



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

In many of our national parks there is a standing rule: "Do Not Feed The Bears." Visitors to the park are prohibited under penalty of law, from even offering the bears so much as a Ritz cracker. Why have such a rule? Well, for a couple of reasons. For one thing, it is the Park Rangers who are responsible for notifying the visitor's next of kin. The second reason is because it makes the bears dependent upon hand outs and breaks their natural cycle of fending for themselves in their natural habitat.

Pure and regular hand outs can do that to a recipient: it can weaken their resolve to be responsible for their own welfare. After all, why go out and catch a fish from the stream when Pop Tarts are available from the next passing car?

I would like to remind all of St. Paul's members about something that we each one already know. Namely, the organization known as Habitat For Humanity is NOT a handout. It is a hand up. Recipients of Habitat houses are still responsible for paying their mortgage, utilities, and property taxes. A Habitat For Humanity house is affordable housing, but it is not free housing.

Historically, St. Paul has been a long supporter of Habitat For Humanity through volunteers and donations. We still are.

If you would be interested in being a part of this hand-up in some way, please come and talk with me.

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).



St. Paul will be holding a National Day of Prayer service on Thursday, May 5th at 9:00 am, followed by a continental breakfast. All are invited.

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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



St. Paul will be participating in a combined (PFA – Palatine Faith in Action) church event on Saturday June 11 at the FMSC location in Schaumburg. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

When: Saturday, June 11
Where: 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL.
Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm or 7:00 – 9:00 pm

BRING A FRIEND!

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Church Women United Collections (Our recycling Project)

There is a large plastic tub in Fellowship Hall ready to receive your donations. List of those items they will take are in a holder at the back of the tub. When the tub is full I will call the lady who collects the supplies to arrange pick up.

Thank you those of you who have been bringing items the tub is filling up quickly. Eyeglasses, candles, notebooks, calendars, greeting cards, hygiene items will all be appreciated by those who will receive them.

Questions? Talk to Sandy Gumm on Sunday mornings.





Women's Fellowship: Spring Garden/Planter Planning, Planting and Lunch

Saturday, May 14th at 9:30am: The Women's Fellowship Group invites you to live out your wildest spring container garden dreams!

We will be meeting at St. Paul to carpool up to Hawthorn Gardens for a morning of planter/garden planning and shopping. It was decided at the April lunch that members wanted to shop together for plants and then if you wish, you can plant a container or two in Holly's backyard post-shopping.

We will have a planter idea with a votive that you can purchase materials to create if you wish. Lunch will follow planting in Holly's garden. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board by May 8th so we can arrange drivers and plan for lunch. Questions? Please contact Holly Petersen. All St. Paul women are welcome.

Some members have expressed a desire to make a trip up to Kolze's Corner Gardens together. We will select a date to head up to Woodstock while we are together on May 14th.



Alaska Mission Trip

Several members of St. Paul are joining a mission trip with St. John's Lutheran Church of Union, IL for a mission trip to Alaska. The trip is still in the planning stages, but will take place sometime in July 2017. The Taco Fiesta will take on a new look as we prepare for a journey to the 49th state, providing vacation Bible school and building assistance in the wide-open land. There will be additional fundraisers, many of which will take place at St. John's. If you have an interest in the trip, or would like to help with fundraising, please see Kim Ferris or Mary Doktor.



3-Board Meeting

There will be a meeting for the Executive Board, Administration Board, and Spiritual Life Board on Tuesday, June 7. There will be a pizza dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7:00. We will be discussing the findings of the Cottage Meetings. See you there!

School Ends, but Hunger Doesn't



School ends in June, BUT hunger doesn't. During the school year, children living within the Palatine Township are able to receive free or reduced-price breakfasts and lunches at school. During the summer, struggling families need help to be able to provide these meals for their children. Nutritious, non-perishable food items are available to them

through the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Currently, the Palatine Food Pantry is assisting 345 families each month.

The **School Ends, but Hunger Doesn't** summer food drive will again be held during May, June and July at St. Paul. Non-perishable food items needed include canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, canned meats—tuna and chicken, tomato products (e.g., tomato and spaghetti sauce), breakfast cereal and bars, and canned juices (100% fruit juice). Donations may be placed in the grocery cart in Grosse Memorial Hall. The Township Food Pantry also accepts fresh produce AT the Township Office at the corner of Quentin Road and Illinois Avenue—diagonally across from Fremd High School.

