

August 23, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus, our Risen Savior and Friend!

With school starting for many of our children and youth this week, we are also looking toward fall ministry and mission opportunities for St. Paul Church.

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. Youth groups for all ages will take place beginning Wednesday, September 15. Splash (4th & 5th grade youth) will meet from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Junior High, Senior High and Confirmation will meet from 6:30-8:30. At 6:30 each Wednesday ALL the youth will share a meal together. More information about these programs should arrive in your mailbox this week.

Our Music Ministries are also gearing up for the fall. Jim Strang is the Music Director and Bell Choir Director. Tim Olt is the Chancel Choir Director. Cheyenne Olt is the Chancel Choir Accompanist and the Worship Song Leader/Accompanist. In last week's worship packet was a letter from Jim Strang inviting you to prayerfully consider joining our Music Ministries.

Despite all of the upcoming programs, you need to know this. Your staff are on overload with tasks gearing up for the fall season, ongoing pastoral care crises, and pandemic-related ministry. For example, there is no sermon or children's moment in today's packet. Pastor Becky simply has been unable to meet this printing deadline.

We are soliciting your help. We need volunteers to lead Daily Devotions. We need volunteers to greet people online during worship streaming services. We need volunteers to reach out to our many folk who are homebound or recuperating. Please contact Pastor Becky through the church office if you are able to assist in any of these areas.

The physical and mental health of your church staff has been massively compromised this past year. Difficult decisions are currently being made to determine what programs are essential and which can be set aside for the time being. We thank you for your understanding.

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 Aug 23, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$3,889.02 (weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$15,448.00(ytd)
Income \$187,609.48(ytd)
Expenses \$194,427.79(ytd)
Balance **(\$6,818.31)** (ytd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$41,684.50 (ytd)
Endowment Income \$3,329.22(ytd)
Expenses \$37,358.48 (ytd)
Balance \$81,299.61 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$18,926.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$11,856.73(ytd)
Balance \$13,319.47

BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15

Bless Pantry Inc. \$18,071.00(ytd)

Bless Pantry Ex. \$9,847.30(ytd)

BP Balance \$16,104.85

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$483.50(weekly)
Income \$17,946.50 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$745.00(weekly)
Balance \$4,262.00(ytd)

AUGUST 29, 2021
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Maintaining the heart of our Christian faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 7:1-23	Authentic faith
Monday	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
Tuesday	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
Wednesday	2 Timothy 3:6-16	A good minister of Jesus Christ
Thursday	Galatians 5:22-26	The fruit of the Spirit
Friday	Romans 1:8-15	Prayer for thanksgiving
Saturday	Psalms 15	Who shall abide with God?
Sunday	Mark 7:24-37	Jesus heals the Gentiles

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to act in ways that show your love for us and our love for you and all people through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for this food and pray that all may have food to eat, a roof over their heads, and security for their daily lives. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's justice and mercy set you free to love and serve others through Christ Jesus our Lord.



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AUGUST 29, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



taking faith home

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:

- Think or talk about a time when you or someone you know said you would do one thing but then did the total opposite.
- How do you feel about someone who tells you something about themselves that is not true?
- What does it mean to you that Peter said that Jesus is the Holy One of God?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 7:1-23.

We may be more like the Pharisees and scribes than we would like to admit. They wanted to protect God's teachings and honor God's word with their whole life. They set up all kinds of pious actions like hand washing to represent this singular attention. Jesus called them hypocrites for some of these practices. In the process of valuing and protecting God's importance in our lives, it is possible for us to miss the heart of it all. The Book of James reminds us to keep it simple: care for those in need and keep oneself "*unstained by the world*" (James 1:27). Even our best efforts at keeping pure will fall short. Jesus reminds us all of our hypocrisy that needs cleansing and forgiveness. The heart of the Christian faith is Christ's grace that places us all in the same need of forgiveness. That, in turn, sets us free to care for others instead of condemning them. In your heart of hearts, what is something that you do that is inconsistent with what you think is right or best?

