



The Scribe

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October 2016 Edition

Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

"If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity." -- John F. Kennedy (brainyquote.com)

Our late President was right: We're not likely to end our differences anytime soon. I would even go so far as to suggest that groupthink is impossible, at least for human beings. It might work for robots, but not for humans. The question that is before us, therefore, is: *"How can we learn to live with one another in spite of our differences?"* As your pastor, I would assert that it is imperative for us to pursue this very question, and that we do so with a mindset that seeks mutual generosity and forbearance. Please mark your calendars for a two-part sermon series and accompanying two-part adult Christian Education discussion series in which we will wrestle with this very question.

Sunday October 16th at 10am worship there will be a sermon entitled: *"Generosity Of Spirit: My LGBT Neighbor."*

Monday October 17th from 7-8pm there will be an adult discussion on the same topic.

Sunday October 23rd at 10am worship there will be a sermon entitled: *"Generosity Of Spirit: My Traditional Neighbor."*

Monday October 24th from 7-8pm there will be an adult discussion on the same topic.

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).

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

St. Paul has reserved 20 spots in a packing event on Saturday November 5th 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, November 5th

Where: 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL.

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM



BRING A FRIEND!



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Take Control of your health: Get Tested for Breast Cancer. Getting a yearly mammogram is one of the most important actions a woman can take to find breast cancer early when the disease is most treatable.

Flu Shots

The flu season will soon be here. Flu shots are available at local pharmacies now. Don't wait too long before scheduling one for yourself or a family member.



Mark your calendars! Acupuncture and Your Health

On Sunday, Nov. 13th the health committee invites you to attend a presentation on acupuncture by our own Kathi Wotal. She will define “acupuncture” and answer questions that many of us have such as - “does it hurt” and “how does it work?” She will discuss the scientific aspect of acupuncture and the Chinese philosophy behind it. Kathi will include the many health issues that acupuncture can treat such as chronic and acute pain, anxiety and depression, auto-immune diseases, etc. In addition we can look forward to a demonstration! Kathi's presentation promises to be informative, interesting and very enlightening. Join us in the conference room after the service on November 13th.



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)



Saturday December 24th Christmas Eve Worship
5:00 & 11:00pm
Both services will feature candlelight and Communion

Sunday December 25th
Regular Sunday morning worship is CANCELLED .

In consideration of the popularity of the Christmas Eve late service as well as the probability of very low worship attendance on the following morning, the Board of Spiritual Life has decided to cancel the Sunday morning worship service on December 25th of this year. This decision was made following the recommendation of the staff and Worship Committee. It is our hope that the Christmas Eve services on Saturday will more than meet your spiritual needs on Christmas weekend. Please come and rejoice with us on Saturday evening as we celebrate the Word becoming flesh for the life of the world!

From the Archives...



This is from the Herald - -October 26, 1901

Renovation Services. The renovation services at the St. Paul's church, Sun eve were a joyful celebration and the young people's society was heartily congratulated on finishing its work.

The services opened with an organ duet by Rev. J.C. Hoffmeister and daughter, Miss Mary. This was followed by a scripture reading and a selection by the choir. It has long been recognized that the vocal and instrumental music at this church is extra fine and there was no exception that evening.

Rev. Heinreck, of Lake Zurich, read a scripture lesson which was followed by a song. Rev. Fleer, of Des Plaines, gave an interesting address after which the choir again favored the audience with a selection. Frank Bicknase made a short address in English telling of the work the Jugenverein had done to the church and the necessity of changing from the old ways to the new. A selection by the Plum Grove choir was much appreciated.

William and Henry Abelman spoke in German, mentioning the societies and the work each undertook. Rev. J.C. Hoffmeister thanked the English friends for the interest taken and showed how much work was needed and would be a help to the church.

Rev. Holmes, pastor of the M.E. Church, made a few remarks and the congregation was dismissed.

The church was packed, standing room at a premium. We described the decorations and improvements last week, but it needs to be seen to realize the change.

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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



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 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.



Happy October Birthdays

4 Wally Degner
6 Pat Santucci
12 Jean Chapman
12 Karen Wagner
13 Karen Whedon
14 Kathi Wotal
19 Chuck Oberly
19 Stacy Gillette
19 Adam Bethke
20 Dorothy Chamberlain
22 Dick Kolze
22 Mohammad Okta Prima Sputro (Comp. Int'l child)
24 Janet Walter
26 Phil Doktor
26 Ryan Doktor
30 Chuck Anderson
30 Jill Dekrell

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

The Health Committee invites everyone to attend the Fall Outing on Friday, November 4th at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. We shall meet in the west parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and car pool.

