



The Scribe



St. Paul UCC

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Pastor's Pen...

A Kenosha, Wisconsin based librarian and theologian by the name of Dr. S.M. Hutchens, wrote: *"No believer, of any faith, regards himself as an adherent of a religion, but as a follower of truth, as someone in accord with reality. The term 'religion' as one hears it most often is secular, imposed from outside of faith itself, implying a comparability between faiths that is not recognized from within them."*

A few verses from the New Testament Letter of James notwithstanding, I agree with Dr. Hutchens that "religion" is an empty label. It's extremely generic and conveys little meaning. If we believe in a God who raised Jesus from the dead and who will one day raise us, then it's a truism deserving of better semantics than the tired word "religion."

It may rightfully be called "Gospel" or "Good News" if we truly believe in it as such. It could also be called "New Life," if we can believe that the God who created life continually creates life and also will re-create it. But to simply call it "religion," however, is to assign it a category that it never intended to claim. Even the very first Christians in early A.D./C.E. did not see themselves as the establishers of a new religion, but rather as followers of "The Way."

Ours is a living faith in the Living God!

Pastor David



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



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)



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); Dolly Chamberlin, Tom Donat, Jim Frost. Bob Kolze, and Joyce Mah,



From the Treasurer...St. Paul at a Glance

	March 2019	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	17,593.00	164,261.80	273,100.00
Expenditure	21,642.01	166,410.65	287,913.00
Net Income	-4,049.01	-2,148.85	-14,813.00

From the Archives...



MEMORIAL DAY

A very special day celebrated in Palatine is Memorial Day with a ceremony at Hillside Cemetery by the American Legion Post 690 followed by a parade to Memorial Park at Wood Street and Northwest Highway. This is followed by a short ceremony at the Towne Square across from the Legion Hall. There were 50 who served in WWI and 600 in WWII from Palatine Township.

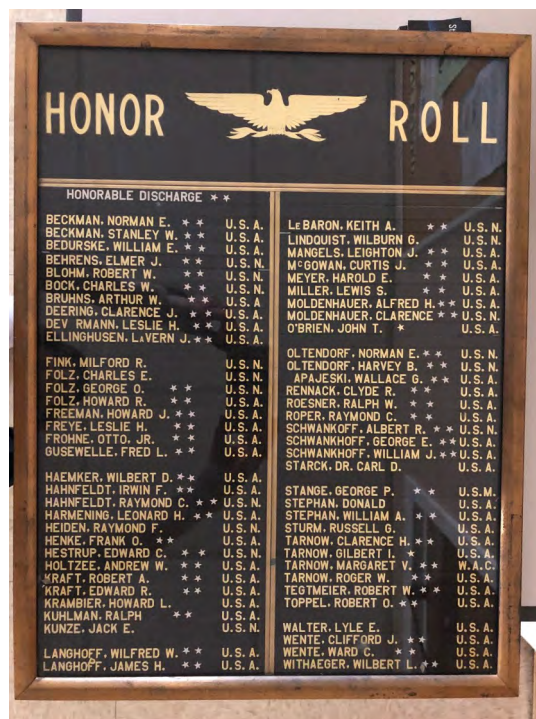
FROM THE PALATINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Palatine Memorial Association has kept alive the observance of Memorial Day down through the years. Memorial Day was probably properly observed from the adoption of that day by the U.S. Government, but the earliest record of minutes of the association is dated May 1901 when a constitution was adopted. Article II reads: "The objects of this association are to renew and keep alive the tender memories of the brave men whose courage and sacrifice of life gave us the heritage of liberty and perpetual national unity and by fitting ceremonies bear tribute to their sacred and honored memories upon each recurring Memorial Day." The founders and attendants at the early yearly meetings include A.R. Baldwin, W.L. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Heise, Mr. and Mrs. Julian, Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Arps, Mrs. H.C. Matthei, and Mrs. Lily Schierding. "

Below is a photo of a plaque that has been in storage in the church for many years, listing members of St. Paul who served in WWII. This plaque now is on the wall outside the north doors of Fellowship Hall.

