



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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February 2017 Edition

Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

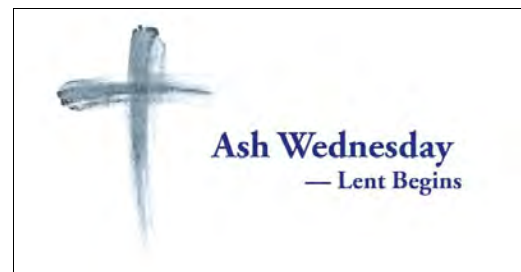
By the time you get this newsletter, we will be a month away from Ash Wednesday & the beginning of the 2017 Lenten season.

When we had Ash Wednesday worship here at St. Paul last year, attendance was pretty light. What I am hoping to do with this issue of the *Scribe* is make an appeal. I am asking all of St. Paul's members to come to **Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday evening March 1st at 7pm.**

The reason is simple -- Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to rededicate your life to the God who made you. That's who it's about: God. It's not about the pastor, or the choir, or anyone else. It's about God and God alone. The evening of Ash Wednesday is when we hear God speak to us through the prophet Joel: *"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing."* (Joel 2:12-13) (NRSV)

Please don't pass this up. We each get one shot at life and it is in that very life when we each have to make our decision about how important God is to us. Please come. Come prayerfully. Come as you are. Come because God is good.

Pastor David



St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Bernadette Chvoy, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Kim Ferris, David Freeman, Arlene Kraus (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), David Mercer (Staff Rep), and Chuck Oberly (Admin. Board Rep).



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 [\(847\) 445-7248](tel:847-445-7248) (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: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)

The Pastoral Relations Committee Is Available To You!



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); Bob Kolze; Joyce Mah; Melissa Gumm; Mary Doktor; and Tom Donat.**



From the Archives...



There are many variations of the definition of "Scribe" - - - a professional penman who copied manuscripts before the invention of printing, a writer or author, a pointed instrument for scoring stone, brick, wood, etc., and someone to write letters.

I spend a great deal of time reading St. Paul letters, bulletins, Scribes and other material learning the history of St. Paul and yet, we really have so little information saved since it's beginnings in 1870. I have yet to discover when St. Paul started The Scribe. I wish we had them since 1870 because they are full of such wonderful stories and information telling the life of St. Paul. We have Bulletins from 1954, but I haven't found Scribes before 1973. If anyone has old Scribes or newsletters, please let me know so I could copy them for the church archives.

Our Associate Pastor Arnie Koriath was at St. Paul from 1970 to 1975 and was very involved in The Scribe. I did not know him, but have enjoyed all that he wrote in The Scribe. He wrote out his Sermons he gave and put them in The Scribe for all to read whether they had been in Church Sunday or not. He also was a poet and wrote many of his poems in The Scribe. He was also on one Sunday morning and evening a month on Channel 5-WMAQ TV for 5 months. I would like to share one of his poems and more in the future.

NOTHING WILL SEPARATE US

On the shore of Great Lake Michigan
the sands of ages collect to bury dead pasts.
blowing through the trees in cold December
the Spirit breathes cool
a new sort of life.

Hidden and buried are we
naked and insignificant are we;
lost in human wilderness
we grope for someone to say, "Hello"

Zillions of sand particles collect
to fill the emptiness,
but for us—
We are more than mere sand - -

Man is the creator
the builder of cities
more numerous than sanddunes
more dense than the zillions
more important than just grains of stone.
Even though the sands should change
the face of the earth:
new mountains, new hills, new seas;
Even though the wind should blow
a torrent of rain upon dry ground
forming an ocean of sorrow, sickness,
seasons of grief;

Even though snow should cover
the last leaves of things alive
and the earth's energy becomes scarce
so we grumble and groan to stay warm;

Even though man is separated from man - -
broken by conflict, greed, guilt, and sin,
isolated by turning away from life - -

Even though Christmas buying, selling
and celebrating fogs our real meaning
and the Christ Child screams to be heard
from behind dazzling advertising;

Even though the skies should change
from warm blue to cold grey - -
and fire melt the hardest city steel - -

Nothing will ever separate us
from the Love of our God.

