



The Scribe



St. Paul UCC

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Pastor's Pen...

June means a lot of different things to a lot of different people, not the least of which is the ending of the school year and the beginning of summer hiatus from winter activities. Where I come from, June is known as "Dairy Month;" an annual month-long celebration of the farmers who produce our milk, cheese, butter, and ice cream. Local newspapers in that area carry stories featuring local dairy operations, and many Lutheran churches hold ice cream socials.

For most all of us, June marks the beginning of those days with the sound of crickets in the grass and the sight of lightning bugs in the air. Snow and salt are behind us and the days are now filled with green grass and warm sunshine. June also has many milestones; graduations happen in early June and the month itself is traditionally a favorite for weddings.

Wherever you find yourself this summer, I hope that you will take time for worship. In Romans 10:17 Paul wrote, *"Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."* That is to say, our faith is nurtured from scripture. Projects and activities are fine, but it is regular engagement with scripture -- reading it and hearing it proclaimed -- that causes us to say: *"Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world"* (John 11:27). Faith comes by hearing, so don't forget about worship!

May your June be a blessed one!

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

	April 2019	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	27,541.90	191,805.59	273,100.00
Expenditure	25,380.57	191,791.22	287,913.00
Net Income	2,161.33	14.37	-14,813.00

From the Archives...



THE NEW EAST ADDITION

It doesn't seem that long ago when it all started but it was in 1981 - - 38 years ago!

This was the first year of a 5 year plan for updating St. Paul. It was decided that actual addition would be first and the elevator would be installed later. Several tasks and expenditures needed to be done before the building was even started: \$7000.00 to relocate a transformer, \$900.00 to relocate telephone cable, \$200.00 to remove and replant trees and \$500.00 to replace sidewalk.

Groundbreaking was done on 5/20/1984 after a delay due to bad weather.

On May 15, 1985 the stained glass window was moved, but not reinstalled at this time.

On September 11, 1985 we borrowed \$10,000 - 12,000 from endowment, but the contractor had to fire the carpenter

so the contractor reduced his fee by 20% due to delay and mistakes.

On October 9, 1985 the addition was 90-95% complete.

On December 8, 1985 the dedication of the New East Addition took place between the two Sunday services.

On February 26, 1989 the contract was signed for the elevator for \$42,000 and it would take approximately 4 months.

The elevator was installed and the dedication was Sunday, January 21, 1990 and it was fully paid.

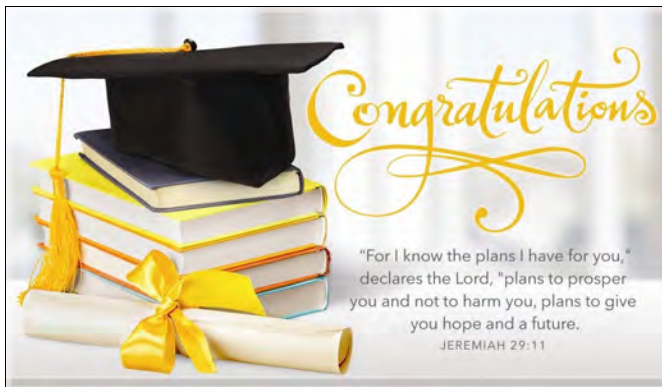


The Sunday, June 30th worship service will be held at 9:00 am rather than 10:00am.

David Russell's retirement service/dinner will be at 4:00pm that day at St. Paul. (Please see page 13 for invitation)

On March 23rd Bonnie Haase hosted a Womens' Lenten Prayer Retreat at St. Paul. This retreat coincided with Rev. David's book study on prayer. The ladies truly enjoyed their personal journey with meditation, prayer history and journals, sharing with others, and crafting the lovely prayer beads. (pictured from Easter morning)

Thank you Bonnie, the ladies had a great and meaningful morning!



Congrats Graduates!

