

September 20, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Peace and grace to you in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior and Friend!

Because the Delta variant of the coronavirus has taken hold in our area, yesterday in worship Pastor Becky read the *Mercer Health Urgent Message* that was released on Friday, September 17. We have included this message in your packet. It serves as a reminder that part of Loving God & Loving Neighbor includes how we use medical resources that are currently strained and how we protect both ourselves and others. In our own congregation, just last week we had a family sent home from the ER twice due to over-capacity. Together, we can work to protect the most vulnerable in our community.

Youth programs began well last week. We offer Splash for 4th and 5th grade youth from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday afternoons. These students are then invited to stay for dinner at 6:30. Junior high, senior high and confirmation all meet following dinner from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Busy 12 has made the difficult decision to disband at this time. The Busy 12 has been part of St. Paul Church for over a century and we celebrate the ministry of sewing they provided over the decades.

We are soliciting volunteers in the following areas:

1. Folk to coordinate bathroom renovations in the education building
2. Folk to call and send cards to our homebound folk
3. Digital greeters for Sunday mornings to greet the online worshipers at 10:15
4. Bible study leadership in a hybrid format: Zoom & in-person. (We have the technology in place for this)

Please see Pastor Becky if you are able to assist in any of these areas.

This packet is mailed to approximately 510 households each week. Most of our recipients greatly appreciate the information—particularly the worship bulletin that includes sermon and prayers. However, if you would like to no longer receive the packet, please email us at stpaulnb@nktelco.net or call the church office 419-629-2502.

We thank you for your faithfulness to God displayed in your faithfulness to St. Paul Church during these uncertain times. Your prayers, your volunteer hours, and your generosity allows us to Love God & Love Neighbor extravagantly. Thank you!


Blessings,



Roland Dicke
Council President



Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of September 20, 2021

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$5,832.00(weekly)
Endowment Transfers \$16,279.00(ytd)
Income \$203,767.60(ytd)
Expenses \$216,993.84(ytd)
Balance **(\$13,226.24)** (ytd)

Building Maint & Property Care

Beg. Balance \$73,644.37
Income \$42,551.50(ytd)
Endowment Income \$4,006.67(ytd)
Expenses \$39,075.30(ytd)
Balance \$81,127.24 (ytd)

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20
Income \$19,689.00 (ytd)
Expenses \$12,009.41(ytd)
Balance \$13,929.79
BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15
Bless Pantry Inc. \$18,546.00(ytd)
Bless Pantry Ex. \$11,625.01(ytd)
BP Balance \$14,802.14

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$307.00(weekly)
Income \$19,422.50 (ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$29.00(weekly)
Balance \$4,411.00(ytd)



Isaac's Blessing and Jacob's Dream

September 26, 2021

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of second chances, when Jacob lied to his father and stole from his brother, another might write him off. But you did not, God. You saw something in him no one else saw. See that in us, too. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring." (Genesis 28:13)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jacob did some pretty terrible things to his father and brother. But God saw something in him no one else saw, and God renewed with Jacob the covenant God had made with Abraham.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time you have tried to force God's hand. What could you do to give control over some aspect of your life to God?

For the littles: Do you know any angels?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you God's best blessing. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Make a list of all the ways God has blessed you. Which of these blessings come with responsibilities? Recommit yourself to taking on those responsibilities with respect.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17, Jacob's Dream

Monday, Genesis 27:30-40, Esau's Lost Blessing

Tuesday, Genesis 27:41-28:5, Jacob Escapes

Wednesday, Genesis 28:6-9, Esau Marries Ishmael's Daughter

Thursday, Genesis 29:1-14, Jacob Meets Rachel

Friday, Genesis 29:15-35, Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters

Saturday, Genesis 30:1-24, Rachel's Jealousy



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Roland Dicke-Council President

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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

September 26, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Cheyenne Olt

Becky Quellhorst

Cresta Ritter

Jim Strang

Tim Olt

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Accompanist/Vocalist

Organist

Liturgist

Music Director

Chancel Choir Director

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

$\text{♩} = 120$

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

Leader: We gather in this place on this day in Jesus' name.