Pray: **Almighty God, help us to repent of anything that turns our hearts from loving you and caring for our neighbor. In Christ Jesus we pray, amen.**

SERVICE



James tells us to be doers of God's word. In Jesus' time that included caring for orphans and widows. Who are the people that need your help today? School has either started or will start soon. Be aware of those who feel alone and may need a friend. How can you be a doer and not just a hearer of God's word?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Sometimes our doing gets in the way of our being. We can miss the joy of daily life while working to save up time and money to enjoy life. It is true of our faith life as well. We can faithfully attend Christian worship and forget to daily pay attention to Christ's love that sets us free. Take time this week to sit in silence and imagine your loving Savior standing in front of you. End by praying: **Thank you, God, for _____.**



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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50 Lawns



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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 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Cheyenne Olt

Kay Webb

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

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

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: 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, F7. 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 score ends with a double bar line and the instruction "To verses Last time, Fine".

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CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 95)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Leader: Let us worship God!!!!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* verses 1 & 4

581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

A D/A A E7 A D(♯2) D A/E E7 A

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

A D/A A E7 E♯dim7 F♯m D A/E E7 A

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

F♯m F♯m F♯m C♯7 F♯m C♯ A D/A A E/B B7 E7

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

A D/A A E7 E♯dim7 F♯m D A/E E7 A

e-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber (1926-)
 MUSIC: John Zundel (1815-1882)

BEECHER
 8.7.8.7.D.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Living God, we seek your presence now. Our minds cannot understand you, yet our hearts cry out for a living relationship with you. Our eyes cannot see you, yet without you there would be nothing to see. Our faith cannot grasp you, yet in you we live and move and have our being. Our way ahead into this week is hidden from us, but we trust that you have prepared a way through for us. Renew our vision of eternal truths in the light of which our day-to-day lives must be lived. Open our eyes to see your presence in the simple glories of everyday things. Light up our relationships with other people by the living word of love in Jesus. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI 734

Glory Be to the Father Glory Be to the Father

Chords: Eb, Bb7sus/F, Bb7/F, Eb, Bb/D, Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Eb6, Bb/F, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Bb7, Eb4, Eb, Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Fm7/Ab, Eb/Bb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, Eb.

WORDS: *Gloria Patri*, 2nd c.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

GREATOREX
Irregular

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Birth Candle welcomes Bowen Thomas Keller. Born on August 5, 2021, Bowen is the son of LeAnn (Topp) and Todd Keller and grandson of Gene and Ellen Topp. Welcome Bowen!!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Dale Quellhorst (JTDMH), Denise Joyce (UVMC), Rhonda Bowlby (JTDMH), Martha Plattner, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Levi Bushman, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER. PERSONAL PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Holy and Gracious God, we thank you that you have brought us together as the Body of Christ—in person and online. For whether we are gathered or scattered, we find our unity in you. Lead us into such unity of purpose that we may receive the power that comes from the Holy Spirit: power that comes not in the form of violence and destruction, but power that comes through reconciliation, healing and hope. SILENCE

Gentle God, we live in a modern Babel where words are used to conceal meaning rather than make it plain. Lead the peoples of the world into such a love of truth that nation may speak with nation, not seeking to confuse but to understand and be understood. Help, we pray, nations to build trust in such a way that a truly international community may be born. SILENCE

Creator God you give to each of us the capacity to dream dreams and to see visions, but because we exalt ourselves and our desires to the place that is yours alone, our visions are visions of horror and our dreams have become nightmares. Raise up artists and prophets among us with the will and the ability to inspire and cleanse our society, to set hearts aflame and turn our spirits to your heights. SILENCE

Comforting God, we pray for the lonely, the sick, the sad, the bereaved and all who suffer or are ill at ease. We claim for them the gift of your peace, that their troubled hearts may be set at rest and their fears banished. SILENCE

Listening God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, yet we know that your Spirit intercedes for us, offering us the gift of prayer. Hear us now as we lift up to you that which is upon our hearts. We also ask you to silence our busy minds that we might hear your still-speaking voice for us this day. SILENCE

Thank you, O God! We thank you for hearing our prayers, for granting us this day we have been given to praise your name and for coming to us in Jesus. It is his prayer we 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Allie Bornhorst

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 21:1-31 (The Message)

Good leadership is a channel of water controlled by God; he directs it to whatever ends he chooses.