Jim Bolf (high school)
Amanda Graham (college)
Ryan Kennelly (jr. high)
Cassie Kerlin (college)
Kira Kowalski (jr. high)
David Mercer (high school)



Palatine High School Pirate's Treasure Chest

Thank you for your donations to the Pirate's Treasure Chest this past school year. You helped to provide food for high school students who otherwise may not have had enough to eat. With the end of the school year and beginning of summer, donations for the Pirate's Treasure Chest will not be needed until the new school year begins.

Palatine High School has always been very appreciative of the support you have shown throughout the year for this worthwhile program. Thank you for caring for the youth in Palatine.



June Birthdays

1 Ron Bochat	4 Steven Mayer
8 Jim Schimka	13 Sandra Gumm
16 Tom Donat	16 Phyllis Wittig
17 Matt Kerlin	18 Jason Morgan
19 Gary Altergott	20 Tracy Kerlin
23 Ralph Hayford	
28 Aubrey Ferris Parnell	
29 Lisa Kennelly	

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



The Spiritual Life Board wishes to express sincere thanks for the most generous “Love of Children” donations of the socks and underwear during the Lenten season. It was tremendous! The socks and underwear will be delivered to the Palatine Opportunity Center for distribution to the children. This was our 3rd Kindness Act (Spring 2019) for the church year.

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*Thank you St. Paul Family for the prayers, concerns and lovely cards.
A special thanks to Kris and Dave for the tulips, and to Reverend Mercer
for his calls. -Phil & Lynn Arnold*

Christian Education Corner
June 2019

Lions and Tigers and Bears, OH MY!! Except in this case it was, Horses and Sheep and Goats, Ducks and Chickens and Alpacas, Tortoises, and Pigs and CHILDREN!! OH MY! The field trip to Lamb's Farm with our Church School children and their families was truly amazing. You should stop the kids when you see them and ask them about their day. The stories they could tell you. Especially the one about the *Goat Who Would Not Be Ignored*, I think this could be the title for a children's book. One in which the young man gets kissed by the goat! You may think I am kidding, ask Ethan Mally. The sheer joy of watching little faces light up when feeding a draft horse that towered over me, never mind a two-year-old. Or, watching them brush the Alpaca or the sheep or talking to the goats and the calf. It was just such an amazing day.

This all happened because of their work towards raising money for Heifer project. This year they raised money to buy a goat. With the help of families, friends and our church family, we raised enough money to buy two goats. With a matching grant from Heifer we will actually be sending four goats. Lent is a time of remembering the gift Jesus is to us each and every day. It is a time to give a small portion of what we have in remembrance of that awesome gift and in hopes of healing someone who is hurting and one day making sure this world of ours has all the gifts it needs to be the world God wanted it to be when he sent his Son to show us the way.

Sunday, May 26th is the last Sunday of formal Church School. The kids will still have care and lessons, more relaxed for the summer months. Our Summer Sunday School Teachers will be Holly Chvoy and Abby McDonald. I hope that you all find the time to seek out joy in your lives.

Bonnie

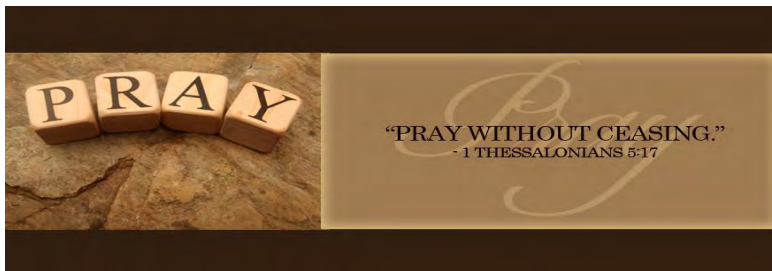
(Please enjoy the pictures on the next page of our fun trip)



Sunday School Lambs Farm Trip

(see story on previous page)





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
 Orrin Helms
 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
 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 June:

2: Dee Langguth
9: Gloria Helms
16: Cherrie Wickstrom
23: Bob & Pat Kolze
30: The Gumm Family