by Arnie Koriath

-Margie Anderson, Archives



2 Gene Morgan	19 Karl Bethke
5 Justin Everett	19 Shirley Kolze
6 Courtney Conrad	19 Lynn Arnold
6 Brandon Doktor	23 Lyman Walter
7 Ellen Graham	24 Donna Bochat
11 Marty Kennelly Jr	25 Nancy Perry
11 Megan Martin	26 Lois Roesner
14 Tim Doktor	27 Bradley Gillette
14 Ellen Magee	27 Erik Bethke

*If there is anyone I missed, please call the church office,
so we can update our records. Thank you!*



In memory of Ethel Baumann

Arlene Kraus	Nancy Perry
Dick & Jean Kolze	Bob & Pat Kolze
Cherrie Wickstrom	Gary & Sharon Altergott
Charlotte Mally	Jim & Shirley Schimka
Dorothy Altergott	Phil & Lynn Arnold

In memory of Carol Frost

Randy & Kim Cichon	Gary & Sharon Altergott
Cherrie Wickstrom	Jim & Shirley Schimka
Bob & Pat Kolze	Dick & Jean Kolze
Dorothy Altergott	Phil & Lynn Arnold

Charlotte Mally in memory of Carl Zielke
Pat & Bob Kolze in memory of Brenda Ternberg



From the Community Outreach Committee...



FEBRUARY SCRIP PROGRAM

February Scrip Orders are due in the Scrip Mailbox (on shelf across from the office door) by 11:20 a.m. on the 2nd Sunday – February 12th and will be ready to pick up the following Sunday – February 19th downstairs after church from Darlene Vogt!

Ordering through our Scrip Program is an EASY way to donate to our Wachs Fund all year round, with no additional cost to you – just for prepaying for the shopping you do anyway. These profits stay in our account to be transferred to the Wachs Fund in February on Wachs Love Sunday. The 2016 profits were \$1,922.14 from 103 orders. This was \$8.52 more than in 2015 with one less order. This fund is used to provide short term/one time monetary assistance to residents of Palatine and the St. Paul Community who are experiencing a financial hardship. Please consider and try this way to help someone less fortunate than you. Maybe buy a Walgreen, Target or Walmart gift card to use doing your shopping.

Thanks to those of you who are regulars in our Scrip Program. If you have any questions, contact St. Paul Scrip Program Coordinator, Darlene Vogt, at 847/359-0839 or online at dvogt122@aol.com. This program is sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee of The Spiritual Life Board.

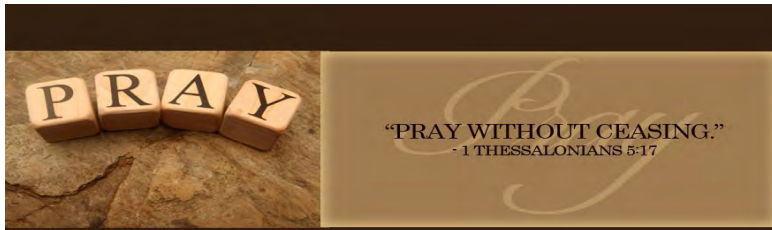


Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive

The Community Outreach committee is *kicked off* the annual St. Paul **Souper Bowl Sunday** food drive for the Palatine Township Food Pantry on January 22. This post-Christmas food drive began many years ago asking for soup for the food pantry—good cold weather food the pantry is always in need of during the winter months. You may still contribute hearty soups, but the food pantry's current needs also include: 100% fruit juice, mashed or canned potatoes, canned meat—chicken and beef, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, canned fruit, canned vegetables, baking supplies and coffee. Monetary donations are also appreciated. You may make checks out to the *Palatine Township Needy Family Fund*. As a member of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, monetary donations are used by the Palatine Township to buy both non-perishable and fresh food in bulk at greatly reduced prices. You may leave checks in the office, put them in the offering plate or give them to a Community Outreach committee member.

So, when you are making your shopping list for your Super Bowl noshing, please include the Palatine Township Food Pantry's needs on your shopping list, too. You may deposit your Souper Bowl Sunday donations in the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for helping to feed those that are hungry here in Palatine.