Thank you for your generosity. Your Community Outreach Committee

MAY SCRIP PROGRAM

May Scrip Orders are due in the Scrip Mailbox (on shelf across from the office door) by 11:30 a.m. on the second Sunday, May 8th and will be ready to pickup on the following Sunday, May 15th!

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. The earnings from our orders stay in our account to be transferred to the Wachs Fund in February on Wachs Love Sunday. 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 order 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.



Happy May Birthdays!



3 Sharon Khan	23 Amanda Graham
3 Cassie Kerlin	23 Shirley Schimka
4 Wilhelm Strohmeier	25 Sandy Chesny
4 David Gumm	26 Mary Faust
8 Kathy Harlos	29 Bill Davenport
9 Afif Rahman, <i>Compassion Int'l Sponsored Child</i>	
11 Bev Young	
14 Dawn Drost	
15 Amanda Faust	
16 Safiatou Djihuemde, <i>Compassion Int'l Sponsored Child</i>	
20 Tammy VanZandt-Bolf	

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

Phyllis Wittig In memory of Rudy Hempel

memorials
& gifts



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)

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From the Spiritual Life Board...

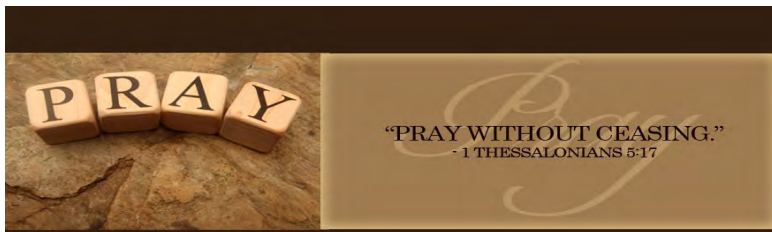
- We are in need of a Spiritual Life Rep to the Executive Board as well as an "At Large" person to the Executive Board.
- We are in need of a member for the Administrative Board.
- We are in need of a chairman for the Christian Education Committee
- The Worship Committee is looking for ASK ME Reps, Lectionary Readers, Element Bearers for Communion Sundays. Please contact Kris Freeman if interested in any of the openings.



We are 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!

....If our entry is approved by the Palatine Jaycees, we will be marching in the July 2nd parade, for the July 4th celebration, alongside Chuck & Margie Anderson's refurbished 1953 Dodge truck. (How neat is that?) We need volunteers to help decorate the truck, brainstorm, and create our promotional material handout, as well as march in the parade.

....We are in need of a Chairperson for the July 4th Parking Lot Fundraiser. Please contact anyone on the Administrative Board as soon as possible, if interested.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Sharon Altergott
 Rick Bartells, friend of Kim Cichon
 Charlie Betzhold
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Lindsey Demos
 Kendall Eich
 Debbie Faust, sister of Mark Faust
 Gehlin Family, friends of the Drost Family
 Laura and Bob Giltzow
 Austin Hayford, grandson of Ralph & Linda Hayford
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Larry Herron
 Kira Ingram, granddaughter of Larry Ingram
 Karl Krause
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg
 Christopher Macahon, friend of the Faust Family
 Bob & Charlotte McKotch, sister and brother-in-law of Janet Walter
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
 Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
 Delores Moxley, friend of Pat & Bob Kolze
 Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Michael Schroeder, friend of Kris Freeman
 Lois Southard, friend of Kim Cichon
 Kindra Spiegel, daughter of Ken & Shirley Kolze
 Riley Stencel, great-niece of Greg Mayer
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Steve Temple
 Tom, cousin of Kim and Karen
 Trish Vanderploeg, friend of Kim Cichon
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for May:

1: Jim & Shirley Schimka
8: Wally & Jan Degner
15: Ralph & Linda Hayford
22: Sharon Florey
29: Doug & Holly Petersen

Acolytes for May:

1: Katie Gregor & Holly Chvoy
8: Holly Chvoy & Marty Kennelly
15: Marty Kennelly

Usher Captain for May: Jim Frost

Lectionary for May:

1: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67, Rev. 21:10, 22:22-5; John 14:23-39; John 5:1-9.
8: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Rev:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26.
15: Acts 2:1-21; Gen 11:1-19; Psalm 104:24-34; Rom 8:14-17; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, 25-27.
22: Prov. 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Rom 5:1-5; John 15:12-15.
29: 1 Kings 18:20-29; Psalm 96; 1 Kings 8:22-43; Psalm 96:1-9; Gal 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10.