People: We worship together in Jesus' name.

Leader: We sing and pray in Jesus' name. We give to and for each other and others in Jesus' name.

People: We reflect and consider in Jesus' name.

Leader: We doubt and question, affirm and celebrate in Jesus' name.

People: And, in the fullness of this hour, we will go from this place, to live our lives in Jesus' name in this and all places, on this day and every day.

Leader: May it be so.

People: May it be so.

Blessed Assurance

D G/D D A/E

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

E7 A D G/D D

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

D G Em/G D/A A7 D Refrain

born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. This is my sto-ry,
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

G D G D/F# A/E E A A7

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; this is my

D G/D D D7 Em/G D/A A7 D

sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

INVOCATION (in unison)

(Adapted from Chalice Worship, Chalice Press, 1997)

Eternally present God, you journey with us through wilderness and through desert. No matter the circumstance, the signs of your presence are always with us: sometimes in fire and cloud; sometimes in bread from heaven and water from a rock. As we, your people, gather in praise and prayer, reveal yourself to us in cross and candle, scripture and pulpit. Above all, make yourself known to us through Christ Jesus, our Savior, Sovereign, and Friend. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI 734

Glory Be to the Father Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." Above the vocal line, various chords are indicated: 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, Eb 1/2 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

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US:

God Will Help You Carry Your Load

Life can get pretty heavy sometimes. For nearly two years, we have lived with a global pandemic—filled with sickness and death for many we know and love. Sometimes we react with sadness. Other times we react with anger. We lash out at one another. We lash out at God.

Pandemic aside, many of us carry other burdens: financial worries, job concerns. Some of us lose sleep over worry for our family members, our nation, our world. Sometimes, it seems as if the loads we carry are simply too much.

Jesus once said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

Jesus’ words make it sound so easy—and it is, if we are willing to let go of all that troubles us and place it in Jesus’ loving arms. Sometimes when I’m worried, upset or burdened, my prayer is visual. In my prayer, I literally leave that bag of burdens at the base of the cross—knowing that Jesus will give me rest.

This week I challenge you to give Jesus your burdens. Give him your worries. Give him your anger and despair. Jesus can handle all that you give him. And he will continue to love you, always calling you his beloved. Amen.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Wedding Celebration of Haley Dicke and Dylan Gabel. Congrats!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Martha Plattner (The James), Donald Mohrman, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Scott Kuenning, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER.

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and Living God, we come together today to pray for the church, our community, our nation and our world. We come together today to pray for those who are lost and forgotten. We come together to give you our burdens—placing them at the base of Christ’s cross. SILENCE

Leader: Forgiving God, you reach past all our trickery, our dishonesty, our ill-gotten gain, and insist upon being in close communion with us. Take what we have used for our own self-promotion and use it to your glory, turning us around to a new awareness of the tall task of being your followers. Persistent God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Indeed, we are like the dust of the earth, spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. May your

children truly be instruments of your peace, that all the families of the earth might be blessed because of our witness. Persistent God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Grace-filled God, reach out to those who feel disenfranchised, robbed of what they feel was rightfully theirs. Give them courage to stand for justice and reparation, and to also find a peace in you that no other could possibly give or take away. Persistent God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Healing God, there are many times when we feel weak and feeble. Our health fails. Our strength flags. We long for the blessing of your healing and we ask it especially for those who are suffering from illness and coronavirus. We pray for those facing surgery and those recovering from surgery. We lift up to you those who feel lost and forgotten. Persistent God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God in Christ, you have shown us wonders in this lifetime and yet we know that you have glory in store for each of your children. May our cries and prayers rise to you and may we open our own hearts that we might hear the cries of those around us. We pray this in the 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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