Your Community Outreach Committee,
Greg Mayer, Melissa Gumm, Holly Petersen, Darlene Vogt and Karen Wagner



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rick Bartels, co-worker of Kim Cichon
 Charlie Betzhold
 Don, friend of Chuck & Margie Anderson
 Eva Bori
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Kendall Eich
 Laura Giltzow, mother of Sherri Davenport
 Leona Henning
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Steve Herbst, friend of Bern Chvoy
 Larry Herron
 Kira Ingram, granddaughter of Larry Ingram
 Susan Kazmierczak, niece of Dawn Drost
 Nancy Kocher, friend of Dawn Drost
 Leizl, great niece of Chuck & Margie Anderson
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
 Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
 Jerry Mohr, brother of Margie Anderson
 Jerry Parsons, friend of Sandy & Dave Gumm
 Laurel Paul, friend of the Everetts
 Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Darryl Samborski, co-worker of Kim Cichon
 Blanche Schug
 Eric Schultze, brother of Jackie Schultze
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Dick Storm
 Tom, cousin of Kim and Karen
 Trish Vanderploeg, friend of Kim Cichon
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey
 Vi Weiskopf, friend of Rev. Mercer
 Marjorie Winkle, friend of Phil & Lynn Arnold

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for February:

5: Melissa Gumm
12: Ken and Shirley Kolze
19: Ralph and Linda Hayford
26: Gloria Helms

Nursery Attendant for February:

Carrie Kerlin

Usher Captain for February:

Doug Petersen

Lectionary Readers for February:

5: Tom Donat
12: Sandy Gumm
19:
26:

Lectionary for February:

5: Isa 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Cor 2:1-16; Matt 5:13-20.
12: Deut 30:15-20; Sir 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Cor 3:1-9; Matt 5:21-37.
19: Leviticus 19:1-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Cor 3:10-11,16-23; Matt 5:38-48.
26: Ex 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Psalm 99; 2 Pet 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9.





SUMMER SUPPERS

The Summer Suppers program serves those in need a good meal during the months of May through September. St. Paul will be partnering with St. Theresa in this program for the first time in the summer of 2017. The dates for these suppers will be May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 8 from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to sign guests in, prepare fully cooked and ready to serve meals to feed 30+ guests, serve the meal and clean up. There is no training required. Anyone who is at least high school age can volunteer. Freshman and sophomores must bring a parent or guardian.

I would like to get a preliminary idea as to who would be willing to help with this outreach program. I will be attending a planning meeting in February, and would like to have an idea as to the level of participation we can expect from St. Paul by that time. This is a perfect opportunity for those of you that prefer to be task force helpers. Please let me know if you are interested in helping, and in what capacity.

Thanks,
Greg Mayer

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



St. Paul has reserved 20 spots in a packing event on Saturday March 4th at the FMSC location in Schaumburg. Please contact Greg Mayer or the church office if you would like to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

When: Saturday, March 4th
Where: 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL.
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

BRING A FRIEND!

Sponsored by

 Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital
Inspiring medicine. Changing lives.

HEART HEALTH



Learn to be "heart healthy."

Cardiac Bingo

Engaging education event, that will help you learn the causes, risk factors and improve your odds of Cardiovascular Disease.

Topic will include information on

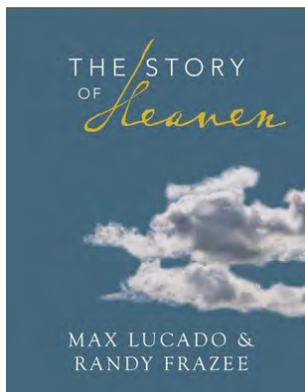
- Dietary factors
- Lipid Abnormalities
- Cholesterol health and More....

Register today!

Feb 19, 2017
11:30 a.m.- 12:30

St. Paul United Church of Christ
144 E. Palatine Road, Palatine **Phone:** (847) 358-0399

Register Today for this informative event.



"The Story Of Heaven: The End Is Only The Beginning"

What do you think of your eternal destiny? In February, Pastor David will be facilitating a three-part adult discussion series on the subject of heaven.

Each session will last one hour. 15 minutes will be spent viewing the DVD featuring Max Lucado and Randy Frazee, and 45 minutes will be spent in discussion guided by the pastor. RSVP is appreciated.

Sessions will be in the evening only. Bring your Bible.