From the Health Committee...

Autism spectrum



Autism, also known as “autistic spectrum disorder (ASD),” is a developmental disability that affects a person’s behavior, ability to communicate and social skills. According to the National Institutes of Health, ASD is called a spectrum disorder because there is a wide range of symptoms, skills and levels of impairment among those who have the condition.

Until recently, there were several different conditions, including Asperger syndrome, that were considered to be part of the autism spectrum. In 2013, the American Psychiatric Association consolidated these diagnoses into Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

Autism can be diagnosed in children as young as 18 months, although many children aren’t diagnosed until they are older. Some people with autism who are very high functioning may never be diagnosed or may be diagnosed as adults.

Autism symptoms

Autism symptoms vary in severity and presentation. Here are some common symptoms of autism spectrum disorders:

- Has difficulties relating to others.
- Avoids appropriate eye contact.
- Engages in repetitive behaviors or motions, such as rocking or hand-flapping.
- Has difficulties adapting to changes in routines.
- Reacts in an extreme or unusual way to sensory stimulation, such as tastes, textures and sounds.

Autism treatment

There is no cure for autistic spectrum disorder, but there are ways to improve the quality of life of those who have it. Therapy is available that will help them communicate more effectively, develop relationships with others and manage stress.

Early interventions are important for people with autism. Parents who believe their child may be on the spectrum should speak to their doctors about having their child evaluated. Adults who believe they are on the spectrum should speak to their physician or a mental health professional about their concerns.

Caring for people on the autism spectrum and their families

Faith communities can do a lot to support people with autism. Learning about autism, understanding autistic behaviors and providing practical support can make an enormous difference in the lives of people in your congregation who are on the spectrum, as well as their families and caregivers.

Be understanding: Some people call autism an “invisible disability,” because you can’t tell if a person has the condition just by looking at him or her. In children, frustration and sensory stimulation can sometimes cause a child to have what appears to be a tantrum. High-functioning adults with autism may appear to be distracted or even rude in social interactions. When confronted with these situations, show grace and understanding, instead of becoming irritated or offended.

Educate yourself: There are many online resources for those who wish to educate themselves about autism spectrum disorders. Learning about autism is important for everyone, especially clergy and laypeople. Encourage those who work with young people and children in your congregation to develop an understanding of autistic spectrum disorders. These workers can, in turn, educate the children and teens that they work with about the challenges faced by peers on the spectrum.

Make accommodations: When possible, faith communities can accommodate the special needs of people with autism, as well as their families. Accommodations may include dimming the lights in classrooms, asking about communication preferences (some people with autism are more comfortable communicating in writing than on the phone), or providing a quiet room where an autistic person can decompress if feeling stressed.

Offer practical support: Parents of children on the autism spectrum are often very busy juggling their children’s special needs with other responsibilities. Faith community members can help these parents by offering assistance with chores and childcare.

If there are adult members of your congregation who are on the spectrum, they may also appreciate support and assistance with household tasks and, if they don’t drive, transportation. Some people with autism may appreciate your willingness to engage them socially, especially if they are self-conscious about their social skills. High-functioning adults with autism often have special interests and skills that your faith community may be able to put to use. Encourage these individuals to become volunteers.

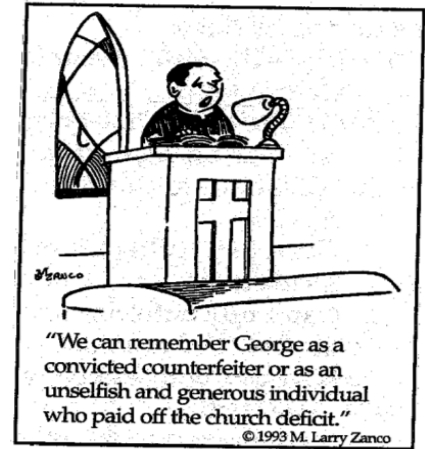
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Church Extras...



If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !

B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

