

February 28, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

We offer you greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who invites us to walk to Jerusalem with him throughout Lent.

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2, with an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday mornings throughout Lent our scriptures will follow the Gospel of John's journey through Holy Week. We invite you to join us in worship: with these packets, online, or in person.

This Saturday's Carrie Newcomer concert has been cancelled due to low ticket sales.

We are seeking to assistance. Since Dick Hudson's death, we are seeking an organist or organists to play during worship services. Becky Quellhorst and Connie O'Neill are doing a tremendous job filling in the gaps, but neither want to be our permanent "solution." We have put feelers for organists out to universities and organist associations, but to no avail. If you know someone who plays the organ OR who plays the piano and is willing to learn the organ, please contact Pastor Becky. We thank you for your help!

We thank you for your faithfulness. We thank you for your generosity. We thank you for your love for God and neighbor.

Blessings,

Roland Dicke
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Council President

Myra Hanenkratt
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Council VP

Becky Erb Strang
Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of February 28, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$3,225.00(weekly)
Endowment Trans \$3,800.00(ytd)
Income \$50,967.42(ytd)
Expenses \$49,383.97(ytd)
Balance \$1,583.45(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$3,290.00(ytd)
Endowment Inc. (\$1,424.76)(ytd)
Expenses \$3,978.68(ytd)
Balance \$34,535.15(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$408.00

Local Aid

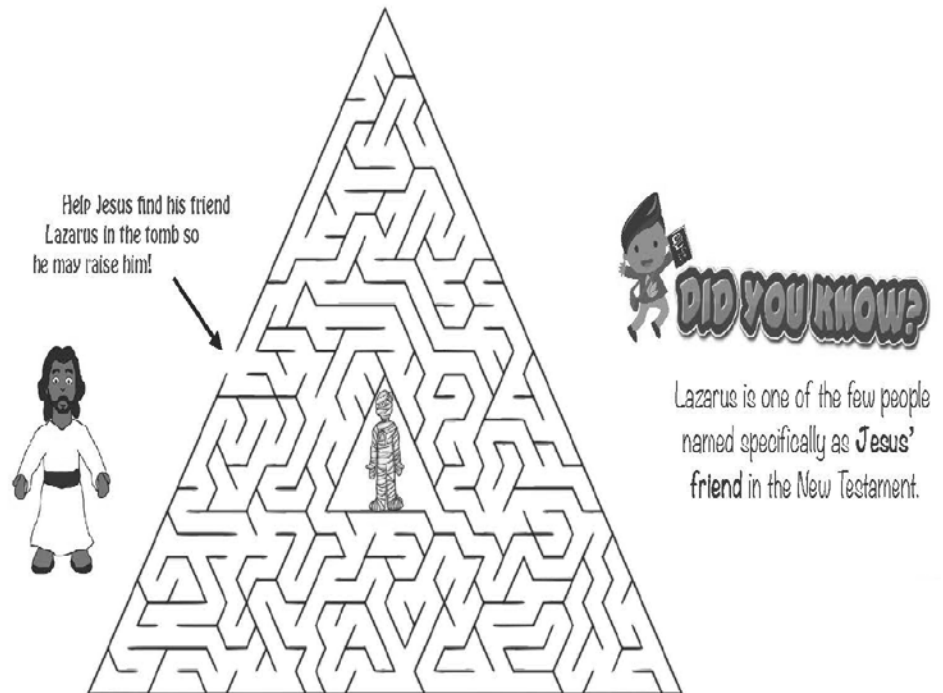
Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$2,300.50(ytd)
Expenses \$3,496.45(ytd)
Balance \$11,022.87(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$3,505.00(ytd)
Expenses \$2,377.05(ytd)
Balance \$30,289.07(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$77.50(weekly)
Income \$4,334.50(ytd)



With an adult helper, go online and search for "Lazarus bread." There are multiple recipes for special meal prepared in the Eastern Churches.



Jesus Raises Lazarus

March 6, 2022

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 who weeps, as Jesus wept for the loss of his friend and the grief of the family, we know you weep when we suffer. Remind us of your presence and your goodness during times of sorrow and joy. Amen.



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

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:43-44)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When his friend Lazarus died, Jesus wept. He felt the loss deeply.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What inside of you needs to die and be resurrected? What needs Jesus' attention in your life? What did people think when they saw Lazarus alive? What would you have done?