Monday February 6th	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"Exit Strategy"</i>
Monday February 13th	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"Heavenly Graduation"</i>
Monday February 20th	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"The End of Time"</i>



Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Fund/Veterans of the Cross. St. Paul collected \$285.00.

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I wish to thank the people who have given their time to assist in the financial reporting for the congregation of St. Paul. Those who have counted the collections every Sunday and holidays are Sharon Altergott, Sandy Gumm, Mary Ann Leseberg, Doug Petersen and Phyllis Wittig. In addition thanks goes to Janet Bethke who has weekly recorded all the members financial giving for the year and produced the individual member contribution reports for tax purposes. Finally, I wish to thank Mary Faust for helping with forwarding all the bills payable to me for timely payment. We are very fortunate to have church members who share their many talents. -Chuck Oberly, Bookkeeper

(And Chuck we would like to thank you as well, for all you do as our Bookkeeper)

From the Boards...

....We are in need of a Spiritual Life Board Member
....We are in need of a member for the Administrative Board.
....The Worship Committee is looking for ASK ME Reps, Lectionary Readers, Element Bearers for Communion Sundays. Please contact Kris Freeman if interested in any of the openings.

We are also in need of some "task helpers"....for one time tasks that we are in need of volunteers for. You do not need to be on a committee or board, or commit to be on either to participate. If you are interested in being a task helper for any of the tasks listed below, please see a member of the Spiritual Life Board. Thank you!



The Women's Fellowship Group will be going to Rosewood Care Center in Inverness on Saturday February 11th to visit with residents and assist them in making a spring craft. Please email Lisa Kennelly at lkennelly@yahoo.com if you plan to attend and would like to carpool. A sign up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall. The group will be leaving St. Paul's west side parking lot at 9:30AM to drive to Rosewood.

Christian Education Corner...

YOU'RE INVITED!

February 12, 2017

Please grab a cup of coffee and join me in the Conference room for a discussion of our Interfaith involvement. A grant proposal will be available for review.

Can you answer these questions:

What do Christmas and Ramadan have in common?

Where, besides the Bible can you find the story of Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus?

What do you know about Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar?

-Bonnie





Helping People

*Adopt-A-Family ♥ Angel Tree ♥ Apple Tree
Food Pantry ♥ Easter Baskets ♥ Thanksgiving Baskets*

December 20, 2016

St. Paul United Church of Christ
144 E. Palatine Road
Palatine, IL 60067

Dear Parishioners at St. Paul United Church of Christ:

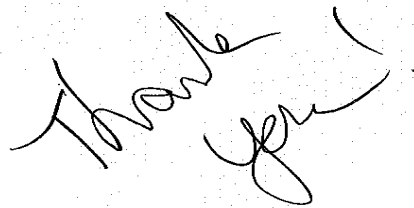
Thank you for your generous donation of \$592.00, check #19619 (Palatine High School Treasure Chest), to the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Your donation will help supplement the Food Pantry with non-perishable food items and personal products for distribution to the residents in need.

In 2015, an average of 356 families residing in Palatine Township received monthly assistance through the Township's Food Pantry. These families are traditional families who have fallen on difficult times due to illness, loss of a job, or one of many other reasons. The recipients are also single mothers and senior citizens that need extra assistance with their monthly food supplies. Because of your donation to this special fund, help is available to these families.

Thank you for reaching out to those less fortunate in our community. The Palatine Township Food Pantry would not be available to assist local families without your generous donation and support.

Sincerely,


Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
President, Needy Family Fund, Inc.
Supervisor, Palatine Township



721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL 60067 847-358-6700

The mission of the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund is to assist residents in need with financial and supportive services to improve their quality of life. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation.

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**Below is an excerpt from the Palatine High School Newsletter:

This holiday season, PATH (Palatine Assisting Through Hope) and PFA (Palatine Faith in Action) generously donated gift bags for approximately 100 very deserving students at Palatine High School. These organizations made the holiday season much more joyous for many of our families. At Palatine, we have over 50% of our students on free and reduced lunch, which means many times families aren't able to contribute their own funds to purchasing gifts. This can be extremely difficult for our families, but with the help of PATH and PFA many children experienced the magic of the season. The support that PATH and PFA provide doesn't stop there, they continue to support our school and community in various ways throughout the year. We are forever grateful for all they've done to meet the needs of our community. We truly appreciate their unwavering and continued support. Our community continues to stay strong because of all they do.



