from much of our cultural consciousness.

The pilgrims certainly didn't live in a bubble. During the previous winter they had lost about half their number. Yet they still wanted to thank God for what they had! God's blessings often come in the form of new seasons and in the loving hands of neighbors, which for the pilgrims, was the Wampanoag tribe. The pilgrims recognized the hand of God at work in all of it. And so, their response was one of gratitude to their Maker.

In whatever station of life that you find yourself this year, I pray that God's blessings would overshadow any disappointments or defeats that you have suffered. You are still in God's loving hands, even as things haven't always swung your way. And that puts you in good company; in company with legions of believers who have gone before you and trusted in God through every valley and on every hill. They gave thanks to God; and so today, we shall give thanks to God, also.

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 (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 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....



St. Paul Emergency Prayer Request Team
Members may 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.
Thank you!



Michael Hayford

Gary & Sharon Altergott
Kim Cichon
Jim & Shirley Schimka



Ralph, Linda and their family would like to thank everyone for their love, support and prayers through Michael's long journey. They will be having a memorial luncheon in memory of Michael and all of those who have passed from St. Paul following the Totenfest service, on November 22nd.



Sunday, November 8th, will be the annual consecration of pledges during worship. Just bring your pledge card with you and place it in the offering plate near the entrance as you normally do each Sunday.
Or, if you prefer, you may mail it in to the church office.
What you pledge to the support of Christ's Church for the coming year is a sacred act between you and the God Who made you.
May God, therefore,
bless you as you give!



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 22nd
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Name:_____

In Memory of:_____

Date of Death:_____

*Kindly return to the church office by Sunday, November 15th. Thank you!



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

Milestone Birthdays:



Sally Graf



Sally's family would like to invite everyone on November 8th to Mom's 90th Birthday for brunch, after church. She is excited to spend her special day with her church family.





Raise Right makes all your gift shopping easy. Weddings, graduations, birthdays, baby and wedding showers, housewarming 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 on your purchase, and the

Place your order by November 8th and get your cards November 15th

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

Name	Date
Check #	email or phone
	Order total

Common products	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		$
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Worship Service Sponsors:
Sign-up sheets and envelopes will be in the Narthex starting November 1st
The $40 donation covers the cost of the bulletins, and communion supplies.
Thank you so much for sponsoring!





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Decorating the Sanctuary for the Holidays

Please consider helping decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 a.m.
Many hands will make light work and we should be done close to noon.
Thank you in advance! Spiritual Life Board

Greeters-Ushers-Projectionists

Greeter's sign-up by the East Entrance
Usher volunteers, please see Sharon Altergott
Projectionist volunteers, please see Debbie Everett





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
Elena, daughter-in-law of Mary Carlisle
Jeff Florey
Matthew Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Jay Kolze, nephew of Bob & Pat Kolze
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
Holly Petersen, former member
Colton and Declan, grandson's of Janet Olsen's friend
Kathy S., sister of Sharon Khan
Glenn Carlisle
Michael Drost
Jordan Forbes, cousin of Debbie Everett
Kathy, Janet Olsen's cousin
Dawn Drost

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

November Usher Captain:
David Graham



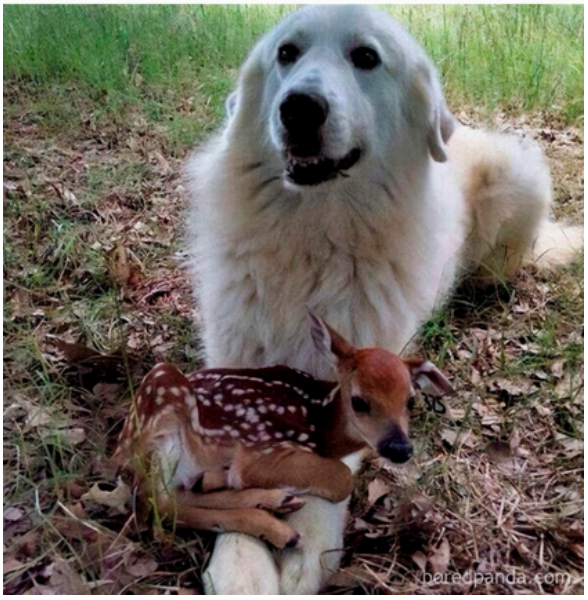
November Readers:
1:Tom Donat
8: Jim Wotal
15: Kim Cichon
22: Pastor
29: Gary Altergott

November Greeters:
1: Shay Storm
8 Ellen Graham:
15:Ellen Graham
22: Ellen Graham
29: Ellen Graham

Lectionary for November:

1: Micah 3: 5-12
1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13
Matthew 5: 1-12
8: Psalm 78: 1-7
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13
15: Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30
22: Ezekial 34: 11-16
Ephisians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46
29: Psalme 80: 1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-37

Wondered why my dog wouldn't come when I called him. Then I found this



KEEP SMILING

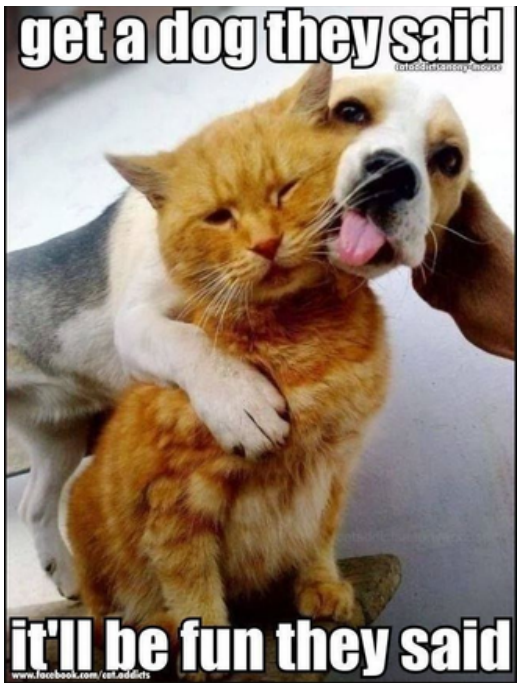
because life is a beautiful thing and there is so much to smile about!







"Adult life is a constant cycle of 'I just need to get through this week', every week"







Name: _____ Date: _____

November

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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ACORN, APPLE CIDER, AUTUMN, BLACK FRIDAY, BONFIRE, CHILLY, CORNUCOPIA, CRANBERRY, FAMILY, FEAST, FOOTBALL, GOBBLE, GRATITUDE, GRAVY, HARVEST, HAYRIDE, LEAVES, MIGRATORY BIRDS, NATIVE AMERICAN, NOVEMBER, PECAN, PILGRIM, PUMPKIN, REMEMBRANCE, SCARF, STUFFING, SWEATER, THANKSGIVING, TURKEY, VETERANS



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