

June 28, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,
Grace and peace be yours!

Sunday in-person worship services are going well. We will continue to livestream worship and send the weekly worship mailing.

Pastor Becky began her last three weeks of sabbatical today, Monday, June 28. She will return to the office on Monday July 19. Guest preachers will lead worship in her absence. Lauren Miller (SALT Intern) and Abby Bushman (Ministry Assistant), will be assisting Barb in the office.

If you have pastoral care needs during Becky's time off, please contact the church office 419-629-2502.

Pastor Dee's health continues to be compromised. She is continuing her unpaid medical leave of absence.

While we did not hold Art Camp last summer and we will not host it this summer, we are hosting a Summer Safari Carnival: Let's Reconnect on Wednesday, July 21 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This event will be held in our St. Paul Community Playground and will include a meal, crafts, games and music. The Carnival is free to all participants and we expect 500+ people to attend. We will need lots of volunteers. If you'd like to assist, please contact SALT Intern Lauren Miller or Church Office.

We also have two Circle of Friends ministry opportunities. First, we are seeking someone to coordinate card sending and phone call folk to reach out to our nursing home and at-home members. Second, we are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the Circle of Friends cards that, up until Covid19, were signed each week in the sanctuary. Please contact the Church Office if you are willing to take either or both of these important ministries.

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.
Blessings,

Roland Dicke
Council President

Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP

Financial Information as of June 28, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$3,200.00(weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$12,786.00(ytd)
Income \$146,808.90(ytd)
Expenses \$147,140.73 (ytd)
Balance **(\$331.83)** (ytd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$39,116.00 (ytd)
Endowment Income \$2,630.39(ytd)
Expenses \$33,797.20 (ytd)
Balance \$81,593.56 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$8,928.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$9,431.53 (ytd)
Balance \$5,746.67

BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15

Bless Pantry Inc. \$16,286.00(ytd)

Bless Pantry Ex. \$8,479.99(ytd)

BP Balance \$15,687.16

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$406.00(weekly)
Income \$13,525.00 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$0.00(weekly)
Balance \$3,319.00(ytd)



Wednesday July 21 5:00 pm -8:00 pm

St Paul UCC, New Bremen, Ohio

- Activities- Crafts, Outdoor Games, Carnival Games
- Dinner- Hot dogs, Mac N Cheese, Chips and Yogurt
- Living Music

*Please bring individually wrapped cookies for dessert

All are welcome at no cost!

JULY 4, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Disciples trust in the power of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
Monday	Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's vision
Wednesday	2 Peter 1:3-11	The Christian's call to love
Thursday	Luke 9:1-6	The disciples' mission
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Saturday	Psalms 123	A prayer for mercy
Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But [God] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to trust that through weakness you show power and through our human frailty you do great acts of love and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us through the work of many hands, help us to be mindful of the kindness of others that blesses us daily. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the power and strength of God bless you with mercy and grace.



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JULY 4, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK

*God of Grace and
God of Glory*



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 of a time that you needed the help of someone.
- What is it like to depend on the kindness of others when you need help?
- Jesus sends his disciples out into the world needing the kindness and hospitality of others. How is showing hospitality to others and receiving it ourselves the work of the church?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 6:1-13.

Jesus goes to his hometown and is astonished at the people's lack of trust and belief in him. Because of that, he was only able to use his power to heal a few sick people. The townspeople rejected his authority. Ironically, that same authority is given to his disciples and they are able to go out and do many great deeds of casting out demons and curing the sick. This passage makes at least three important points about discipleship: 1) followers of Jesus will experience the same rejection Jesus did, 2) Jesus' authority is enough to do great things in the reign of God, and 3) disciples go out defenseless, without needing extra provisions and depend on the hospitality and kindness of strangers. The third point is a difficult one for us today. We would rather be the host. However, Jesus calls us to receive the help and kindness of others, especially the stranger who welcomes us in and takes care of us. In our weakness, God's power is revealed. When have you been blessed by being the recipient of the hospitality of others, especially someone you don't know well?

