



The Scribe



St. Paul UCC

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October 2020

Pastor's Pen...

There will be no Halloween in Los Angeles this year. No trick-or-treating and no parties. If kids want to have any fun at all related to Halloween, they'll have to wear their costumes at home. Similar decrees have been issued in other places in the U.S. this year.

Some Christian people are adamantly opposed to Halloween because of the references to witches, warlocks, the devil, and other such things as they deem offensive to their Christian faith. Still, others don't think it's any big deal and so they allow their kids to participate, or they go with the more benign sounding alternative: "*Harvest Celebration*." Things like this are always a matter of personal conscience and people need to make up their own minds about it.

Either way, there is no denying that festivities in the Year 2020 are radically different than in years past. Gone this year is the sense of human connectedness that undergirds every celebration: Easter was experienced virtually. Mother's Day and Father's Day were devoid of hugs. We didn't get together to watch fireworks. Halloween is mostly out. Smaller Thanksgiving turkeys will be in demand, and Christmas is looking a little less jolly. By the time we arrive at midnight on New Years Eve, many of us will raise our glass and say: "*Bye-Bye, 2020. Don't let the door hit ya' on the way out.*"

After a bad storm hits and you're left standing there with just the shirt on your back, what is there that's left? Really at that point it all boils down to just you and the God who made you. It is a moment of utter barrenness after everything else has been stripped away. It really brings home 1 Timothy 6:7 which says: "*We brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.*"

As bad as barrenness is, it can still be a Holy moment if we're attuned to it. After everything else seems to be gone from our lives, we're faced once again with the very God who is timeless, changeless, and eternal. The Creator and Sustainer of this universe never goes away. God was present with us while we were in our mother's wombs and God is there when we breathe our last. After everything else in life has rusted, rotted, and rolled away.....there is God. Not that God wasn't there all along, of course, but with distractions out of the way one becomes spiritually aware.

Everything that we have had in life came to us from the Creator's own hand. Even the next breath we take is from the Lord God who made us. This is what we may take to heart as we mope our way through a late year holiday season that doesn't seem to promise us very much. The deepest hope and joy of the human soul is that one's very soul may return to the God who made it, even long before the pages of time and mortality have brought that to pass. In other words, your communion with the God to whom you belong begins right now in the very present.....everything else is just temporal.

Pastor David

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



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

	August 2020	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	25,025.00	196,474.25	268,700.00
Expenditure	16,881.95	172,613.63	271,738.00
Net Income	8,143.05	23,860.62	-3038.00



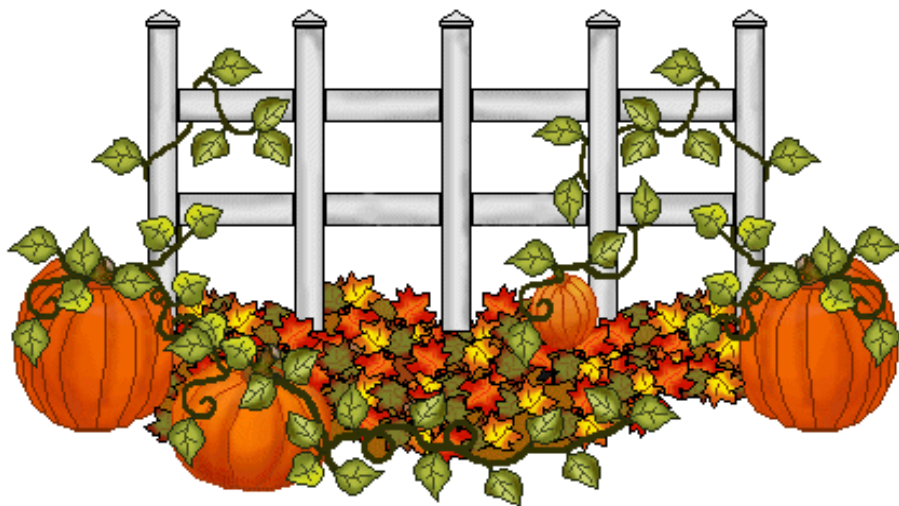
Totenfest Sunday, November 1st

St. Paul will remember and celebrate the lives of the faithful members and loved ones who have died in the past year. Totenfest is a German word that means “Festival for the Dead” this memorial has roots in All Saints and All Souls days from the medieval church. At this service of remembrance, a candle will be lit as the name of each person is read, celebrating the life of the loved one who passed away in the past year.

Should you wish to remember someone that has passed away in the last year (12 months), please complete the printed forms available in the Narthex, or call the church office, so that their name can be included in the worship service.

Please have the completed forms to the church office by *Sunday, October 18th.*

Thank you!



Christian Education Corner

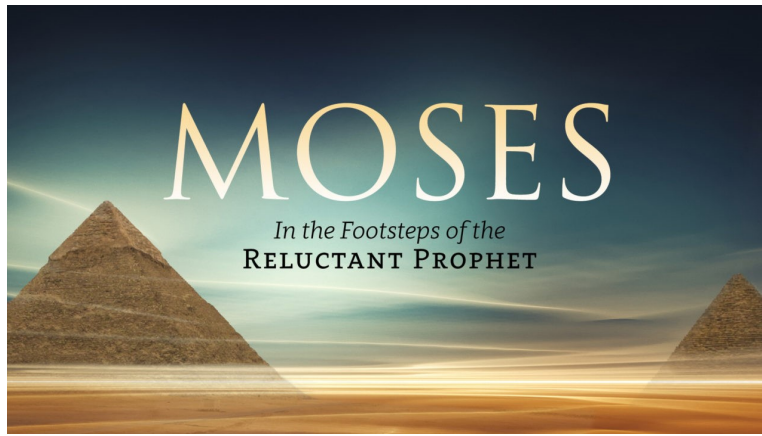
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Funny, how things can change our lives in ways we never could have imagined. A few months ago, *Black Lives Matter*, was still about Colin Kaepernick taking a knee in a football game. A few months ago, we were going to have a presidential election because it was the year to do so, now it is amplified into something I hardly recognize. A few months ago, no one had ever heard of Covid-19, now our lives are seemingly controlled by it. What do we do in such times? Once again, I suggest listening to the children. They seem to have figured out how to function in a world gone mad. They are even talking about the election. They understand the need for masks as they watch their friends have Covid-19. They understand the concept that we are all created equal, gender, sexual orientation, and even race! So, what is wrong with us as adults? We are the ones who should have faith, live faith and teach faith. So, let us set ourselves a goal to live out our lives in faith as described in the book: *Partner's in Grace*, by Michael Elliott. This is his poem about faith:

God who is faithful to me,
who continues to present the Gospel to me,
offering me new opportunities every day
to be challenged in my faith,
to grow in my convictions,
and to experience the good news of the Gospel
where I least
expect to see it,
remain near me always.
For I find that my faith
leads me away from the familiar
to face new people
and different ideas.
I find that change is always difficult,
and often frightening,
pulling me along behind when I do not really want to follow.
Yet, O Lord,
I find myself assured that the world I hope for,
the world that you prepared for me,
is one where men and women accept one another
for who they are,
without trying to make them into something
you never intended them to be.
Help me O God,
to always be what you created me to be.
Nothing more and nothing less.

Love  Faith

Adult Christian Education Offering – SECOND ATTEMPT!
“Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet”



A six-week DVD based series featuring Adam Hamilton

Well, we tried running this in the spring but COVID got in the way. Now that fall is here, we'll take another shot at it. Social distancing will still be practiced and masks are required – but if you have a face shield, that might be a better option.

If we get a volunteer to run audio-visual, we'll do this in the sanctuary. If not, then it'll be in the main level conference room. Location still TBD.

RSVP is requested.

Monday October 5th 7-8pm *“The Birth Of Moses”*

Monday October 12th 7-8pm *“Two Moments That Defined the Man”*

Monday October 19th 7-8pm *“The Exodus”*

Monday October 26th 7-8pm *“The Ten Commandments”*

Monday November 2nd 7-8pm *“Lessons From the Wilderness”*

Monday November 9th 7-8pm *“Don't Forget.....Pass it On”*

*Birthdays
of the Month*
October Birthdays

4 Wally Degner	24 Janet Walter
6 Pat Santucci	26 Phil Doktor
12 Jean Chapman	26 Ryan Doktor
12 Karen Wagner	30 Chuck Anderson
13 Karen Whedon	30 Jill Dekrell
14 Kathi Wotal	30 LeighAnn Fong
19 Chuck Oberly	
20 Dolly Chamberlin	
22 Dick Kolze	

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

Bob & Pat Kolze in memory of Bill Strohmeier

Geri Rogers in honor of Pat and Bob Kolze's 60th wedding anniversary

memorials
& gifts



I would like to thank Sophia, Isabella and Mandy Zavilla for the cards and gifts of love they delivered to my house. It is so appreciated!
Love, Charlotte Mally

God Bless America and St. Paul UCC of Palatine. Greetings from Larry and Marlene. Hope Mary and her family are on the road to recovery and all is well with our church family. We are doing fine and hope you are too.
-Larry and Marlene

TOGETHER we pray

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The Family & Friends of Donna Bochat
Dorothy Almborg, aunt of Kim Ferris & Karen Wagner
Lynn & Phil Arnold
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Ben Belmonte, nephew of Shirley and Ken Kolze
Barb Burget, daughter of Agnes Warren
Guy Chamberlin, son of Dolly Chamberlin
David, Leah, William Campbell & Grandma Mary
Flo Dailey, friend of Charlotte Mally
Kathy DePue
Kendall Eich
John Fretschl, cousin of Nancy Perry
Christina Guenther
Rick Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Schimka
Michael & Matthew Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
Larry Herron, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
Meredith Hinnah, friend of Melissa Gumm
Bill Houldsworth, husband of Laurie Houldsworth
Larry & Marlene Ingram
Joe Kenney, nephew of Kris Freeman
Barb Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin
Jean Kolze
Arlene Kraus
Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
Dorothy Mende & Bernice Skach, sisters of Charlotte Mally
Paulette Mohr, aunt of Kim Ferris & Karen Wagner
Maryann Ostrem, friend of Arlene Kraus
Marilyn Paolisso, aunt of Bruce Kerlin
Robin Plemich, cousin of Kim Ferris & Karen Wagner
David Reilly, cousin of Randy Cichon
Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
Blanche Schug
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Laurie Sorman, friend of Sue Lech
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
Al Undrys, friend of Sandy & Melissa Gumm
Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters: There will be a table with a sign directing all to take a bulletin in the east entryway.

Communion Sunday: There will be combo wafer/communion cups on the table as you enter, (*with the bulletins*) please take one and bring to your seat. Thank you!

Readers: Pastor will be reading all lectionary in worship, until further notice.

Lectionary for October:

4th: Ex 20:1-4,7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Isa 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46.

11th: Ex 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6; 19-23; Isa 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14.

18th: Ex 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Isa 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22.

25th: Deut 34:1-2; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17; Lev 19:1-2,15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-36.





OCTOBER WORD SEARCH



ACORN
APPLE
AUTUMN
CHESTNUTS
CHILLY
CIDER
COBWEB
FALL
FOOTBALL
GOURD

HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAY BALE
HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MAIZE
NOVEMBER
NUTS
OCTOBER
PUMPKIN

QUILT
RAKE
SCARECROW