



The Scribe



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Pastor's Pen...

In the early stages of this COVID-19 shut down, I had hope that by sharing this common crisis, the ideological divide in this country would be bridged. It was heartening to hear people on TV say things such as, “We’re all in this together” and “We’ll get through this,” etc, etc. It did indeed sound as if we’re really not that far apart and that our cultural wounds can be healed.

Now that we’re a couple of months into this thing, however, I don’t see that our differences have been bridged. Instead they have been highlighted. I also thought that maybe our wounds would receive some ointment, but instead they have been deepened. Further, after naively thinking that our country has a simple binary divide between two factions, I’ve come to see that it’s actually more complex than that. At last count, I’ve noticed *five* (5) competing factions in our country. While there remain those voices out there pleading for everyone to find some “common ground,” I’m not sure that there is any. There is no common ground between predator and prey; they just keep making their moves until one of them prevails over the other.

During such times, people often expect their pastors to have something worthwhile to say, words of balm that will rise above the cultural stink. As such, I can’t help but wonder what pastors told their congregations back in the volatile periods of the 1860’s and the 1960’s. I’m referring to the non-famous, garden-variety pastors like me – not those with celebrity pulpits. I wonder what *they* might have had to say that was useful.

Well, I’m no cultural guru or innovative social prophet. I believe that the accumulated wisdom of the ages never goes out of style and that the Ten Commandments never expire. As such, the caution from Malachi remains just as true now as it did in the 400’s B.C.: “*For I the Lord do not change*” (Malachi 3:6). While I think that St. Paul’s ministry always needs to adapt in order to meet the age we’re in (i.e. technology), the essential substance of our faith is timeless and unchanging. That is the very faith that I continue to stand on and the same faith that I commend to anyone who is willing to consider it. God is still God.

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

	April 2020	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	\$18,841.00	\$79,936.66	\$268,700.00
Expenditure	\$23,664.53	\$ 91,643.55	\$271,738.00
Net Income	\$ -4,823.53	\$ -11,706.89	\$ -3,038.00

THANK YOU - Monopoly Game Update

Community Outreach would like to thank everyone for donating their Jewel Monopoly game pieces this year to help provide food and supplies to the Palatine Food Pantry. Since the beginning of the game in February through May 5, we had several donations of the blue game pieces.



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We even opened it up to the neighborhood with an announcement on the NextDoor app. Through everyone's efforts, we've been able to donate **over \$1,100** of food, supplies and gift cards to the food pantry. We have made over five deliveries so far to empty the trunk of my SUV.



Below is one example of the many receipts we have.

YOUR SAVINGS	
Paper Coupons	104.77
Sale Savings	19.47
Just for U Savings	16.30
Total	140.54
Total Savings	

If you still have pieces, please get them to Sue Lech. Jewel has extended the redemption date to July. Please contact Sue at s.lech@comcast.net. Thank you again to everyone.

Christian Education Corner
June 2020

Clown Ministry



Corinthians 4:1-10 selected: I Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries... What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?... For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ...

In my experience, it is always better to start with a scripture passage to explain what you are going to do. So, here is mine. *We are fools for Christ!* What does that mean? I am sure that each one of us would answer that differently. In this case, I am using it to explain a change that Holly and I are making to our zoom classes on Sunday mornings. This is a learning experience. We have become aware of how much we move during our hour together at church. Now, the kids are sitting still, and it is not working out well. So, **clown ministry**. I have had clown ministry programs in every church I have served. They have done a variety of things from performing for shut ins, the nursing home residents or doing skits in church. They work hard to develop their own characters and design around that. It is fun and it is different. So, we are embarking on a new adventure.

What is the history of clowns? The most ancient "**clowns**" have been found in the Fifth dynasty of Egypt, around 2400 BC. Unlike court jesters, **clowns** have traditionally served a socio-religious and psychological role, and traditionally the roles of priest and **clown** have been held by the same persons. According to historical references, Christian clowns are nothing new. They can be traced to the early days of the church, and Philemon was the first noted one. He was executed by Diocletian, the Roman emperor, for not taking the tyrant's anti-Christian reign very seriously.

So, look for a changed Sunday School when we all return and celebrate life together.
Blessings on you all,
Bonnie





June Birthdays

1 Ron Bochat	19 Gary Altergott
8 Jim Schimka	20 Tracy Kerlin
13 Sandra Gumm	23 Ralph Hayford
16 Tom Donat	24 Mike Dekrell
16 Phyllis Wittig	29 Lisa Kennelly
17 Matt Kerlin	

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

Maria Collard in memory of Irvin and Muriel Kaage
Barbara Greene, David Hempel & Mary Theile
in memory of Rudy & Marian Hempel

memorials
& gifts

Summer Supper Update 2020

As you can imagine, our participation in the Summer Supper program that we take part in with St. Theresa Catholic Church in Palatine has been on hold due to the Covid 19 virus. We were scheduled to start the first meal off on May 8th. Since this program serves some of our most vulnerable members of our community, the program organizers are still trying to determine if there is a way to safely provide "to go" meals yet this summer. We will keep you posted on any updates as we become informed.



TOGETHER *we pray*

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

John Fretschl, cousin of Nancy Perry

Brian Gavin, son-in-law of Gary & Sharon Altergott

Christina Guenther

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

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

Greeters for June: There will be a table with a sign asking people to take a bulletin in the east entryway.

Usher Captain For June: Ron Bochat

Readers for June: Pastor will be reading all lectionary for the month of June.

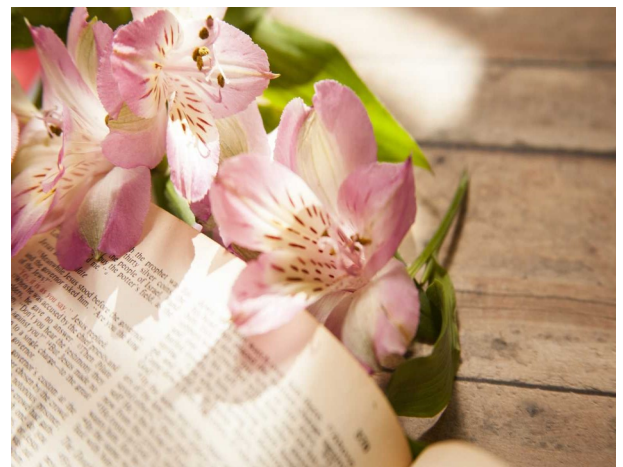
Lectionary for June:

7: Gen 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Matt 28:16-20.

14: Gen 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2, 12, 19; Ex 10:2-8a; Psalm 100; Roman 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8, 9-23.

21: Gen 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Jer 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39.

28: Gen 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Jer 28:5-9; Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18; Rom 6:12-23; Mat 10:40-42.





Friendship Crossword Puzzle



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 X Z T J L A U G H S K O S E N S I T I V E T T A
 R P O S I T I V E W H E Q L V Z N Z U B N X E L

unique	happy	dependable	similar
different	positive	cooperation	sensitive
supportive	selfless	giving	considerate
listen	encouraging	accepting	loyal
protective	loving	generous	thoughtful
fair	respectful	honest	trustworthy
caring	laugh	smile	hug
play	help	share	nice
kind	friendly		