He Is There

Mary Kay Beall

Verse 1

In the sky in the sea

In the welcome of spring

In the warmth of the sun

In the song that I sing

He is there there

Like an unspoken prayer

He is there

Verse 2

*In the green of the grass
In the red of a rose
In the gold of a star
In the moon when it glows
He is there there
Like an unspoken prayer
He is there*

Bridge

*Silent as the whisp'ring wind
Endless as the sea
Look you'll find Him everywhere
In you in me
In the song of a bird
In a baby's sweet cry
In the dance of the rain
In a soft lullaby
He is there He is there
Like an unspoken prayer
He is there He is there*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23 (NRSV)

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am."² He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death."³ Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me.⁴ Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob;¹⁶ and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.¹⁷ Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

¹⁸ So he went in to his father, and said, “My father”; and he said, “Here I am; who are you, my son?” ¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.” ²⁰ But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the Lord your God granted me success.” ²¹ Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” ²² So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³ He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:10-17

(NRSV)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed^l in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

RESPONSE

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

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

I only ran away from home once. I was maybe 8 years old and was tired of being the oldest child in a large household. I was angry at my parents and I wanted out. So, I packed a few things in a bag and walked (without telling my parents) a block over to my friend, Jan Jones', house. I figured I could live there until things got better at home.

Today's scripture lesson is a story of running away. Jacob was a man on the run. And while he is one of our faith fathers, he was not a saint by any means. Throughout his life, Jacob was either chasing or being chased.

Do you remember the story of his birth? It started in his mother's womb with his twin brother Esau. As Esau was coming out of his mother, there was Jacob's hand reaching for Esau's heel. It was as if Jacob was trying to push past his older brother. Their birth foreshadowed events to come.

And do you remember this? When Esau and Jacob were young men, Jacob tricked his older brother out of his birthright. Esau had come home from a day of hunting and was famished. Jacob had just prepared a delicious smelling stew, but offered it to his hungry brother in exchange for his birthright. Both young men were hungry: Esau for food and Jacob for power. Esau got that bowl of stew and Jacob got a birthright: his older brother's right to a double share of the inheritance and the title of number one son.

But even the birthright wasn't enough for Jacob. He also wanted his father's blessing, the blessing that rightfully belonged to Esau as the firstborn son. The first of today's lessons tells this story: about how Jacob's mother, Rebekah, helped trick her husband on Jacob's behalf. Esau was known to have hairy arms, so Rebekah dressed her son in Esau's best outfit and placed the skins of young lambs on his arms and neck. Jacob went into his father's room, and lied, saying, "Yes it's me Esau, your firstborn" Isaac gave Jacob his blessing—the blessing that was rightfully Esau's. Esau was left with nothing.

You need to know this. "Jacob" in Hebrew means "holder of the heel" or "supplanter", because he twice deprived his brother of his rights as the firstborn son. Jacob certainly lived up to his name as one who supplants. He deceitfully took a birthright and a blessing that did not belong to him.

You can imagine Esau's reaction. He was furious and wanted to kill his brother.

Clearly, Jacob's life was in danger. So he left Beer-Sheba and fled toward Haran. Jacob was a wanted man, not just by Esau but ultimately by God. This journey was not just about Jacob's physical survival. It was really a spiritual journey. Jacob was running for his life in all senses of the word.

Most of us, I suspect, know what it is like to live life on the run. Some of us are running from our past, trying to escape guilt, regret, failures, disappointments. Some of us are trying to get away from the pain, loss, and brokenness of life. Sometimes we just want to leave behind the parts of our lives we dislike.

Other times we are running toward the future. For some, life on the run is a search for something or someone new; a job, a new toy, a new relationship. Maybe it is the search for answers. Who am I? What is this life all about? What's my purpose? Others, driven by crisis, chase after meaning. We figure if we run purposefully toward the future, trying to buy our way to success, we might just make it. And so we run.