Pray: **Dear God, in human frailty and need your power is made known. Bless us in our relationships with others that your love may be made known through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

It is a valuable gift to host others in your home. However, it is also an important gift to the outreach of the church to accept the hospitality of others. When have you been a guest of another person's hospitality? Did you feel you were the recipient of God's love as you received the hospitality of others? Explain.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 123 is a psalm for people making a pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem. Identify sacred places in your own pilgrimage or faith journey on earth as a follower of Jesus. Maybe it is a place in your own home, congregation, or the home of a loved one. Talk or think about what you like to do in that sacred space, and give thanks for God's presence in your life. Conclude by praying: **God of glory and might, thank you for revealing yourself to us and for special places that make us feel especially close to you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**



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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, welcome! This is the house of the Lord, and all are welcome to enter and praise our loving Creator. May God's love fill you with kindness, mercy and joy.

July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Independence Day

Holy Communion

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

Lauren Miller

Dick Hudson

Cheyenne Olt

Shelly Zeller

The Congregation

Guest Pastor

SALT

Organist

Accompanist/Vocalist

Liturgist

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: You are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Community Backpack+ and Washington UCC Back to School Ministry

It appears very likely that schools in Ohio will have a “normal” school year after one that was disrupted by the pandemic and included many months of remote learning for some students. That was a special hardship on the disadvantaged children served by Washington UCC. That is why we are continuing to help fund their *Back to School* ministry program. With the funds, they are able to send many of their low-income children back to school, each in a uniform, if required, or new school clothes, underwear and socks, along with a backpack of school supplies and a personal hygiene kit. Our donations last year helped them to provide school uniforms for nearly 25 students in the Camp Washington community.

Continually, in the month of July we will also be helping The Community Backpack+ Program. The Community Backpack+ Programs have come together each year to ensure that all students in our community have the supplies needed to start each school year. In addition, they donate toward school fees for those who cannot afford them, and fund the local “No-Shame Lunch Fund.” The, “No-shame Lunch fund,” guarantees that every student in the New Bremen, New Knoxville, and Minster school districts, receives a complete daily lunch, regardless of the balance in their lunch account. In 2020, we supplied backpacks/school supplies to 40 needy students. We were also able to pay off all New Bremen Local School’s unpaid school fees, totaling \$1114.50

On average for both organizations it is estimated that each student’s average annual needs are \$75.00 per student. So, throughout the month we will be equally sharing the gifts that are donated to provide uniforms and hygiene kits to the children at Camp Washington and school supplies for the students in our community. Gifts at any level are welcomed, and will make a great impact on the children in these communities. Thank you, the Mission Team.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 120. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "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." The chords are: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, Gm7, C7, C, F, F.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this land of freedom and beauty, let us give thanks to God

People: Let us praise the Holy One who created the blue lakes and grassy prairies, the vast desert lands, and the breathtaking mountains of our homeland.

Leader: Let us unite in worship of the Creator who formed all lands and all people.

People: And who declared without hesitation, "It is Good"

Leader: Come let us worship God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer

HYMN OF PRAISE

America the Beautiful

B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{F7}{C}$ F7 B \flat Bdim7 $\frac{F7}{C}$

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

F B \flat Gm7 $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{Fdim}{C}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C9 $\frac{C7}{G}$ F $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{F7}{A}$

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

F7 $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ F7sus $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{F7}{E\flat}$ F7 $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ $\frac{F7}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

B \flat 7 E \flat Cm7 $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ N.C. F7 B \flat

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine!
 and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!

A LITANY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Leader: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts. For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

People: We thank you Lord.

Leader: Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

People: We pray to you Lord.

Leader: Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

God of the Ages Whose Almighty Hand

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand 728

Eb Cm Bb Eb Ab $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ Bb7

Trumpets
before each stanza

1 God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some

Eb Cm Gm $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{Bb}{F}$ Fsus F7

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry
 past, in this free land by you our lot is
 lence, be your strong arm our ev - er sure de -
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing

Bb N.C. Gb $\frac{Edim}{G}$ $\frac{Bbm}{F}$ F7

band of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the
 cast; be now our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and
 fense; your true re - li - gion in our hearts in -
 day; fill all our lives with heaven-born love and

Bb $\frac{Eb}{G}$ Ab $\frac{1}{2}$ Ab Eb Edim7 Fm $\frac{Eb}{G}$ Bbsus Bb7 Eb

skies, our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 stay, your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 crease, your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 grace, and songs of praise we'll lift be - fore your face!