² We justify our actions by appearances; God examines our motives.

³ Clean living before God and justice with our neighbors mean far more to God than religious performance.

⁴ Arrogance and pride—distinguishing marks in the wicked—are just plain sin.

⁵ Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind.

⁶ Make it to the top by lying and cheating; get paid with smoke and a promotion—to death!

⁷ The wicked get buried alive by their loot because they refuse to use it to help others.

⁸ Mixed motives twist life into tangles; pure motives take you straight down the road.

⁹ Better to live alone in a tumbledown shack than share a mansion with a nagging spouse.

¹⁰ Wicked souls love to make trouble; they feel nothing for friends and neighbors.

¹¹ Simpletons only learn the hard way, but the wise learn by listening.

¹² A God-loyal person will see right through the wicked and undo the evil they've planned.

¹³ If you stop your ears to the cries of the poor, your cries will go unheard, unanswered.

*14 A quietly given gift soothes an irritable person;
a heartfelt present cools a hot temper.*

*15 Good people celebrate when justice triumphs,
but for the workers of evil it's a bad day.*

*16 Whoever wanders off the straight and narrow
ends up in a congregation of ghosts.*

*17 You're addicted to thrills? What an empty life!
The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied.*

*18 What a bad person plots against the good, boomerangs;
the plotter gets it in the end.*

*19 Better to live in a tent in the wild
than with a cross and petulant spouse.*

*20 Valuables are safe in a wise person's home;
fools put it all out for yard sales.*

*21 Whoever goes hunting for what is right and kind
finds life itself—glorious life!*

*22 One sage entered a whole city of armed soldiers—
their trusted defenses fell to pieces!*

*23 Watch your words and hold your tongue;
you'll save yourself a lot of grief.*

*24 You know their names—Brash, Impudent, Blasphemer—
intemperate hotheads, every one.*

*25 Lazy people finally die of hunger
because they won't get up and go to work.*

*26 Sinners are always wanting what they don't have;
the God-loyal are always giving what they do have.*

*27 Religious performance by the wicked stinks;
it's even worse when they use it to get ahead.*

*28 A lying witness is unconvincing;
a person who speaks truth is respected.*

*29 Unscrupulous people fake it a lot;
honest people are sure of their steps.*

*30 Nothing clever, nothing conceived, nothing contrived,
can get the better of God.*

*31 Do your best, prepare for the worst—
then trust God to bring victory.*

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

RESPONSIVE HYMN

Your Servant Comes This Hour

Your Servant Comes This Hour 566

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in both systems.

System 1 Chords: N.C., A, D, A, D, A, $\frac{E}{B}$, B7, E

System 2 Chords: A, $\frac{E}{G\#}$, $\frac{D}{F\#}$, $\frac{A}{E}$, $\frac{Bm}{D}$, D#m7(b5), E, $\frac{A}{C\#}$, D, $\frac{A}{C\#}$, Esus, E7, A

Lyrics:

1 Your ser- vant comes this hour in true hu- mil - i - ty, be -
2 Your ser- vant kneels in prayer, a - wait - ing from a - bove the
3 Your ser- vant stands this day im - plant - ed in the word; pre -
4 Your ser- vant leaves this place with con - fi - dence se - cure, and

liev - ing in your call, O God, and answe - ring, "Lord, send me."
touch which sets their life a - part for min - i - stries of love.
pared to share the ho - ly truth, pro - claim it lamp and sword.
by the Ho - ly Spir - it bears the fruit which shall en - dure.