We could each tell a story of life on the run. The story may be specific to us but it is really just another version of Jacob's story. Life on the run keeps us living and running on the horizontal axis. Reality and life are limited to the physical universe; time, space, matter, energy. We miss the spiritual and transcendent aspects of life, the vertical axis, because we are so busy running. Like Jacob, we soon discover that we can run, but we cannot hide, from God.

Life on the run eventually takes us to that certain place somewhere between Beer-Sheba and Haran. This is not so much a geographical location as it is a spiritual location or orientation in our hearts and minds. Jacob had left Beer-Sheba, the people and place that were familiar. He was not yet in Haran, the new place. He was in a certain place, an in-between place, neither here nor there. For here is the truth about in-between places: It is in these places and spaces where we are most vulnerable and open to seeing and hearing God in new ways.

Today's second scripture lesson tells us that Jacob arrived at this in-between place at nightfall. The sun had set and he could no longer see clearly to keep on running. Exhausted from his day, Jacob picked up a

stone to use as a pillow and he fell asleep. And that is when he began to dream.

It is much the same for each of us. The in-between places and spaces of our lives are full of stones: waiting to trip us up.

Yet these are also places and spaces of grace. At the end of the day, we find ourselves exhausted by our constant running, so we stop in the darkness, pull up a stone and fall asleep. For that brief period of rest, we stop running from life, ourselves, and more importantly, from God.

The darkness teaches us that we are no longer in control of our own destiny. It is in the dark and deep night of our souls that we can hear God. It is in the deep and dark night of our souls that we see with new eyes and hear with new ears. The vertical axis of God's life, Jacob's ladder, intersects the horizontal axis of our life and our running. That point of intersection is always an awesome place, the house of God, and the gate of heaven.

Jacob's ladder reveals the connection between heaven and earth, divinity and humanity. Here is the good news: It appears at every moment in our life, even life on the run. The ladder Jacob saw was not in a physical location. It was within him. And that ladder to heaven's gate is also within us.

Through Jacob, God reveals that the ladder of his love, his life, and his connection to us is found deep within ourselves, a place so deep that it is seen in the gift of a dream. We call it Jacob's ladder but it is not possessed by Jacob. It is God's ladder placed in each one of us.

The miracle is **not** that God shows up and breaks into our lives. That is always happening. The miracle is that we recognize it when it happens within ourselves. The ladder is revealed in the dark places of life where the sun has set, in people who have lived up to their names, in the hard stony places, in the in between places – in places we never would have expected. We find ourselves saying, like Jacob, "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it."

So I ask you today: what parts of your life are lived on the run? What are you searching for? What are you running from?

This is what I have to say: Stop running.

Trust that holy place between Beer-Sheba and Haran. Let the sun set and do not be afraid. God's ladder is and always has been within you. No matter who you are, where you go, the circumstances you face, or where you run to, the ladder of connection goes with you. It is a part of you. Wake up and see that the dream has come true. "Surely the Lord is in this place and I **now** know it."

So what does that mean for us this coming week? This I believe: we are called by God to slow down from our frantically paced lives and walk with God, wrestle with God, climb the ladder with God. God is constantly, **constantly**, seeking you out, calling your name, sending you out to serve with love. And yet, we rarely take the time to slow down and listen.

This week, take time out of your busy life for God. Slow down. Mediate. Dig up your garden. Bake some bread. Read. Paint. Draw. Walk. Write. Listen to what he has to say to you. Be unafraid of her whispered word for your life. For the promise is sure: you are loved beyond measure by our God who calls you to stop running and to come home.

Remember my story of running away as a child? Well, it didn't turn out exactly as I planned. I arrived at Jan's house with my bag of clothes. She took me up to her room and listened to my sad story about why I was running away. Jan, who also had problems at home, was so charmed by my running away that she packed up HER bag and ran away to my house, with me in tow. I didn't get more than a block from home, and when I arrived back home, I had a friend with me.