Palatine Township
Needy Family Fund
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*Adopt-A-Family ♥ Angel Tree ♥ Apple Tree
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December 19, 2016

Holly Petersen
St. Paul United Church of Christ
144 E. Palatine Road,
Palatine, IL 60067

Dear Holly:

Palatine Township would like to extend its sincere thank you for your donation of 4 baskets and 4 gift cards to the 2016 Thanksgiving Program. Because of generous donors like you, over 975 Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to families in need in this community. Every family received a basket overflowing with non-perishable food items and a grocery store gift card to purchase a turkey. The families were very grateful and overwhelmed by the kindness of the Palatine Township Community and surely had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

The entire Township Staff wants to thank all who participated and volunteered their time to make this program successful and resourceful program. We are indebted for all of your support of the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund Thanksgiving Basket Program.

Sincerely,

Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL WACHS LOVE SUNDAY February 12, 2017

February 12 will mark the 28th year that St. Paul has celebrated **Wachs Love Sunday** on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a special day set aside each year to make a point of telling special people in our lives that we love and care about them. Daniel Wachs, a long-time St. Paul member, spent much of his adult life making a point of showing people that he cared about them. He was forever finding ways to help others in one way or another--here at church, within our congregation and within our community. He was the chairman of the Building Committee in 1955 when the St. Paul education wing was built and dedicated so we would have a place to teach our children of God's love. You can check out the old newspaper article downstairs on the bulletin board. After his death in 1989, his family created the Wachs Love Fund here at St. Paul to honor his life, and his love of helping others. The Community Outreach Committee receives many Wachs Fund requests throughout the year from Palatine residents experiencing hardship in our challenging economic times. The Wachs Love Fund provided \$2675.00.00 in assistance in 2016 with utility bills and living assistance for rent, mortgage, transportation, temporary housing, gasoline and groceries.



The Wachs Love Fund at St. Paul is funded in two ways:

Through participation in the **Scrip Program** that you read about each month in the announcements and the Scribe. We encourage you to try purchasing Scrip for a couple of months, for some of the shopping you do each month—for groceries, prescriptions, clothing, gasoline, dining out or other entertainment—as well as for gifts you are going to purchase, or give the gift card itself. You may place your order on the second Sunday of each month, and pick it up on the third Sunday. A percentage (1.5% to 25% depending on the vendor) of those purchases you make through the Scrip program come right back to the Wachs Love Fund, and you get the full dollar amount that you order. In 2016, 103 orders were placed throughout the year, generating a profit of \$1922.14.

Imagine what that profit could be for the Wachs Fund if more families participated and did some of their shopping or gift giving through the Scrip program. Consider using Scrip for one thing you purchase regularly—gas, groceries, clothing, dining out, medicine/prescriptions, or gifts in order to support the Wachs Fund throughout the year without spending a dime more than you will anyway. We all eat, put gas in our vehicles, purchase clothing and other necessities and not-so-essential items, dine out, and need to purchase home care/repair items. Do you know you will need to make a large furniture or appliance purchase? Check to see if the retailer you will purchase it from is a Scrip vendor. Even Amazon.com is one of our vendors! If the vendor you want to use is *not* on the list, check with Darlene Vogt to see if the vendor participates in the Scrip program. We do not have room to list all vendors on one sheet of paper.

And, the second way the Wachs Love Fund is funded is through your generosity on **Sunday, February 12, which is designated as Wachs Love Sunday**. There are envelopes at the end of each pew during February, or you can designate your Wachs Fund gift on your regular offering envelope.

