



The Scribe



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Pastor's Pen...

We all know it's true that difficult circumstances can teach us valuable lessons. During this period when we have had to make adjustments in the way we do church, I have learned a valuable lesson that I would not otherwise have chosen to learn on my own. Namely, it is in the areas of "innovation" and "technology."

For starters, I have never been particularly interested in technology. I have nothing against it, but I was just never into gadgets. I do have a "smart" phone which I use for making calls and texting, but nothing else. The bank tellers eventually learned to stop asking me if I've signed up for their free "App," when after awhile they figured out that I have zero interest in it. I have always managed to get through life with a minimal use of technology. I do email, some social media, and web surfing.....but nothing else. I don't take pictures of what I'm eating for lunch and post it on Facebook; in fact, I'm not sure that I know how to do that. People who are waiting with bated breath to see green beans with onions on my plate are going to be sorely disappointed.

With that being said, never in a hundred years could I have predicted that houses of worship would be shut down for several weeks due to a pandemic. But that's the reality of where we have been, and I discovered that I have been ill-prepared for it. While I have been doing regular pre-recorded messages for YouTube/Facebook, writing a daily devotional, and doing a lot of emailing and making phone calls.....I have also become painfully aware that my level of competence with technology is woefully inadequate for today's world. I think that our church's purposes could have been better served if I had already known some things about live-stream, Zoom, podcasting, and movie-making.

This COVID-19 shut down has brought home for me the truism that in today's world one either learns to use technology, or one gets left behind. Case in point: many of the Victorians learned a hard lesson when their horses got pushed off the road by Henry Ford's automobiles. One either learns to adapt to the changing world, therefore, or one ends up in a ditch.

This *Scribe* article is probably a sheepish admission as much as it is anything else, but it is mostly a shift in goal-setting. This crisis has been teaching me where my growing edges are and what I need to do in order to be able to serve St. Paul more effectively. I shall be getting on with it.

Pastor David



St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Kim Cichon, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Kim Ferris, 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, and Bob Kolze.



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

	March 2020	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	21,426.33	60,095.66	268,700.00
Expenditure	22,566.36	67,979.02	271,738.00
Net Income	-1,140.03	-6,883.36	-3,038.00



150th Anniversary Committee Update

Our Anniversary Committee is not currently meeting, like most church groups, due to important stay-home orders. While we are turning to other ways of spending time, this may be an opportunity to work toward an **Anniversary Committee goal—finding photos of group and family events that have taken place at St. Paul U.C.C.** You may have old photos of weddings, baptisms, confirmations, or parties that

would be fun to share on our upcoming “Memories” bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, starting in January 2021.

I have already put together photo pages using the many photos I have collected. Depending on photo size (most of mine are 4” x 6”), I’ve been arranging 3 photos to a page, according to a similar theme or event, on mostly off-white or white cardstock (8 1/2” x 11”). You are welcome to do your own photo sheets, if you would like. (Just slice off 1/16” off one side of the cardstock so I can fit the completed sheet into a plastic report cover for protection.)

I will gladly take your collected photos, either original or copied, and weave them into photo sheets for you.

- (1.) Please send your photos (or leave them on our porch table) to:
Gloria Helms; 51 S. Glenwood St.; Palatine, IL 60067.
- (2.) Please label each photo with “who, what, and when” information. Also, include your name in a corner on the back of the photo.
- (3.) Note whether or not you would like the photos back at the end of 2021.

Hopefully, the sample photo sheets below will give you an idea of what we’re doing. We may not have many, or any, going back 150 years but just seeing what we’ve been doing at St. Paul in more recent years may help us appreciate our blessings even more. Happy photo hunting.





Christian Ed Corner May 2020

As I sit writing this letter, I am keenly aware of how much our lives have changed in a few short weeks. When this reaches you, life could be even more chaotic or maybe the pandemic will have eased. In either case, life will not return to the way it was before. That is a hard thing to come to terms with. I am grateful for every family and every child who attends Sunday School over Zoom every Sunday morning at 10:00. While these sessions are chaotic, it is normal chaos for our Sunday mornings. Everyone is excited to see everyone else, just like Big People church, we need to see our friends, our community of faith, we need the normalcy of it.

Ever since this whole thing began, I have had this song playing in my head non-stop. If it is an earworm, at least I think that is what they call music stuck in your head, there could be a worse one to have. This song is a song of gratitude. I share it with you in hopes that you will be able to find your own places of strength, richness, and gratitude.