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Communioning Together!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Kendra Bonifas, Greg Maurer, Dick Hudson, Annabelle Wenning, Bob Kettler, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER, PERSONAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Holy One, God of our ancestors and our God, we gratefully praise your name for the wonderful things you have done. We give you thanks for calling each of us together today to worship and to hear once again the ways in which you call us, equip us and send us out into our communities and our world so that your love and light will be shared through us. We need your Spirit to guide us to be all that we ought to be. Open our hearts to the moving of that Spirit so that we may be true disciples of Christ. Enter the lives of each one of us today, refresh and renew us, heal those who are suffering in any way, comfort those who are grieving, wrap the lonely in your arms, be with those whose lives are going in a direction they did not imagine. We lift our prayers and reach out to those who are living in fear of storms, of war, who struggle in poverty, and those for whom the illness of the pandemic is not over. As we celebrate our freedom today never let us forget the many who do not know freedom. These prayers and so many others we lift in the name of our Savior who taught his disciples and us to pray together...**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekial 2:1-5 (NRSV)

2 He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. 2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against

me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-13

(NRSV)

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

RESPONSE

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

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

SERMON

Rev. Jeanette Tangeman

The philosopher Soren Kierkegaard once told a story about a circus that caught fire. The flames from the fire spread to the fields surrounding the circus grounds and began to burn toward the village below.

The circus master, convinced that the village would be destroyed and the people killed unless they were warned, asked if there was anybody who could go to the village and warn the people. The clown, dressed in full costume, jumped on a bicycle and sped down the hill to the village. “Run for your lives! Run for your Lives! A fire is coming and the village is going to burn”! he shouted as he rode up and down the streets of the village. “The village is going to burn! Run for your lives!”

Curious villagers came out from their houses and shops and stood along the sidewalks. They shouted back to the clown, laughing and applauding his performance. The more desperately the clown shouted, the more the villagers cheered.

The village burned and the loss of life was great because nobody took the clown seriously. After all, he was just a clown.

Jesus began teaching in the synagogue of his hometown and the people were amazed. They responded to him in disbelief. They could not wrap their minds around it. After all he was just a carpenter from a local family. And Jesus, who had been doing miraculous deeds everywhere he went, was nearly powerless to help anyone in the town because of their disbelief. And the loss was surely great. The statement that comes from this text is still used today, a prophet is not honored in his hometown.

You know that’s true. You know that a messenger has to have authority and validity and if it is someone you grew up with, played ball with, got into mischief with, then it is hard to see the grown-up bearer of news as anything but the person with whom you are most familiar. What does he know—he always got in trouble, what does she know, she was the snippy little girl with the big ego who always had better Barbies and a shinier bike. It’s hard to take them seriously. That is exactly why most preachers do not go back to their home church and become their pastor. Shortly after I settled into Buckland UCC, my home church in Toledo called. They were searching for a pastor and asked if I would come back and serve there. I said no—it is hard to be prophetic with someone who wiped your nose when you were three years old!

It is a classic story and we can identify with it because most of us have experienced rejection of our ideas, actions, wisdom, thoughts or words of encouragement from those who know us best, our families, our friends, our neighbors, maybe even our spouses. Well, we are in good company knowing that even Jesus was rejected by those who knew him as a child, as growing up in the village, as the son of their neighbors, the brother of their friends.

In fact, don't we get sort of a perverse pleasure out of the failures of great people? Well, maybe not really that, but we do seem to find it ironic and even encouraging at times that some who are accomplished in so many things can also fail miserably. We even marvel at the inner strength that propels them forward in spite of their failure. It might just spur us lowly folks on to greater things. When we compare ourselves to great people they seem even more like us in their failures than in their successes.

However, the fact that Jesus was rendered nearly powerless by the people's disbelief is somewhat disturbing if you think about it. Barbara Brown Taylor, author and Episcopal Priest uses a powerful metaphor to illustrate this for us. Jesus was still Jesus she says, but the people—then and now—have to be open to him and his transformative power. She compares it to the frustrating experience of trying to light a match to a pile of wet sticks. She also compares the crowds in the synagogue to us. After all, we are the church and claim Jesus as our own, but how faithful and open are we to Jesus transformative power in our lives? Does this knowledge of Jesus' rejection seem contradictive to what we know otherwise of this man, or does it encourage and transform us?

