

May 10, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Yesterday's Children's Worship was undoubtedly one of the highlights of these pandemic times. Youth and children of all ages participated in the service—highlighting their many gifts and talents. We also took time in worship to recognize our high school graduates and to thank our Sunday School and youth leadership teams.

We continue to worship Sunday mornings at 10:15 via Facebook Live, in-person worship, and via this mailer. This coming Sunday, May 16, the County Crossroads 4H Club of New Bremen will sell donuts after worship. Donuts will be available in quantities of 2(\$3), 6(\$7), and 12(\$12). All funds raised will go toward 4H dues, books, camp and sponsorship of fair activities.

As a gentle reminder, we ask that if you plan to worship in the sanctuary, please remain masked for the duration of the service in order that we might keep each other safe. Even if you are fully vaccinated, our call as Christians is to love God and love neighbor. Wearing your mask demonstrates our love of others. We thank you for your cooperation.

Pastor Becky's email has been offline for several weeks. While we are working to rectify this, please send emails to her through the main office email: stpaulnb@nktelco.net.

On Sunday, June 6, we will dedicate the St. Paul Playground during worship with a reception in the playground following worship.

Included in this mailer is a giving envelope. Your ongoing financial support of St. Paul Church keeps the many ministries and missions going strong.

Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Paul Church! Together we are the Body of Christ in this community.

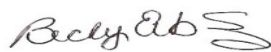
Grace and Peace,



Roland Dicke
Council President



Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of May 10, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$5,856.69 (weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$10,955.00(ytd)
Income \$122,264.25 (ytd)
Expenses \$115,271.40 (ytd)
Balance \$6,992.85(ytd)
Building Maint & Property Care
Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$6,889.00(ytd)
Endowment Income \$1,556.01(ytd)
Expenses \$4,477.46 (ytd)
Balance \$77,611.92 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$6,265.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$5,872.02 (ytd)
Balance \$6,643.18
BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15
Bless Pantry Inc. \$12,166.00(ytd)
Bless Pantry Ex. \$3,383.59(ytd)
BP Balance \$16,663.56
Our Church Wider Mission
Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$446.00(weekly)
Income \$10,567.00 (ytd)
Project of the Year
Income \$75.00(weekly)
Balance \$3,086.00(ytd)

MAY 16, 2021
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Eavesdropping can nurture the Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Mathias replaces Judas
Tuesday	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
Wednesday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Thursday	1 Chronicles 16:8-18	David's psalm of praise
Friday	Colossians 4:2-6	Never give up praying
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way of happiness
Sunday	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." John 17:11 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Protecting God, you know the challenges in our daily lives; give us courage to love others and to trust you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we use this food to strengthen our bodies to serve others through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God watch over you and keep you safe through Christ our Lord.



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MAY 16, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Guide My Feet



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a moment when you overheard a conversation not intended for you.
- Have you ever overheard someone pray? If so, what was that like for you?
- Jesus' disciples overheard him praying. How do you think that influenced their faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 17:6-19.

Jesus is praying for believers, present and future. The context of this prayer is helpful: the disciples overhear everything Jesus says. It is fascinating how often Christians can think back and recall moments when they overheard parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, or even strangers express their faith in ways that strengthened the eavesdropping individual. A grandparent praying or someone simply talking candidly about their faith in Christ in a way that was not trying to force on the eavesdropper a particular conviction can strengthen one's faith. Jesus' disciples overheard Jesus and recorded his words, his prayer, for the church. This recorded prayer acknowledged that Jesus is one with God the Father and that Jesus' disciples will be protected by God and cared for by one another. That is a candid message worthy of overhearing. When have you overheard someone say something that encouraged your faith in Christ? When might someone overhear you and be strengthened for a life of faith?

