

July 26, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace be yours!

We begin with “thank you’s.” So many of you volunteer your time to St. Paul Church: whether it is through the Blessing Pantry, this weekly mailing, ushering, worship sound system, music, Golden Harvest garden watering, youth, Sunday school, meals provided, and events taking place. Your time is appreciated and valued. YOU are appreciated and valued. Thank you!

We particularly want to thank the many, many volunteers who made last week’s Summer Safari Carnival: Let’s Reconnect a resounding success. We fed hundreds of people, not only from our community but surrounding communities, as children and youth of all ages participated in a wide variety of summer activities. The time you gave to make this event meaningful is a gift to St. Paul and a gift to the community. Thank you!

We have good news to share: donations have been given for sanctuary monitors, new technology networking, upgrading chapel technology and creating a dedicated “Zoom Room.” Your generosity allows us to seek new ways to reach out to our friends and neighbors. Thank you!

We are seeking a volunteer who has a drone with digital camera or video camera to film the roof and spouting of our buildings. Please see John Mohrman if you can assist with this.

Worship Team met yesterday to plan for fall worship. While it is not set in stone, we are tentatively planning to begin Saturday evening worship on the first Saturday of each month beginning in October. The plan is to offer a second worship setting on communion weekends. While many of you would like to see the Saturday worship come back fulltime, we simply do not have the staffing to make that happen at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

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



Rev. Becky Erb Strang  
Senior Pastor

### Financial Information as of July 26, 2021

#### Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00  
Giving Income \$1,667.00 (weekly)  
Endowment Transfers \$14,117.00(ytd)  
Income \$171,265.57(ytd)  
Expenses \$171,543.36(ytd)  
Balance **(\$277.79)** (ytd)

#### Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37  
Income \$40,555.00 (ytd)  
Endowment Income \$2,535.26(ytd)  
Expenses \$36,011.99 (ytd)  
Balance \$80,722.64 (ytd)

#### Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20  
Income \$17,884.00 (ytd)  
Expenses \$9,702.05(ytd)  
Balance \$14,432.15  
BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15  
Bless Pantry Inc. \$17,206.00(ytd)  
Bless Pantry Ex. \$9,314.01(ytd)  
BP Balance \$15,773.14

#### Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00  
Income \$62.00(weekly)  
Income \$16,412.00 (ytd)

#### Project of the Year

Income \$49.00(weekly)  
Balance \$3,443.00(ytd)

AUGUST 1, 2021  
TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*It can be difficult for us to trust God.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life
Monday	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Bread from heaven
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
Wednesday	Psalms 37:3-9	Trust the Lord
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Friday	Proverbs 3:1-6	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 78:23-29	God feeds the people
Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'"*

**Exodus 16:9 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, help us to trust that through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you give us the bread of life that feeds us and cares for us now and always. Amen.

#### **Mealttime Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, our Bread of Life, give us thankful hearts for this gift of food and for all you do to care for us. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who feeds you bless you with a thankful heart.



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AUGUST 1, 2021  
HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Let Us Talents and  
Tongues Employ*



### 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:

- What is something you like to complain about?
- Have you ever gotten what you wanted and then regretted it or known someone who got what they wanted and were not grateful? Explain.
- How does trust in God lead to contentment?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15.*

The story of the Israelites in the Old Testament is unique to the ancient world. No other people were willing to be so self-critiquing. Other religious writings from other people were much more willing to be self-glorifying. Not the Israelites. They knew they were hard to please and not as trusting as they could be. Instead of thanking God for their freedom they acted as though God took them from the comforts of Egypt. They forgot that they were actually starving and dying at the hands of the Pharaoh. In this account, they don't even ask for help; they just complain. However, God hears the complaints of the people and steps in to care for them and feeds them morning and night. How has God blessed and fed you during your mornings and nights?

*Pray: Living God, help us to be aware of your care that sustains us day after day, morning and night through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### SERVICE

Ephesians 4 talks about the gifts we are given to equip us to serve our neighbor. We serve our neighbor and speak the truth in love with one another. This is the way our congregations and families are strengthened and we grow together in the ups and downs of life. We care for each other. How can you serve your family, community, and congregation using your gifts?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The *Daily Bible Readings* this week from John, Exodus, and Psalm 78 all share a theme about bread and being fed. Gather a selection of different breads to serve this week with your meals. Use a different bread every day for each meal. Say the *Mealttime Prayer* for this week and while eating the bread think or talk about a way in which God has provided for you.