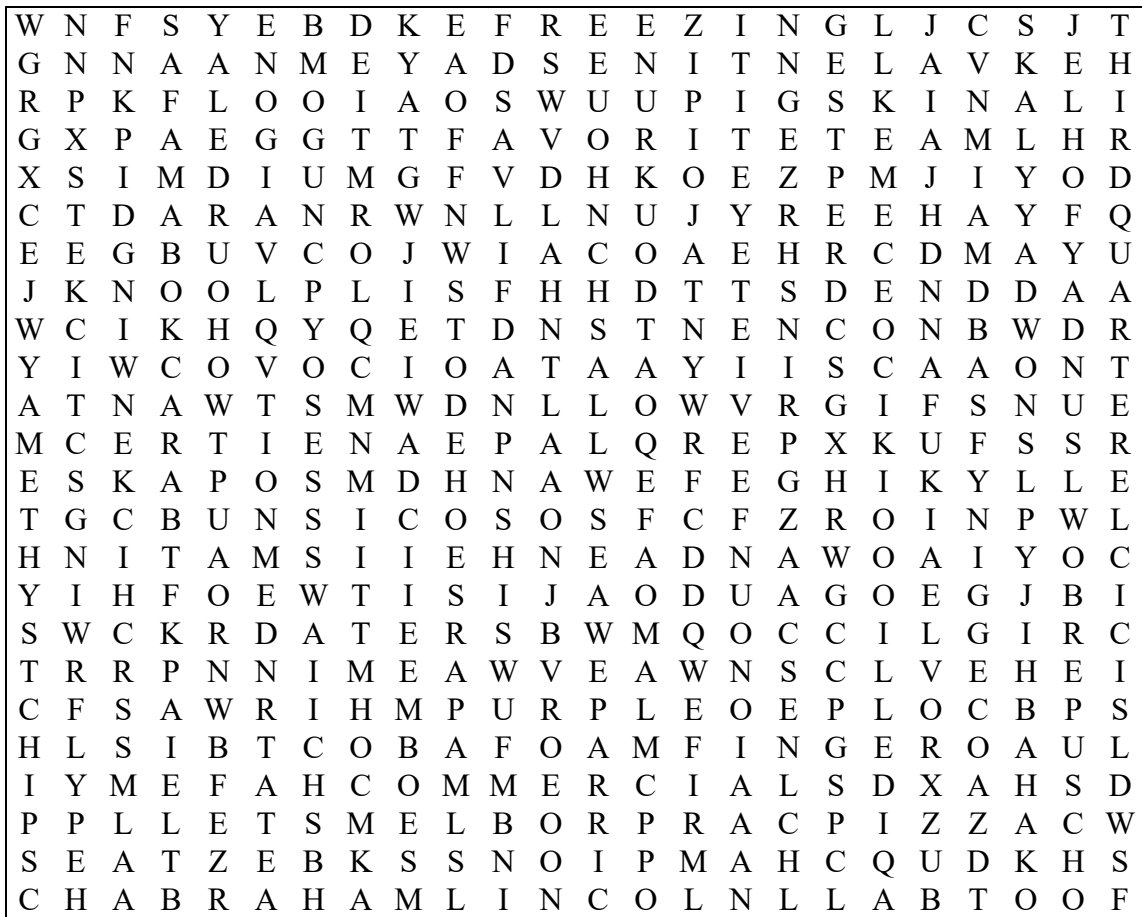
We ask you to consider giving generously to the Wachs Love Fund if you are able. The monies collected for the Wachs Love Offering will provide assistance to those in our St. Paul community and in the greater Palatine community who are struggling to survive financially, have experienced a medical, family or job crisis, or have fallen through the cracks of other forms of assistance—the stories are sometimes unimaginable. Please consider giving generously to the Wachs Love Fund so St. Paul can continue to provide this outreach ministry to God's children, just as it has for the last 27 years. Thank you.

Your Community Outreach Committee, Greg Mayer, Melissa Gumm, Holly Petersen, Darlene Vogt and Karen Wagner





February Word Search



ABRAHAM LINCOLN AMETHYST AQUARIUS BELOW ZERO CELEBRITIES

CHAMPIONS CHIPS COMMERCIALS FANS FAVORITE TEAM FOOTBALL

FREEZING GEORGE WASHINGTON HALFTIME SHOW ICE ICICLE JOHN ADAMS

NATIONAL ANTHEM PIGSKIN PIZZA PRESIDENTS DAY SCHOOL CANCELLATION

SNOW DAY SNOWMAN SODA SUPER BOWL SUNDAY THIRD QUARTER

THOMAS JEFFERSON TIME OUT TOUCHDOWN VALENTINES DAY WIND CHILL