Pray: Loving God, strengthen us in our faith and guide us to walk in love with brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

SERVICE

Psalms 1 makes it clear that who you gather with or who your friends are impacts your own journey in life. Being with people who are kind helps us to follow their example. Think about someone you know who is kind and in what ways they show kindness. How can you show kindness and compassion this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus knew he was going to die soon so he prayed aloud for himself and his friends. One of the benefits of you praying aloud is that others get to hear or "overhear" your words. "Faith is caught more than it is taught" is a principle of faith formation. Make it a practice this week to pray aloud for your friends and family, even when you are alone—or think you are alone. Say prayers for what is special about your friends and ask God to protect and bless them.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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Pastor Dee-Associate Pastor

Roland Dicke-Council President

Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church-On July 23, 2020 Governor DeWine mandated mask wearing in public, including houses of worship. Masks are essential to help keep those around us safe. Thank you for cooperating.

May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Cheyenne Olt

Keith May

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Accompanist/Vocalist

Liturgist

PRELUDE

GREETING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES: As we light the altar and Christ candles, you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the". The second staff continues: "jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter". The third staff continues: "who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the". The fourth staff concludes: "jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." The score includes guitar chords: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, Gm7, C7, C, F, and F. The final measure of the fourth staff is marked "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 57)

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

People: We will give thanks to you, O God, among the peoples.

We will sing praises to you among the nations.

Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Thine Is the Glory

Thine Is the Glory

Eb
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$
 $\frac{Bb7}{F}$
Eb
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$
Bb
 $\frac{Bb7}{D}$
Eb
Bb
Eb
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

Eb
Fm
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$
Bbsus
Bb7
Eb
Bdim
Cm

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors,

Ddim7
 $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$
 $\frac{Ddim}{F}$
Cm
G
Cm
F7

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

Gm
Eb
F
Bb
Eb
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$
 $\frac{Bb7}{F}$
Eb
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$
Bb
 $\frac{Bb7}{D}$
Eb
Bb

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry (1854-1932); tr. R. Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)
 MUSIC: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

JUDAS MACCABEUS
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Eb
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$
Gm
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$
Eb
Fm
 $\frac{Eb}{G}$
Bbsus
Bb7
Eb

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

INVOCATION (in unison)

O God, the Father of the risen Christ, in whose resurrection we find new life, send your Spirit to dwell among us on this day of worship. O risen Christ, Son of the Father, may we hear your word of peace today. O Spirit of the living God, teach us once more to live in the power of Christ's resurrection, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le -

lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord markings (C, Am7, D7, D, G, D, Em) are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for unison singing.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

When I was in seminary, for about a year I worked several hours a week at the seminary's library. This was back in the day when nothing was cataloged on a computer. We had hard copy card catalogs. We had hard copy library cards in the books. Years later, when we moved to New Bremen, one of the first things I did was go to the library and get my library card.

This is what I love about libraries: everyone is welcome. It doesn't matter if you are young or old. It doesn't matter if you are a boy or a girl. It doesn't matter the color of your skin. It doesn't matter who your family is. Everyone is welcome at the library.

Another great thing about libraries is that once you become a member, you are entitled to all the benefits and services of the library: you can check out books, music CD's, even crafts and household supplies. And the cost to join the library? Nothing. It is absolutely free. Free for everyone. Absolutely everyone.

A library gives us a pretty good picture of what it is like to be a child of God. In our scripture reading for today, we hear that through our baptisms, we are children of God. It doesn't matter who you are: you are a beloved child of God.

And like a library card, being a child of God costs you nothing. Grace is free of charge: always. We are loved so much by God through Jesus that nothing can push us out of that circle of love. You are loved. You are a precious child of God. And it is our task as Christians to remind every single person you encounter this week that they, too, are loved and beloved. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Birth Candle welcomes Jaxon Quellhorst Edwards born April 23, 2021. Jaxon is the son of Tau and Amanda Quellhorst Edwards and grandson of Tom and Becky Quellhorst. Welcome Jaxon! Joy in the new life we have in Jesus.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for James Nelson, Peg Henschen, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Holy God, beyond our imagining and yet near to us as flesh to fingernails, we come before you this Easter season in gratitude. We confess, O God, that we like to compartmentalize Easter to one day alone and yet we know that through what you have done for us in Christ Jesus, every day is Easter. Every day is a gift. Every day we must celebrate the Risen Christ among us.