The FINE ART OF FIBER show will have exhibits from the following groups: Illinois Quilters, Inc., North Suburban Needle Arts Guild, and Weavers Guild of the North Shore. There will be Fiber Art Exhibitions, Fashion Shows, Silent Auction, Quilt Sales, and Sales of Handcrafted Items and Wearable Art.

Admission is free but parking fee applies. Sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall beginning October 16.



I would like to thank the congregation for the cards, prayers, and well wishes after my surgery.

I truly appreciate it and wanted you know I'm doing well.

Doug Petersen



The Palatine Township Thanksgiving Program assists low-income families in our community by providing them with many of the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

St. Paul will be providing Thanksgiving baskets for four local families.

Please sign up for any basket ingredients that you would like to donate on the back bulletin board in Fellowship Hall by SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th.

All items must be non-perishable.

**PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.
Thank you for your generosity at Thanksgiving and throughout the year.
Your Community Outreach Committee**

P.A.D.S. Donations Needed

Fall is here and that means its PADS season in the Northwest suburbs. Through the Community Outreach Committee we at St Paul have committed to helping our friends of All Saints Lutheran Church this year by providing a hot dinner and food for breakfast and lunches several times during the 2016-2017 season. The first opportunity to help is providing donations for meals Saturday October 29th. Sign-up sheets will be available in fellowship hall following worship beginning Sunday October 2nd. Please consider donating to this wonderful program.

If you are interested in becoming a site volunteer visit www.journeystheroadhome.org for opportunities in our community and the schedule of volunteer orientations.

Thank you, Melissa Gumm

Christian Education Corner

The first quarter of the new Christian Education Year, focuses on the book of Jeremiah. This corresponds with the church lectionary. Interestingly enough, the coming lesson will deal with Jeremiah's call from God. Children, even some adults, never think about or know about what God's call is to them.

In our Sunday School class, we have artists, a cellist, a violinist, two guitarists, a self-described techy and a scientist. Think about all the "calls" that are possible in such a group. I cannot wait to see what happens next! Also, for those of you who found us all laying on the floor with our heads together, this was one of many prayer practices that the kids will be learning this year.

In a more humorous note, I tried to make Pokemon bible characters and the kids had to catch them in the little plastic catchers. There was only one problem, we couldn't find the lion's head. You know, from Daniel and the Lion's den. So, if you are in the nursery or Sunday School room and you come across a lion's head, don't panic, he belongs to us. The kids also showed me on their phones that we are actually a PokemonGo site. If you play PokemonGo, the dragon is in the bell tower!





PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The Family & Friends of Karl Krause
 Charlie Betzhold
 Eva Bori
 Dolly Chamberlain
 Karen Connor
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Lindsey Demos
 Kendall Eich
 Debbie Faust, sister of Mark Faust
 Laura and Bob Giltzow
 Leona Henning
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Larry Herron
 Kira Ingram, granddaughter of Larry Ingram
 Leizl, great niece of Chuck & Margie Anderson
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg
 Bob & Charlotte McKotch, sister and brother-in-law of Janet Walter
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
 Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
 Jerry Mohr, brother of Margie Anderson
 Delores Moxley, friend of Pat & Bob Kolze
 Laurel Paul, friend of the Everetts
 Leon Paz, husband of Mary Paz
 Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Blanche Schug
 Eric Schultze, brother of Jackie Schultze
 Kindra Spiegel, daughter of Ken & Shirley Kolze
 Riley Stencil, great-niece of Greg Mayer
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 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 October:

2: John & Marla Beresheim
9: Nancy Perry
16: Jackie Schultze
23: Mary Ann Leseberg
30: Sharon Florey

Lectionary Readers for October:

2: Debbie Everett
9: Melissa Gumm
16: Sandy Gumm
23: Tom Donat
30: Sharon Altergott

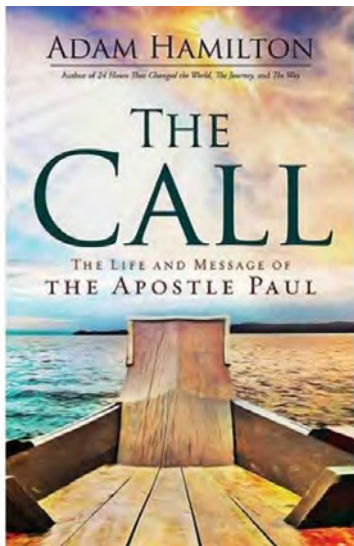
Usher Captain for October:

Dave Freeman

Lectionary for October:

2: Lam 1:1-16; Lam 3:19-26; Psalm 37;
 Hab 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.
9: Jer 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.
16: Jer 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Gen 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8.
23: Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; Sirach 35:12-17; Jer 14:7-10,19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.
30: Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; Isa 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thess. 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10.