On the Archives bulletin board in Fellowship hall are two lists, one of Men and Women in service in World War I and Men and Women serving in World War II.

I hope everyone will take some time to look at the plaque and read the lists on the bulletin board as well as attend one of the ceremonies in Palatine.



Women's Fellowship held their annual Ladies Tea at St Paul on Saturday, April 13th. A wonderful time was had by a great group of ladies!



for

 Women's
FELLOWSHIP

*(Thank you to Gary Altergott
taking the photos)*



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
11 Bev Young	28 Bill Davenport
14 Dawn Drost	
15 Amanda Faust	
20 Tammy VanZandt Bolf	

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



**You are invited to Reverend Dr. David
Russell's UCC Illinois Conference
Association Retirement.**

Time: 4:00 p.m. Service and Dinner to follow

Place: St. Paul United Church of Christ

Please watch for more information.

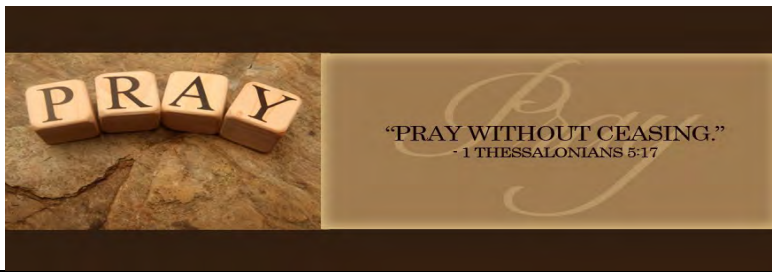
Christian Education Corner May 2019



Some housekeeping details: Church School will once again go on through the summer months. The summer sessions will begin in June. There will be more information on Vacation Bible School in the next newsletter.

In the spirit of April Showers bring May flowers, Ms. Gloria Helms joined our Church School class on April 14th to help the kids plant seeds. Gloria did a lesson on how we are *All God's Garden*. The kids enjoyed the lesson, they enjoyed planting the seeds, in every way the day was a huge success. Here are some pictures from our day. I hope you enjoy them. Soon, you will be seeing the results of their labors around the church. Planting day will be May 26th. If you see a marigold, smile and think of one of our young ones, planting the seeds!





PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Lynn Arnold
 Rick Bartells, friend of Kim Cichon
 Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Ben Belmonte, nephew of Shirley and Ken Kolze
 Ann Bitz, friend of Shirley Kolze
 Barb Burget, daughter of Agnes Warren
 Kathleen Butler, friend of Margie & Chuck Anderson
 Flo Dailey, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Tom Edelman, friend of the Kerlin family
 Kendall Eich
 Eva, Tuesday Breakfast Group's friend at Café 14
 Kyra Graham
 Judy Haimbaugh, sister of Gloria Helms
 Rick Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Schimka
 Michael Hayford
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Larry Herron, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Bill Houldsworth, husband of Laurie Houldsworth
 Larry & Marlene Ingram
 Barb Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin
 Tracy Kerlin
 Jean Kolze
 Ken Kolze
 Laura Krause, daughter of Sharon Krause
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg
 Tracy Mack, sister-in-law of Ellen Graham
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
 Dorothy Mende & Bernice Skach, sisters of Charlotte Mally
 Ron & Paulette Mohr, uncle & aunt of Kim Ferris & Karen Wagner
 Maryann Ostrem, friend of Arlene Kraus
 Marilyn Paolisso, aunt of Bruce Kerlin
 Jerry Parsons, friend of Sandy & Dave Gumm
 Jody Peterson, daughter of Lynn & Phil Arnold
 Jim Rees, friend of Jackie Schultze
 Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
 Blanche Schug
 Les Stephens, brother-in-law of Shirley & Ken Kolze
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey
 Ken Wong, friend of Karen Wagner

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for May:

5: Jim & Shirley Schimka
12: Arlene Kraus
19: Dolly Chamberlin
26: Cherrie Wickstrom

Nursery Attendants for May:

Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for May:

Jim Frost

Lectionary Readers for May:

5: Reader Needed, call church office

12: Sandy Gumm

19: Roseann Stenzel

26: Tom Donat

Lectionary for May:

5: Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

12: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

19: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

26: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-20; John 5:1-9.