Give Thanks – by Don Moen

Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Give thanks to the holy one!

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son!

And now may the weak say I am strong;

let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks with a grateful heart give thanks to the holy one

give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son

Give thanks with a grateful heart!

I confess that I would not have been able to find all the words without ALEXA'S help. I am new to ALEXA world, finding music with her is a piece of cake. I have started calling her Calliope for her musical talent alone. This is a very condensed version. I hope you can find the full one.

One last word, it is Holy Week as I write this. I cannot help but think of the disciples, locked away out of fear. They didn't know if they would be killed for going outside, they didn't know if the army would come in and take them away, they simply did not know what the world would look like when they finally freed themselves from their "prison." The fears they shared seem to me to be the same fears we are all feeling right now. As we meditate, let us meditate on how things are, remembering that Pentecost and the Ascension of Christ will come. Remember also, that nothing kept Jesus from coming into the places where the disciples were. He came in, He comes in for us too, if we let him. May you find Christ's strength, and many rich blessings even in these circumstances, and most of all, Christ's unending love through it all.

And the people said, AMEN.

-Miss Bonnie



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
5 David Lech	28 Bill Davenport
11 Bev Young	
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!*

SIGN UP TO BE A
Sunday Servant



Attention **WOMEN** and men—Sunday Ushers are needed for worship service. Training will be provided. Please contact Gary or Sharon Altergott for details. Thank you!



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Julia Abbs, mother of friend of Sandy & Melissa Gumm
 Dorothy Altergott
 Lynn & Phil Arnold
 Kay Bach, aunt of Sue Lech
 Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Ben Belmonte, nephew of Shirley and Ken Kolze
 David, Leah, William Campbell & Grandma Mary
 Flo Dailey, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Kendall Eich
 Brian Gavin, son-in-law of Gary & Sharon Altergott
 Christina Guenther
 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
 Irv & Murial Kaage, sister and brother-in-law of Arlene Kraus
 and Dee Langguth
 Joe Kenney, nephew of Kris Freeman
 Barb Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin
 Jean Kolze
 Laura Krause, daughter of Sharon Krause
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg
 Joyce Mah
 Jack Martin, friend of Amanda Doktor
 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
 David Reilly, cousin of Randy Cichon
 Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
 Blanche Schug
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Al & Jane Undrys, friends of Sandy & Melissa Gumm
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Lectionary for May:

3: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.
10: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.
17: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.
24: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 69:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 14:15-21.
31: Acts 2:1-21; Num 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39.



LEARN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CORONAVIRUS, FLU AND ALLERGIES

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

- FEVER
- DRY COUGH
- TIREDNESS
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH

WHAT TO DO

If you think you've been exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing the above symptoms, start with our COVID-19 Symptom Checker and visit our resource center at aah.org/covid-19 for more info. We'll help you get the care you need.

FLU SYMPTOMS:

- FEVER
- COUGH (USUALLY DRY)
- HEADACHE
- MUSCLE AND JOINT PAIN
- SORE THROAT
- RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE

WHAT TO DO

If you think you have a cold or the flu, stay home and start an e-visit or video visit to see a provider 24/7.

ALLERGY SYMPTOMS:

- RUNNY NOSE
- WATERY EYES
- SNEEZING
- COUGHING
- ITCHY EYES AND NOSE

WHAT TO DO

If you think you have a cold or the flu, stay home and start an e-visit or video visit to see a provider 24/7.

If you think you're experiencing an emergency, dial 911.



We're in this together.

We know it's not easy to navigate through these uncertain times. But we're committed to keeping you informed and guiding you to the care you and your family need.

You can count on us to be here – every day, 24/7.



Symptom Checker
Check for COVID-19 symptoms



24-hour hotline
Call us at 866-443-2584



Video visits
See a provider with the LiveWell app



Resources
Find prevention tips and stay up to date

Visit our COVID-19 Resource Center at aah.org/covid-19

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus. Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath.

What should I do if I have symptoms?

If you think you've been exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms, start with our symptom checker or call our hotline at 866-443-2584. Our symptom checker is the quickest way to find out what to do next, which could include a video visit through our LiveWell mobile app. Your health and safety is No. 1 and we're here to help you get the care you need.

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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