Today we praise you for all the might, power, and creativity by which you won victory over death. Again, we praise you for Jesus—our Savior and Friend and Shepherd. Challenge us to continue to follow Jesus as willingly as sheep follow their beloved Shepherd.

Yet, in the midst of our Easter celebrations, we acknowledge the plight of our brothers and sisters the world over. We pray for refugees fleeing from violence. We pray for children who are forced into fighting

wars not of their own making. We pray for all for whom home is not a safe haven. We pray for those who face daily discrimination, those who are victimized and diminished by oppression of all kinds.

We pray for those who can see no Easter light because all that is good and lovely has been eclipsed by depression and anxiety that will not lift, by chronic pain that will not abate, by a stretch of unemployment with no end in sight, or by a job that is flaying the spirit day-by-day because the work seems to meaningless. O God, the things that led Jesus to the cross have not yet disappeared from the face of the earth. The need for resurrection remains stubbornly present in the lives of millions. Make us, O Spirit of the Living God, life-giving spirits to minister so those in need this Easter season.

We pray today for the many needs in our own faith community. We pray for those who are grieving. We pray for those who are recuperating from illness, injury or surgery. Be with anyone who feels that he or she needs to believe in the resurrection more than ever, but is finding it too difficult to grasp in these difficult days of a difficult year.

We pray for ourselves. We thank you for friends and family who offer us acceptance and love. May we continue to seek your Light, your Hope, your Resurrection Promises throughout the coming week.

Holy One, we humbly ask you to silence our busy hearts and minds that we might hear your Word for us this day. SILENCE

We thank you, O God. We thank you for the life given to us in Jesus, your Son. Embolden us to live an Easter life not only today but in all the days to come and forevermore.

All of this we pray with the prayer your son taught us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 (The Message)

You crazy Galatians! Did someone put a spell on you? Have you taken leave of your senses? Something crazy has happened, for it's obvious that you no longer have the crucified Jesus in clear focus in your

lives. His sacrifice on the cross was certainly set before you clearly enough.

²⁻⁴ Let me put this question to you: How did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God's Message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren't smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it? Did you go through this whole painful learning process for nothing? It is not yet a total loss, but it certainly will be if you keep this up!

⁵⁻⁶ Answer this question: Does the God who lavishly provides you with his own presence, his Holy Spirit, working things in your lives you could never do for yourselves, does he do these things because of your strenuous moral striving or because you trust him to do them in you? Don't these things happen among you just as they happened with Abraham? He believed God, and that act of belief was turned into a life that was right with God.

⁷⁻⁸ Is it not obvious to you that persons who put their trust in Christ (not persons who put their trust in the law!) are like Abraham: children of faith? It was all laid out beforehand in Scripture that God would set things right with non-Jews by faith. Scripture anticipated this in the promise to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed in you."

⁹⁻¹⁰ So those now who live by faith are blessed along with Abraham, who lived by faith—this is no new doctrine! And that means that anyone who tries to live by his own effort, independent of God, is doomed to failure. Scripture backs this up: "Utterly cursed is every person who fails to carry out every detail written in the Book of the law."

Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for.

²⁵⁻²⁷ But now you have arrived at your destination: By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an

adult faith wardrobe—Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise.

²⁸⁻²⁹ *In Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ’s family, then you are Abraham’s famous “descendant,” heirs according to the covenant promises.*

RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God!

People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

On this, the seventh Sunday of Easter, we gather and worship as Christians, as followers of Jesus, to celebrate the unity we have through the risen Christ. The Apostle Paul continues to speak to the new believers in Galatia. And what does he say? Over and over again the Apostle Paul argues that we are Christians not by what we DO, but by the grace poured into our lives through the Risen Christ. That no matter your beginnings (in this case Jew, Gentile, slave, free, male or female), in Jesus we are all part of the same family. And not just family, we are called children of God.