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

# Not This



# But This



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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, we welcome you to this service of worship. We hope that you will find it meaningful.

**August 1, 2021**

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

### **Worship Leaders**

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Lauren Miller

Dick Hudson

Cheyenne Olt

John Mohrman

The Congregation

Senior 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

St. Paul Church's monthly mission for August focuses on providing food for refugees—especially refugees who have fled the years' long conflict in Syria. The food typically provided by aid agencies for refugees is woefully lacking in both nutrition and calories.

This month, St. Paul Church will join Church World Service in a Ration Challenge. The Mission Team challenges you to commit to eating for one week in August only the food provided to Syrian refugees.

There are many ways you can participate in the Ration Challenge. First, you can pick up a ration food pack in the front of the sanctuary or in the church office, eating what is provided for one week. The money you save can go toward our monthly mission. Another option is to commit to eating the rations while soliciting sponsors to help raise funds. In this instance, the more money you raise, the more food you can add to your diet/challenges.

A third option is to choose your own diet—especially if you have dietary restrictions. And finally, you could opt not to do the physical eating challenge, but instead give financially toward this monthly mission.

\$225 per refugee per year through Church World Service supplements a Syrian refugee's rations. Our hope is that we can raise enough money this month to feed at least one family, if not two or three families.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. -The Mission Team

## WELCOME SONG



## No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

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.

To verses | Last time, Fine

### CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 90)

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before mountains were brought forth from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Leader: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

**People: You sweep them away; they are like a dream.**

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: So teach us to count our days, O God, that we may gain a wise heart. Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### *For Beauty of Meadows*

# For Beauty of Meadows

28

G C Am D Em  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

1 For beau - ty of mead - ows, for gran - deur of trees,  
 2 As stew - ards of beau - ty re - ceived at your hand,  
 3 Teach us once a - gain to be gar - deners in peace;

G C Am D Em  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

for flow - ers of wood - lands, for crea - tures of seas,  
 as crea - tures who hear your most ur - gent com - mand,  
 all na - ture a - round us is ours but on lease;

G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{G}{B}$  G Em  $\frac{G}{B}$  D

for all you cre - at - ed and gave us to share,  
 we turn from our waste - ful de - struc - tion of life,  
 your name we would hal - low in all that we do,

G C Am D Em  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

we praise you, Cre - a - tor, ex - tol - ling your care.  
 con - fess - ing our fail - ures, con - fess - ing our strife.  
 ful - fill - ing our call - ing, cre - at - ing with you.

WORDS: Walter H. Farquharson (1936- )

MUSIC: Welsh melody

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## LITANY OF CONFESSION

(from <http://liturgyoutside.net/CPr13.html>; Copyright Katherine Hawker)

Leader: We are too often stuck in the past, nursing old wounds, rehearsing sins of long ago, allowing our visions for today and tomorrow to be stalled.

**People: Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.**

Leader: We are gathering into barns (and bank accounts), preparing educationally, spiritually, and emotionally for the future—denying the pleasure of life today with eyes focused on tomorrow.

**People: Christ have mercy; Christ have mercy; Christ have mercy upon us.**

Leader: We are so intent on caring for our nuclear families that we miss the presence of Christ in the homeless, the aging, the vulnerable who live just outside our doors.