30: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Psalm 93; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53.





When it comes to end-of-life issues many people consult with their attorney in matters of estate, and a funeral director in matters of burial. Surprisingly however, very few people ever meet with their pastor in order to plan their actual funeral service ahead of time.

There are significant advantages to doing so! Sitting down with your pastor and going over what you would like to have included in your own funeral keeps the power of choice in your own hands, as opposed to leaving it up to your surviving family members. For instance, maybe you have preferences about scripture readings, or hymns, or even what you would like for the officiant to say or not say during the service.

Maybe you have ideas about things such as eulogies shared by family and friends, or some type of ritual that you would like to have observed during the service. These things may all be discussed when you meet with your pastor.

The writer of Ecclesiastes rightly noted that no one among us holds absolute power to hold back their own death (Ecclesiastes 8:8). As sobering as this is, you still have some say in things when you choose to plan ahead. It also allows you to plan a meaningful service which will facilitate grief in a healthy way for those you love.

Pastor David is available to meet with you if you would like to learn more, or to get started. Call the church office (847)-358-0399 or email pastor@stpaul-ucc.org to schedule an appointment.



Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Game Day on Thursday, May 23rd. Games will be provided (Life, Yahtzee, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Clue, and cards) and snacks will be served. All (guys included) are invited. The fun begins at 6:30pm, so please join us! And feel free to bring a game of your choosing as well! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Saving Lives Through Organ and Tissue Donation

The number of people waiting for a donated organ could fill a large football stadium— twice. And every 10 minutes, someone new is added to the waiting list. Every day, 18 of them will die waiting, because of the shortage of available organs, says the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

The gift of life

Organ and tissue donation can be thought of as a gift that benefits not only the recipients, but also the families of those who chose to donate.

Maria Barrionuevo, executive director of heart and vascular services at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, recounts one family's story where a teenager was killed in a tragic car accident. "The parents were completely devastated, and they decided to donate their son's organs," she says. "They felt that he would be proud they made that decision. In the end, they felt comforted by the fact that his life was not in vain, and would be remembered through other people.

Becoming a donor

Illinois residents who want to register as organ donors can do so online, over the phone (800.210.2106) or at any Secretary of State facility. The Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network is another great place to get information. www.giftofhope.org.

The state of Wisconsin currently has more than 2,000 people waiting for donated organs, according to the state's Department of Health Services. Wisconsin residents can register as organ donors at www.donatelifewisconsin.org.

Talking About Organ Donation

Although the process to sign up and become a donor is easy, many choose not to become organ donors. One reason is the myths and misconceptions that people have about donation.

Some common myths include:

Myth: Hospitals won't save organ donors because they'd rather get the organs. The truth is hospitals don't usually have access to the registry. So, they don't know who's a donor.

Myth: Family members cannot see the body at an organ donor's funeral. Actually, organ donation does not change the deceased person's appearance.

Myth: Rich and famous people waiting for organs are moved to the top of the waiting list. The reality is that medical urgency determines who gets most organs, along with whether there's a match and how long the person needing the organ has been on the waiting list.

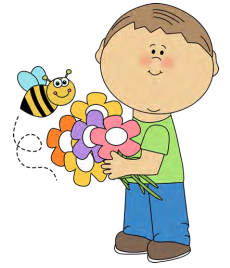
Myth: My religion doesn't allow organ or tissue donation. In fact, most religions support organ and tissue donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.

The best way to change these misconceptions is to spread the word about organ and tissue donation and talk about it with your family, friends and your faith community.

Prayer: *God of miracles. You have made our bodies with an amazing ability to heal and adapt. Thank you for all those who donate their organs and tissues so that another person may have life.*



May Word Search



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baseball bird bloom butterfly caterpillar cloud daffodil dig earth
 egg flower fog garden grow hatch insect kite leaf lilac
 May nest picnic plant puddle rainbow raincoat rainy roots
 season seed shovel shower soil spring sprout stem storm
 sunshine tulip umbrella violet warm water weed wind worm