Adult Christian Education Series this Fall

“The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul”

**DVD and discussion series featuring Adam Hamilton
Monday mornings and evenings—
November 7,14,21, & 28 and December 5 & 12.
10-11 am and 7-8 pm.**

RSVP Appreciated, but not necessary. Thank you!

"I would like to thank retired UCC pastor and current CE director Bonnie Haase, for the gift of the beautiful green stole that she hand-made for me. It has on it the words "Welcome Home" which was particularly appropriate for Rally Day, when I wore it for the first time. I plan on wearing it much more often, too -- I like it better than the one I purchased from Cokesbury!" -- David Mercer



News From The Pastoral Relations Committee

Rev. Mercer would like to thank the following people who have completed their term of service on the Pastoral Relations Committee: *Shay Storm, Barb Oberly, Janet Bethke, Phil Arnold, Doug Petersen, and Lyman Walter.*

As of September 2016, the following people have agreed to serve a two-year term on the new Pastoral Relations Committee: *Mary Doktor, Debbie Everett, Joyce Mah, Bob Kolze, Tom Donat, and Melissa Gumm.*

The purpose of the PRC is to promote and foster a healthy relationship between parish and pastor through open and honest dialogue, as well as by advising the pastor in matters of congregational life and ministry. As this new PRC is just getting started, members of St. Paul should watch for further updates.



25.3 million Americans experience pain daily

New research suggests Americans are in a lot of pain.

More than half of adults – 126 million, or 55.7 percent – experienced some type of physical pain in the past three months, according to a new analysis by the National Institutes of Health. Approximately 25.3 million adults, or 11.2 percent, experienced pain every day.

“Pain affects daily life and function due to the decreased mobility, but it also affects the human spirit,” says Dr. JoAnna Barclay, pain management physician at the Pain Treatment Center at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin, Ill. “It’s important to voice one’s pain and seek help.”

The findings, published in *The Journal of Pain*, also found that nearly 40 million adults, or 17.6 percent, experienced severe levels of pain. People suffering from severe pain were more likely to have worse health status, use more health care services and suffer from more disability.

Women, older people, and non-Hispanics were more likely to report pain.

“Adapting family life, work and relationships to the realities of untreated chronic pain could be very frustrating and disappointing,” says Dr. Sebastian Guman, anesthesiologist at the Pain Treatment Center. “Chronic pain is associated with anxiety, depression and impairment in functional abilities. It can also impair the performance of activities of daily living, deteriorating the patient’s quality of life in a major way.”

Besides making an appointment with a physician, Dr. Barclay says those in pain need to make it a priority to exercise, eat healthy and continue living an active and social life.

Dr. Guman stresses the importance of communicating pain as soon as possible.

“It is of fundamental importance that the patients communicate their pain in a timely fashion because when pain is properly treated early, many people can recover and resume their lives,” he says. “Left untreated, pain can result in nerve damage that never heals.”

Dear God,

My body is precious but sometimes it feels like it's fighting against me. Help me to find support and treatment so that I can be all that I've been created to be.



Join us for an evening of music and fun to celebrate the
20th Anniversary of the Spring of Life Partnership

Friday, November 18, 2016
Metropolis Theater, Arlington Heights
6:30pm - 10:00pm

Learn about Habitat—Meet our team of volunteers—Hear from Homeowners
Enjoy small bites, soda and water, cash bar, silent auction, gift basket raffle and
Fabulous entertainment provided by



Register Today at www.springoflifehabitat.org

Or complete and mail your check (**made out to Habitat for Humanity NFV**) and the form
below to Laura Swanson, 2732 N. Windsor Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Name: _____ # Tickets @ \$50 each _____
Raffle Tickets (6 for \$20 or 20 for \$40) _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Questions, contact Laura Swanson at candlswanson@comcast.net

Thank You To Our Member Churches

All Saints Lutheran~~Holy Family Catholic Community ~~Our Saviour's Lutheran~~St. Edna Catholic Church
St. Paul United Church of Christ~~St. Theresa Catholic Church~~Southminster Presbyterian