**People: Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether. The past is finished and gone. Everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

## 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

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

1. Find something that makes you happy
2. Find something to give someone else to make them smile
3. Find one thing that you love to smell
4. Find one thing you enjoy looking at
5. Find something that's your favorite color
6. Find something you are thankful for in nature
7. Find something that you can use to make a gift for someone
8. Find something that is useful to you

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Concerns:** We are continuing to pray for Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Levi Bushman, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

## PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy and loving God, today we lift up to you the petitions of our hearts. We pray for those who are ill, those who face surgeries, and those who are recovering. SILENCE

We pray for those who suffer mental and emotional distress. We pray for those who struggle with addictions. We pray for those who provide healthcare in hospitals, care centers, and private homes. SILENCE

We pray for those who are lonely. We pray for those who are orphaned. We pray for refugees who must flee all that they know to find safety for their families. SILENCE

We pray for those who are imprisoned and those who are persecuted. We lift up to you those who are unemployed and those who are exploited and trafficked. SILENCE

We pray for all who live in families and all who are single. We pray for those who are expecting a child and those who yearn for a child. We lift up to you those who provide childcare and education to our children and youth. SILENCE

We lift up to you, O Listening God, the prayers that are upon our hearts. SILENCE

As we offer these petitions and prayers, let us remember before God and each other how each of us has responsibilities to act upon the prayers we raise. Hear our prayers, O God, and gift us with your Holy Spirit to be faithful followers of Jesus.

All of this we pray in the holy name of Jesus who 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Becky Quellhorst

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20 (NSRV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the

gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## 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

I'll be honest—I have always struggled with today's scripture passage—particularly with its militaristic language that seems to run counter to the entire letter which values the importance of unity and peace. And oddly enough, this particularly passage has been used by Christians and scholars for centuries to justify violence and war. You can even go to Christian stores and buy children's suits of armor called the Armor of God. (Even though Jesus told his followers to turn the other cheek and love their enemies).

But when you layer this passage with the entirety of Ephesians, there seems to be a very different understanding of today's passage.

Early Jesus believers—whether Jew or Gentile--lived primarily under Roman rule. Early Christians were soon kicked out of the synagogue for bringing in too many Gentiles. These Jesus people were persecuted by the Romans for refusing to bow down to the emperor, for refusing to serve in the military, for not worshipping the Roman gods.

Christians throughout the Roman Empire would know exactly how a Roman infantry soldier would be dressed: with sword, shield, breastplate and shoes. The writer of Ephesians (who was probably not the Apostle Paul—probably written after Paul's death), took that imagery of the Roman soldier and turned it upside down for Christians.

Early Jesus people were people of peace and justice for the widow and orphan. They clothed themselves with love rather than armor. So, the writer of Ephesians challenges these young believers to gird themselves in a completely opposite way of the ubiquitous Roman soldiers. What's more, the writer tied each of the pieces of armor to Old Testament passages:

Belt of Truth (see Isaiah 11:5)

Breastplate of Righteousness (see Isaiah 19:17)

Sandals to go out and proclaim peace (see Isaiah 52:7)

Shield of Faith (see Wisdom of Solomon 5:19)

Helmet of Salvation (see Isaiah 59:17)

A Sword (which is actually the word of God)  
(see Wisdom of Solomon 5:20)

The writer of Ephesians reminds those early believers (and each of us) that we need to put on our faith and wear it well when out and about in the community. As Christians, we are called by God to be people of peace—not jamming the gospel down the throats of nonbelievers or even going to war over differences. Instead, we are challenged and called to live in such a way, to be metaphorically clothed in such a way, that people experience the peace of Christ through us.

This we know. Violence begets violence. Peace begets peace. The Jesus whom we follow calls us to take a radically different road in life—one that helps, not harms. And that includes what we say, what we do, and how we live.

Let me tell you about peacemaking on a global scale. In the summer of 1993 a newly formed organization called Seeds for Peace gathered Israeli and Palestinian teens in the state of Maine to begin dialogues and friendships between two groups of people at war over the same plots of land. The teens were then invited to the White House to witness the signing of the Oslo Accords that September between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat.

And what is incredible is that the camp continues to thrive—despite the violence in the Middle East. Each summer, young people come together at camp to eat, sleep, play and learn to live together as well as talk over the conflict in their homeland. This summer, because of the

pandemic, the camp will be offered in both Boston and Maine—inviting students and educators to take part.

Since that first camp nearly a quarter of a century ago, more than 5000 teenagers have participated in Seeds of Peace camp. And this is what the organizers have discovered: more than half of those camp graduates grow up to take leadership roles in their careers, while still working toward peace.