This is the first story of the gospel text this morning. Perhaps you may have noticed that in Mark there is often more than one story woven together to make a point or teach a lesson that helps to answer the question, "Who is this man Jesus?" Today's text does that too. The second story is the call and sending of the disciples, but both stories have to do with the acceptance or rejection of Jesus or his representatives. And each in its own way lets us know more about Jesus, fully human, fully divine.

Fully human, a carpenter, a craftsman, known and respected in that capacity. Fully divine, able to perform miracles that only God can do,

assuming authority in sending out disciples and granting them authority to heal, cast out demons, to transform lives. But that was the sticky part for the folks who knew him—there was a substantial gulf in their minds between a craftsman who works with his hands and a rabbi who devoted his life to intellectual and spiritual pursuits. Just who is this man anyway?

Notice that when Jesus is granting the disciples authority and sending them out for ministry he is also preparing them for the possibility of rejection. If they are not accepted they should shake the dust from their sandals and move on. In that time that was a symbolic gesture used by pious Jews as they returned from a Gentile land; it symbolized separation from any clinging form of defilement. It stands as a testimony before God that the townspeople have refused to hear God's word. But it also helps the disciple bring closure to a failure and move on from it. It helps to remind us that the people of God are not to waste resources fretting over those who will not hear the word of God, nor waste time in self-absorption when things don't go as planned.

When Jesus sends us out he does not expect us to experience anything that he has not experienced. Our statement of faith in the words we profess says, "In Jesus Christ you have come to us and shared our common lot." Fully human. Jesus also gives the disciples the authority to cast out demons, to heal, to transform lives. Fully divine. Just who is this man?

Jesus also knows and understands that the very human disciples whom he sends, feeling insecure, will tend to depend upon things instead of God, and so he sends them out with very little in the way of material things. Provisions for the journey can substitute for faith if we are not careful. Eugene Peterson in "The Message" translates Jesus' words in this way. "Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. You are the equipment." Challenging words for that time and for us in the church as well. Is God's grace sufficient for us?

What about it? Who is this man Jesus to you? What are you being called to do? Where are you being asked to go? Will you answer because Jesus is Lord of your life, or will you ignore the call because you think you know better what is good for you? Or have you refused to take the message seriously because it came to you via a messenger that you just couldn't imagine as someone sent into your life by God? One of the

things that often makes it hard for us to hear God still speaking to us is that God seems to make such appalling choices when selecting the messengers to bring the message to us!

Or maybe you refused to answer the call for fear of rejection? Maybe no one will truly appreciate what you try to do or believe what you are trying to teach? Well, you may have noticed throughout the gospel that believing is not forced on anyone. Did you notice that the disciples were not always successful—but they were always faithful. We are not called to be successful. We are called to be faithful. If we respond faithfully, if we proclaim prophetically in words AND in actions, if our words match our deeds, then we are answering God's call. We too will be given the power, we too will be equipped for the task, but the results are not up to us. God's grace is sufficient. Disappointments at being misunderstood might discourage us, feelings of failure could surely make us question God's purpose for us. But God is in charge. God has a plan and our part in it is to be faithful, knowing that God will be with us through it all, knowing that God calls up many to do the work and we are just a part of it, knowing that God's grace is sufficient.

When we can answer the question who is this Jesus by responding he is Lord of my Life then we will understand that we are a part of the mission of the church, called, equipped, and sent. We are called to support one another, to serve others, to turn the tables on all that the secular world stands for. We are called to fight against prejudice, ignorance and apathy. We are called to stand with others when they are oppressed, when they are weighed down with grief or the burdens of life. We are called to live out the Word of God, and to proclaim what God has done in our lives. If others refuse to hear it, we don't give up, we just move on believing that God will guide us to the places where we are needed. We will be open to being transformed and we will by words and actions transform other lives. That is being faithful. That is believing and acting upon the belief that Jesus is truly Lord of our lives. That is believing and knowing for certain that God's grace is sufficient for our lives no matter where we are sent, whether near or far. Know it, believe it, live it.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERING INVITATION: God awaits our response to all we have seen and heard. Our offerings are symbols of our commitment or our unbelief, our willingness to share or our self-pre-occupation. Do all that is in your heart. God is with you.