Nursery Attendants for June:

Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for June:

Ron Bochat

Lectionary Readers for June:

2: Roseann Stenzel
9: Sandy Gumm
16: Tom Donat
23: Reader Needed– call church office if interested
30: Melissa Gumm

Lectionary for June:

2: Acts 16:16-32; Psalm 97; Rev 22:12-21; John 17:20-26.
9: Acts 2:1-21; Gen 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-35b; Rom 8:14-17; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, 25-27.
16: Prov 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.
23: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 or 43; Isa 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Gal 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.
30: 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14; Psalm 77:1-2,11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Gal 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62.





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.



Fourth of July Festivities at St. Paul

July 5th Church Picnic

The Palatine fireworks are being held on **Friday, July 5th** so our annual picnic get together will also take place on this day. Please watch the Sunday bulletin and bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for further information as it develops.

July 4th Parking Lot Fundraiser

We will be holding the parking lot fundraiser this year from Wednesday July 3rd through Saturday July 6th. **We do need everyone to help this year in order to make it a success.** Watch for updates in the Sunday bulletin and bulletin board in Fellowship Hall as information is developed.

Randy Everett is seeking a Co-Chair for this event, please contact him directly ASAP if interested. Thank you!

A Message from the St. Paul Executive Board...



St. Paul To Participate In Revitalization Program

Beginning in September, Pastor David and three additional people from our congregation – Debbie Everett, Joyce Mah, and Karen Connor – will be representing St. Paul to the Illinois Conference as participants in a program called “Thriving Pastors In Revitalizing Congregations,” or TPIRC.

Funded mostly by a grant from the Lilly Endowment for Religion, the TPIRC program is designed to help congregational leaders engage in critical thinking about ways of being the church in the 21st century. For church members, the time commitment involves one annual two-day learning summit in September and two additional one-day workshops in the fall and spring. The pastor participates in these as well as with the extra practices of meeting in a monthly pastor’s support group and a one-hour coaching session each month with a clergy coach/mentor.

While the Lilly Endowment for Religion shoulder’s most of the cost, St. Paul does pay an annual buy-in fee of \$500. Also, TPIRC is a five-year commitment from the pastor and congregation.

We are hopeful that our participation in TPIRC will stimulate new thought processes and ideas about being the church during a time when the church is facing challenges that most of us have not experienced before. Please watch the Scribe each month for further updates as they become available.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the packing event at Feed My Starving Children on April 27. Their new facility is beautiful and easy to find. St Paul sent eight people.

The volunteers packed 186 boxes of food for Dominican Republic, which is 40,176 meals feeding 110 children for a year.

We are so happy to help!



On Sunday, April 28th the New St. Paul Players performed a skit after worship in Fellowship Hall, with the latest information on Recycling.



When in doubt....throw it out!



(Jackie Schultze, Gary Altergott, Shay Storm)



The Health Committee's Recycling-Right Display in Fellowship Hall.

Empty, clean and dry plastic bags are recycled at store drop off.





WELCOME SUMMER

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AUGUST
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 ICE CREAM
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 JUNE
 MOVIES
 PARADES
 PARTIES
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 POOL

POPSICLES
 ROLLERCOASTER
 SANDALS
 SPLASH
 SPRINKLER
 SNOWCONES
 SUNGLASSES
 SUNSCREEN
 SWIMMING
 THEME PARK
 VACATION



YOU ARE INVITED!



WHAT: Service of Word and Farewell for Rev. Dr. David Russell, retirement dinner to follow

WHEN: 4:00 p.m. Sunday June 30, 2019

WHERE: St. Paul UCC
144 East Palatine Road
Palatine IL 60067

RSVP to the church office at 847-358-0399
or secretary@stpaul-ucc.org by June 21st.

SUMMER
ice cream
sunshine
FLIP FLOPS
lemonade
BARE FEET
vacation
MEMORIES

SWIMMING