In the west African nation of Burkina Faso, a new kind of peace is unrolling at one of the toughest, roughest prisons in this tiny nation. Professional dancer Aguibou Bougobali Sanou or Bouba as he is commonly known, began to teach prisoners how to dance as a way to work through their rage, their trauma, their emotions. Bouba's vision is making a difference. The men who participate in the dance program are less likely to reoffend once they leave prison. Some are now teaching dance. All credit Bouba's program for transforming their lives.

Programs like these are working. Once people stop seeing their enemies as "other" and instead engage them as friends, walls and barriers come tumbling down. What these programs have shown is once we stop demonizing others and taking sides, a new path of peace can be forged.

And what about us? What corner or pocket of your life needs peace? Is there someone or some situation you have hardened your heart against? Is there a family member from whom you are estranged? What makes you angry? What makes you rage? What makes you want to cause harm to another?

It is these corners and pockets of our lives where we need to invite Jesus in. We need to welcome him into our hardened hearts and violent tendencies. We need to welcome him into our family reunions and our Sunday dinners. For undoubtedly, we all need Jesus and we are all in desperate need of his peace.

When we begin to intentionally follow Jesus, we are changed. We can no longer live the way we have been living. We find ourselves more generous and forgiving. We find ourselves seeking joy rather than revenge. The Jesus Movement that grew out of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah, brings unity and peace: not war and violence and death.

Indeed, those early Christians are really each of us here today. We can be people committed to peace. We can clothe ourselves with the gifts of the Spirit rather than the armaments of war. We can reach out to our enemies, seek out the lost, forgive and love. We do this because Jesus first showed us the way. We do this because of Jesus.

Some scholars believe that the writer of Ephesians took Paul's letter to the Colossians as his guide to writing Ephesians. Assuming this to be so, Paul in Colossians spoke of Christians being clothed NOT as Roman soldiers, but like this:

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. (Colossians 3:12-15)*

Friends: I cannot think of better instructions for us on how we are to live, speak, and be in this community and beyond. Clothe yourselves with love and let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Let Jesus in. He is waiting to take you on a journey of a lifetime. Amen.

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation: When we clothe ourselves in love and let the peace of Christ have free reign of our hearts and lives, we cannot help but be transformed. As Christians, we are called to respond to that transformation by offering ourselves fully—our time, our talents, our treasure. Let us give joyfully today and always.

### 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)

**Lord God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer: with joy upon our lips we thank you for your abiding grace in our lives. Consecrate**



**our lives, our gifts, our service that we might join you in the holy work of repairing the world. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
INVITATION**

**Leader:** Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**People:** **In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER (in unison)**

**Creator God, we bless you for making all things and pronouncing them good. We thank you for when we have misused your gifts, you have not left us alone, but sought us out in Jesus Christ. The bread which we break and the cup which we drink reminds us that Christ, though crucified, lives. By the gift of your Holy Spirit make Christ known again to us that we may take fresh hope and live in his presence each day. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE GIFTS**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)**

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**     *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

# 698 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

C G C F Dm7 G Dm Fmaj7 G  $\frac{Dm}{F}$

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

$\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{Dm}{F}$   $\frac{Am7}{E}$   $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{G7}{D}$  C F  $\frac{Am}{D}$  Gsus G

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,  
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Dm7  $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{Dm7}{F}$  Dm7  $\frac{C}{G}$  G7 C *Refrain* Am  $\frac{C7}{G}$

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain,  
 love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929- )  
 MUSIC: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter (1925-1980)  
 Words and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

LINSTEAD  
 L.M.Ref.

F Dm G  $\frac{F}{G}$   $\frac{Em}{G}$  G7 C  $\frac{Dm7}{F}$  C

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

BENEDICTION: Go in peace in the name of God the Father and our Creator, Christ the Son and our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, the Mother of us all. Arm yourselves with love and scatter joy into this week. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

Musical score for "Pass the Love" in 4/4 time, tempo J=95. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics and guitar chords. 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.

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.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Dianne Komminsk by Ann Young.