Today’s reading is a reminder that from the beginning of Christianity, we are called to embrace our differences because we are one in Christ Jesus. He reminds us that because we have been baptized into Christ, we are now free to live beyond society’s dictates of who is welcome and who is not.

For Paul’s day, these are radical words: *In Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal.* Paul’s argument is astonishing. It breaks through social boundaries and barriers. Let me be clear. Paul is not naïve; he knows that baptism in Christ won’t end slavery or the oppression of women, but he argues that through baptism, we are free to live a new life in Christ Jesus.

Keep in mind, that in Paul’s day, baptism was much more elaborate than our placing the water on the foreheads of infants and new believers. It was the practice of early Christians to fully immerse a person at

baptism. Once a believer rose to new life in Christ from the waters, he or she would be anointed with oil to join the priesthood of all believers and then there would be the laying on of hands by members of the community.

Scholars and historians have remarked that this last piece—the laying on of hands—is a symbol of the formal legal ritual a master used to free his slaves. By laying hands upon the newly baptized, they are now free in a new sense of the word: free of sin, free in Christ Jesus.

So who were these Galatians, these new Jesus people Paul was writing to? The Galatians have a fascinating history: one I didn't even know about until putting this sermon together. Galatia is in modern-day Turkey and was an immigrant community of northern European Celts. These Celts were warriors and immigrated by conquest. Arriving about 300 years before Jesus, they were pretty much an independent (I'm not sure you'd call it nation), but province.

By Jesus' day, these Celtic warrior descendants had allied themselves with Rome, however keeping their Celtic language, religious rites and political organization. AND, because they were warriors, they were greatly feared/greatly respected: depending on what side of the conquest you were on.

So now to the Apostle Paul, the writer of this letter. Scholars dispute to this very day which of the Galatian towns/churches Paul was writing to because in Galatians 3:1, Paul called them foolish (or crazy—depending on your translation). The scholarly argument is this: Was Paul writing to the churches in northern Galatia or southern Galatia?

But this is what I have to say at St. Paul United Church of Christ in New Bremen, Ohio in the Year of our Lord 2021. We do not need to know the exact recipients of this letter to hear Paul's message. But what we DO need to celebrate is that Paul's theology in his letter to the Galatians was one of radical inclusion. In today's reading, Paul anchors his argument for radical inclusion through baptism. Because we have all been baptized into Christ, we are One.

In these few short verses in Galatians, Paul encourages us to plunge ourselves into uncharted baptismal waters, trusting in God's promises of resurrection life. We know that is not always easy. It is often difficult to trust God's promises when we are filled with fear and anxiety. It is hard to trust God's promises when we allow society to define who we are and

what we can achieve. It is daunting to place our trust in God when our nation and our world, have been ravaged by the coronavirus.

Paul reminds us that, through Christ, there is no longer Jew or Gentile, Slave or Free, Male or Female—that all of our diversity, all of our fear-filled labeling of one another, all of our need to see ourselves as better than others, all of our brokenness and fear and grief, is all for naught. That through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are free to be children of God.

This brings us back full circle. We, who call ourselves followers of Jesus, are people of hope and promise in a world that is filled with diversity. We COULD let our politics, our socio-economic status, our race, our genders, divide us one from the other. We COULD take our privileged lives and look down upon others as not worthy enough for God's blessings. But that is not God's way.

God's way is one that welcomes all into the circle of love and grace. God's welcome is sufficient for all. God plunges us into the waters of baptism that we might not only be healed, but made new.

Do you remember the song from our childhoods?