Today, Jan and I laugh at our childhood selves. For this we know: we might want to run away, but wherever we run, we find ourselves at home with God. And you will, too.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: No matter which way we run, God is with us. No matter whether we are running from something or to something, God is with us. No matter where we are in life, God is with us. We respond to God's presence with thanksgiving and joy—offering not only stones, but the precious treasure we carry with us. Let us take time to offer ourselves to God. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is in 4/4 time and G major. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the lyrics "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;" and the second system covers "praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line.

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)

Holy God, we are stewards of everything that you have made. Receive these fruits of our labors that we bring to you, seeking your blessing. Bless these gifts as you have blessed the givers. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

O Jesus, I Have Promised

458

F F₂ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C C7 Dm7 $\frac{C}{E}$ F Am7(b5)
Eb

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; re -
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that

D7 Em7(b5) $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ Gm G₂ G $\frac{F}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ G7 C7sus C7 C+

main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend: I
bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O
where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,

F F₂ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C C7 Dm7 $\frac{C}{E}$ F Am7(b5)
Eb

shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor
speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now
Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O

D D7 Em7(b5) $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G₂ Gm $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{Bb}{C}$ C F

wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

BENEDICTION: Rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ always. Again, I say rejoice. Do not be anxious about anything, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ to the glory and praise of God. 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 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

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Ken Henschen and Erin Rammel by Peg Henschen and Kathy Manbeck.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-65, September 12-Sunday Worship Online-627, In Person-86, Sunday School-In Person-23, Teachers-7, Splash-3, Jr/Sr High Youth Group-11, Confirmation-6, Leaders-7.

Daily Devotions-Please join us, 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 October-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday School** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 9:00am.

Chancel Choir-will be singing Sunday, September 26. Rehearsal begins at 9:00am on the 26th. Please join them. All are welcome.

Local Aid- September monthly mission. As the name implies, Local Aid helps individuals and families in our surrounding communities meet the needs of daily life. Aid can come in the form of gas cards, rent money and other miscellaneous repairs and expenses that may occur. To give towards Local Aid, please mark your giving envelope accordingly or bring to the church office in an envelope labeled "Local Aid". Thank you! The Mission Team

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, Paper Towels, Diapers (size 4 & 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Toothpaste, Dryer Sheets and Pet Food (dry)**. Thank you! There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

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.

Bulletin Mailing-No longer want to receive the weekly bulletin mailing? Please let the church office know, 419-629-2502, stpaulnb@nktelco.net.

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!

2022 Council Postitions-2022 will be here before we know it and we are looking to fill several council positions. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the following: **Jr. Elder, Jr. Deacon, Trustee (2 positions open)** Questions or willing to serve, please contact Roland Dicke or Myra Hanenkratt. Thank you!

Calendar-Week of September 26, 2021

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School in person & via Facebook Live
	9:00am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship in person & via Facebook Live
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
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash (4 th & 5 th grade)
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation w/Mentors
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Jr/Sr High Youth
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed

E-Giving @ St. Paul

3 Different Ways to Give

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

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.



WARM WINTER COAT & GLOVES DRIVE

September 19 – October 30th



SHARE THE WARMTH

Accepting Donations of **NEW & GENTLY USED ADULT & CHILDRENS WINTER COATS & NEW WINTER WATER PROOF GLOVES**. Drop off Coats in the barrels (located in Sanctuary or outside church office) or to the Agape Client Services Building from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday beginning September 19. If dropping off at AGAPE THRIFT STORE, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive.



Sweet Potatoes/Yams Instant Box Potatoes & Stuffing
Pasta Salad Mixes Salad Dressing Egg Noodles Gravy Broth
Muffin/Dinner Roll Mixes Can Beef & Chicken Can Pumpkin
Brownie & Cake Mixes Fruit Pie Filling Jello Pudding

Drop off items to the Agape Ministries Client Services Building Monday thru Friday during the hours of 9 am to 4:30 pm