**Attendance**-Daily Devotions-63, July 18-Sunday Worship Online-324, In Person-65.

**Daily Devotions**- Please join Pastor Becky and 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.

**Sundays in August-Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

**Elmwood Worship-Tuesday June 1 at 2:00pm.** If you would like to assist Pastor Becky and Lauren with this worship service, please arrive at Elmwood at 1:45. Thank you! All are welcome!

**Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Youth Activity**-Noon-4:00pm Kids Day at the Auglaize County Fair. **Free Admission for all Kids.** Please see Abby Bushman for more information.

**Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins** are available for download on our website [stpaulnb.org](http://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!

**Home Communion Companions**-Pastor Becky will take communion to our homebound members and friends in August. She will be visiting in the afternoons August 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 26. If you would like to accompany her, please contact Barb Holdren at the church office!

**Confirmation** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older students begins Wednesday, September 15. A Confirmation Orientation Meeting will take place Sunday, August 15 at 11:30. Letters have gone out to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders inviting them to join confirmation. If you have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who doesn't receive a letter or older student who would like to join confirmation, please contact the church office and we will send you the information. 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- Toilet Paper, Diapers (size 3 & 6), Baby Wipes, Training Pants (size 3T-6T), Men's & Women's Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Manicure Sets, Cotton Balls, Dryer sheets, Sunscreen, Napkins, Bleach, Cleaning Supplies, Paper Plates, Razors, Shaving Cream, and Garbage Bags. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

**Celebration of life of the Rev. Dr. Ralph C. Quellhorst  
August 12,1937-June 23, 2020**

We are celebrating with a celebration, service and meal. **Heidelberg University, Wickham Great Hall, located in the Campus Center, Tiffin, Ohio. August 8, 2021 4 PM** service. Following the service, our family will greet guests outdoors on the Campus Center lawn (Campus Center 220 in case of inclement weather). A meal will also be served on the lawn following the visitation (Hoernemann Refectory in case of inclement weather). Please **RSVP**, so we know how much food to fix here: (If you would like the rsvp link emailed to you, please contact St Paul church office)

[https://www.alumni.heidelberg.edu/s/1897/bp19/interior.aspx?sid=1897&pgid=882&gid=2&cid=2430&ecid=2430&post\\_id=0](https://www.alumni.heidelberg.edu/s/1897/bp19/interior.aspx?sid=1897&pgid=882&gid=2&cid=2430&ecid=2430&post_id=0)

Please note that Heidelberg University continues to follow CDC guidelines with regard to COVID-19. We kindly request that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to observe masking and distancing protocols while on campus for the Celebration of Life ceremony. Mindy, Jeff, AJ, Andy, Miranda, Charlotte-Cindy, Harry, Brad, Rob-Pam, Chris

**Calendar-Week of August 1, 2021**

Sunday	10:15am	Worship-in person & via Facebook Live w/ Holy Communion
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop Hours New Bremen Coffee Shop
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	Noon-4:00pm	Youth Activity-Kids Day Auglaize County Fair-Fairgrounds, Wapak, OH
	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship Service
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
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
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club-Speedway Lanes



**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.



## Ice Cream Social

**Ice Cream Social - August 22, 2021** immediately after church in the assembly room. The Mission Team is planning an ice cream social **with all donations** going to the Blessing Pantry. We will be serving homemade chocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches. Please help us with planning and place your orders by August 13. If you know of someone that forgot to order please encourage them to come and enjoy the fellowship, we will have extras available. You can enjoy them with our church family in the assembly room after church or pick up your order to enjoy at home. There will be regular ice cream served for those that do not care for the sandwiches. Pick up time will be from 11:30 - 12:30 on August 22. Please help us in supporting the Blessing Pantry! Thank you, The Mission Team

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Please place orders in the offering plate, drop off at church office, give to a Mission Team member or if unable to do this you may call the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream sandwiches

I will \_\_\_\_\_ pick them up in assembly room

\_\_\_\_\_ prefer curbside pickup at designated time (at west door)

\_\_\_\_\_ 11:30-11:45. \_\_\_\_\_ 11::45-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-12:15. \_\_\_\_\_ 12:15-12:30



**No Cost-DONATIONS ONLY!** All Donations will benefit Blessing Pantry