Jesus loves the little children,

all the children of the world:

Red and yellow, black and white

They are precious in his sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Let us sing and dance and rejoice: for Jesus loves the children of the world! And you, my Dear Ones, are his children also! Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: As we come before God with our tithes and offerings, let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercifully, and to walk humbly with our God. Today we bring our money, our gifts, and our whole lives as an offering to our God. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

Alleluia

Alleluia

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
2 He's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia,
3 He is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia,
4 I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
he's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, Al - le - lu - ia!
he is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, Al - le - lu - ia!
I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, Al - le - lu - ia!

BENEDICTION (written by the Rev. Dr. David Bahr, UCC Clergy person):
 May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship. We have been changed. We cannot be silent anymore. We have seen the Light of the world. Go and share the radiance of Love! Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 95. It consists of four staves of music in the key of F major. The lyrics are: "Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go - ing on your way. Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way. Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day. Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God." The chords are: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7; F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C; Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C; Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: In Christ, we are a new creation. Let us pass the peace of Christ with each other.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Angela Lynn Bushman by the Dennis and Gertrude Bushman.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-129, May 2-Sunday Worship Online-366, In Person-52, Sunday School Online-63, In Person 19, Teachers-6.

Daily Devotions-Please join Rev Becky Monday-Thursday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

Sundays in May-Sunday School will be in person and via Facebook Live at 9:00am.(Last Day May 16) **Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

May/June Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Mailbox-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. Thank you!

Blessing Pantry-is located in the North Hallway and accessible by the North door during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm**. The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs- Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Hand Soap, Diapers (n, 1, 4, 6), Baby Wipes, Paper Plates, Toilet Paper, Garbage Bags and Pet**

Food (Dry & Wet). **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Volunteers Needed-The Blessing Pantry is looking for volunteers to help during the open hours, especially Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Volunteers do not need to be members of St. Paul. For more information, please contact the church office for Ronda Bowlby's (our volunteer coordinator) contact information. Thank you!

Donuts for Sale-from St Henry Bake Shop-Glazed or Cinnamon Twist. Available in quantities of 2(\$3), 6(\$7), 12(\$12). County Crossroads 4H club of New Bremen will be selling donuts outside after church on Sunday May 16th. Money raised goes towards their 4H dues, 4H books, 4H camp and sponsorship of fair activities. They meet at St Paul. Thank you for your support.

Calendar-Week of May 16, 2021

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School-in person & via Facebook Live (Last Day)
	10:15am	Worship-in person& via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Mission Team
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop Hours New Bremen Coffee Co.
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	Discipleship Team
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed

E-Giving @ St. Paul

3 Different Ways to Give

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Give+ App – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

St. Paul New “Text to Give” #(# changed as of 10/9/19)

How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00))

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

Once a text amount is sent:

Registration Link- Sent via text the first time a donation is made.

Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made.

Thank you for donating \$ (amount)! Text repeat to make this recurring or refund to cancel this donation.

May Monthly Mission-The UCC disaster Team is currently supporting long term recovery efforts, such as replacement of burst pipes, restoration of church food pantries and making homes safe again, due to late winter storms that impacted states from Texas to the Carolinas. Filling clean-up buckets and personal care kits are still a very important way of helping in disaster clean-up efforts. The clean-up bucket/supply list has under gone changes. Now, a five-gallon bucket with a resealable lid is used. More supplies are placed in the bucket making the price to fill, a bit more expensive. St Paul can fill the buckets with the funds that we collect or Church World Service will be happy to receive donations to purchase the contents. If sending your donation through St. Paul, please make check out to St. Paul (this way your giving account is credited) and designate bucket supplies. Please consider donating to this cause. Personal care kits are still the same as in the past. Your donations to our May Mission will be appreciated by all who are affected by these disasters. Thank you, the Mission Team

Church World Service-Hygiene Kit

Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32"
(no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

Value: \$15

Processing fee: \$2 per Kit

Church World Service-Emergency Cleanup Buckets

Supplies needed:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Handi Wipes or Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water
- (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new— all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Value: \$75

Processing fee: \$3 per Kit



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