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)

Move us O God, beyond the building of monuments to our faith to participation in mission, beyond the giving of our money to the giving of ourselves. Help us to discern your revelation and to share it. Guide us as we seek to follow Christ among those who know us best and in the company of strangers, that our very being may be our finest offering. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMUNION

Leader: Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him. Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin. Come to the Lord's Table, be at peace.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: We have not believed you or trusted in your power.

People: Lord, help our unbelief.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

People: Cleanse us, Lord.

Leader: We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

People: Heal us, Lord..

Leader: We ignore your call to center our lives in you, and so are deaf to the hopes and cries of the poor, the sick, the

needy, and the earth.

People: Ground us, Lord!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

Glory to God!

Leader: By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body.

People: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our common life.

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you.

COMMUNION LITURGY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to you, Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to praise you, Lord.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full... Full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One
who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people To make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We

betrayed your calling;

People: You were faithful.

Leader: We wandered from the way;

People: You called us to return, and led us home.

Leader: And still we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death. At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood." Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Spirit on us Pour out your Spirit on these gifts Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.

Abba, Father!

People: Let your kingdom come!

Leader: Glory to you!

People: Glory to you!

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus!

People: Be our daily bread.

Leader: Glory to you!

People: Glory to you!

Leader: Holy Spirit!

People: Send us to the world.

Leader: Glory to you!

People: Glory to you!

Leader: Holy, Blessed Trinity!

People: One God forever!

Leader: Glory to you!

People: Glory to you!

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

GIVING THANKS (Unison)

**Lord, you now have set your servants free to go in peace
as you have promised. For these eyes of ours have seen the
Savior whom you have prepared for all the world to see!
Blessing and honor and glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

HYMN OF SENDING

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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Unison
N.C. F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb C C/E

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F N.C.

peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave. The
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our

F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb Gm Gm/Bb C C/E

ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the
faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F

fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve. The
brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

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ASH GROVE
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F C7

seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, shall
 your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us: u -

F C Dm C/E C/G G C Dm7 C/E

blos - som in ac - tion in for God and for all. God's
 nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb Gm Gm/Bb C C/E

grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us to
 may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give

F F/A Bb F/C C7 F

work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
 hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

BENEDICTION: Seek to walk with God this week as God gives us strength and sees us through. God will not fail us or forsake us, therefore we are free to live as God's own people.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

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F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way.

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in ev - 'ry way.

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Loved Ones by John and Dot Koeper.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-71, June 20-Sunday Worship Online-208, In Person-48.

Daily Devotions-Please join Lauren Miller 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.

Elmwood Worship-Tuesday July 6 at 2:00pm. If you would like to assist SALT intern Lauren with this worship service, please arrive at Elmwood at 1:45. Thank you! All are welcome!

Sundays in July-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.

July/August 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 accessible 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-Diapers (size 1, 3 & 6), Baby Wipes, Training Pants (size 3T-6T), Feminine Hygiene Products, Men’s Deodorant, Razors, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Q-Tips, Napkins, Aluminum Foil, Cleaning Supplies, Pet Food (Dry & Wet), Paper Plates, Laundry Detergent, Dryer sheets, Toilet Paper, and Garbage Bags. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Calendar-Week of July 4, 2021

Sunday	10:15am	Worship-in person & via Facebook Live
Monday	All Day	Office Closed
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship Service
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	9:30am-11:15am	Youth Activity-Fishing Kuenning Dicke Park-New Bremen
	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	Noon	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

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.



Calling all Fisherman and Youth of all ages!
Join us on Wednesday July 7th at 9:30 a.m.- 11:15 am.
at the Kuenning-Dicke Natural Area
4336 Lock-Two Road New Bremen.

Bring your fishing supplies and get ready to cast and catch some fish for fun! All ages are welcome to attend! If you have any questions, please call the church office at 419-629-2502.

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you”
1 Peter 5:7

Parent Date Night

On Saturday July 17th children may be dropped off at 5 p.m. at St. Paul Church and picked up at 8:30 p.m. to allow parents to have a date night

We will provide a dinner and activities

Please RSVP by Monday July 12th to 419-629-2502 or by email stpaulnb@nktelco.net



Game Night

When: 6-8 p.m. on July 18th

Where: St. Paul Church

Who: All Ages! Different games will be set up for various ages