WORDS: Constance Cherry (1953-)
MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

FESTAL SONG
S.M.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SENTENCES: Like the people of Israel long ago, the children of God long for freedom in every age. We long for freedom from injustice and brokenness; we long for freedom from everything that holds us back from God and the new life God promises. That is what the ministry of St. Paul is about: walking with God on our long journey, remembering God's goodness each step of the way, feeling God's presence with us. Let us give with a sense of humility and generosity. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with lyrics and guitar chords (G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D) and a bass clef staff. The second system also has a treble clef staff with lyrics and guitar chords (Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G) and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "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."

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561); *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th
L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Loving God, the eyes of all look to you. Open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Accept and bless our open and bountiful hands as we share with all your creation food for the hungry and drink for those who thirst. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Verses 1 & 4

How Can I Keep from Singing? 424

F Bb F C

1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!

F Bb F C7 F

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain F C7/F F C Dm C F C F

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

F Bb F Dm C7 E/C C7 F

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

BENEDICTION: May we live the Mystery, and love the Mystery, and be caught up and hold secure in the Mystery, whose wisdom exceeds all human knowledge, whose ways surpass all understanding, whose blessing fulfills our every hope, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

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 musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 95. The lyrics are written below the notes, and chords are indicated above the staff. The score consists of four lines of music. The first line has chords F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, and C7. The second line has chords F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, and C. The third line has chords Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, and F/C. The fourth line has chords Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, and F.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Marta Hoelscher by Rev. & Mrs. Matt Dennings, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Dennings and families, Janet & Rex Katterheinrich, Anna L. Hoelscher.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-54, August 15-Sunday Worship Online-242, In Person-68.

Daily Devotions-Please join Pastor 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 August & September-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday School** begins September 12 and will be in person and via Facebook Live at 9:00am.

Women's Service Group-will meet on **Thursday, September 9, 2021**. We will be meeting at 1:00pm at the ABC Center located at 203 E First St, New Bremen. Renee Kohler, director of the ABC Center will take us on a tour and explain the services they offer. After the tour, we will have a short planning meeting at the center to end our day. We invite anyone who is interested to us for the tour. Questions, please contact Sally Dicke. All are Welcome!

Our Music Ministries are also gearing up for the fall. **Chancel Choir** will sing Sunday, September 12, 2021, Kickoff Sunday. Jim Strang is the Music Director and he invites you to prayerfully consider joining our Music Ministries. Questions? Please contact Jim.

Youth groups for all ages will take place beginning Wednesday, September 15. Splash (4th & 5th grade youth) will meet from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Junior High, Senior High and Confirmation will meet from 6:30-8:30. At 6:30 each Wednesday ALL the youth will share a meal together. Interested in providing a meal for our youth? Please contact Mimi Messick.

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.

September/October 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- Toilet Paper, Diapers (size N, 1 & 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Training Pants (size 3T-6T), Baby Lotion, Baby Shampoo, Feminine Hygiene Products, Men’s Deodorant, Shampoo, Kid’s Body Wash, Cotton Balls, Bandages, Shaving Cream and Garbage Bags. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Refugee Ration Challenge-our 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, we 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, located on the round tables in the sanctuary or by 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

Caring Conversations in Christian Ministry-Northwest Ohio Association's Lay School of Religion fall class. During this class they will discuss Communication Tools: Active Listening, Importance of Body Language, Personal Presence. The first class will be held on September 7th (in person-if able) from 6:45pm-9:15pm at the Northwest Ohio Association Office, 416 Wentz Street, Tiffin OH. The next seven classes will be completed by Zoom. For more information on the class or how to register contact Rev. Becky or the church office.

Calendar-Week of August 29, 2021

Sunday	10:15am	Worship in person & via Facebook Live
	11:15am	Sunday School/Youth Leader Meeting
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
	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 Group-Speedway Lanes

E-Giving @ St. Paul
3 Different Ways to Give

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

Mobile App – We are working on a new App-more information to come.

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.