For the littles: Is there anything Jesus can't do?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God raise you to new life. Amen.



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

Visit a funeral home. Talk with the director there. Learn what their job is like. How do they stay positive in the midst of so much loss? How do they care for themselves and others? What have they learned from being around so much death and grief?



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

Sunday, John 11:1-44, Jesus Raises Lazarus

Monday, John 11:45-57, The Plot to Kill Jesus

Tuesday, John 12:1-8, Mary Anoints Jesus

Wednesday, John 12:9-11, The Plot to Kill Lazarus

Thursday, John 12:12-19, Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Friday, John 12:20-26, Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

Saturday, John 12:27-35, Jesus Speaks about His Death



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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.

March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Jenn Snider

Gayle Howell

Connie O'Neill

Diane Gilberg

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Guest Speaker

Liturgist

Organist

Sr. Elder

Sr. Deacon

Bell Choir/Music Director

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: One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

OGHS is one of four special mission offerings of the UCC. This offering supports disaster relief, refugee assistance and developmental ministries of the UCC within the Wider Church Ministries. OGHS is at work all around the world, sharing resources and changing lives, throughout the year.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs, including health care, agriculture and food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response and recovery networks, your contributions to OGHS put you in the right place at the right time for relief and recovery assistance for the most vulnerable. Thank you for your support-The Mission Team.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

F Dm Gm7 C F F7

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G7 F Dm G7 Gm7 C7

jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm7 C F F7

who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B^b G7 F Dm Gm7 C7 C

jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses Last time, Fine

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who need rest.

People: Come, all who need restoration.

Leader: You are in the house of one who weeps,

People: For Jesus cares deeply about all he loves!

HYMN OF PRAISE
447

Because He Lives
Because He Lives

Ab Ab² Ab $\frac{D\flat}{Ab}$ Ab Ab⁷ D \flat

1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus; he came to
2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, and feel the
3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's

$\frac{Ab}{C}$ $\frac{Eb}{D\flat}$ Ab $\frac{Ab}{C}$ Bdim⁷ B \flat m⁷ Eb⁷ Ab $\frac{D\flat 2}{Ab}$ Ab Ab⁷

love, heal, and for - give; he lived and died to buy my
pride and joy he gives; but great-er still the calm as -
fi - nal war with pain; and then as death gives way to

D \flat $\frac{D\flat}{F}$ $\frac{D\flat m6}{F\flat}$ $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$ Eb⁷ Ab $\frac{D\flat}{Ab}$ Ab

par - don, an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
sur - ance: this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

Refrain
N.C. $\frac{Ab}{C}$ $\frac{Eb}{B\flat}$ Ab Ab⁷ D \flat $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$ $\frac{Eb}{D\flat}$

Be - cause he lives I can face to - mor - row; be - cause he lives

WORDS: Gloria Gaither (1942-) and William J. Gaither (1936-)
MUSIC: William J. Gaither (1936-)

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$\frac{Ab}{C}$ Ab B \flat m⁷ Eb⁷ $\frac{Ab}{C}$ $\frac{Eb7}{B\flat}$ Ab Ab² Ab Ab⁷ D \flat

all fear is gone; be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

D \flat $\frac{D\flat m6}{F}$ $\frac{Ab}{F\flat}$ Eb⁷ Ab $\frac{D\flat}{F\flat}$ Ab

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Leader: God has come to us in Christ, but often we live as if that makes no difference. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Merciful God,

People: These 40 days we reflect on how our sin bleeds into the world, leaving a mark that we cannot remove. Forgive all we have done and failed to do, and cleanse us from the stain of sin. Amen.

Leader: Our God is gracious and forgiving. God does not desire that we wallow in the brokenness, but instead cleanses us and makes us new. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sin, and walk in newness of life.

People: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

734

Glory Be to the Father

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The musical score is written in E-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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, such as Eb, Bb7sus, Bb7, 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, and Eb.

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

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PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Carol Mohrman, Julia Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

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

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and loving God, we lift up to you the church, the world and all who are in need. (SILENCE)

Your word stirs the breath within us. May our every utterance be a proclamation to your glory, a witness of what our God can do. Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Everything gets its life from you, from the moment of its birth until its final breath. So fill us with a love for your world and all that dwells within it, that we may dedicate our lives to the care of all that you have made. Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: As winter lingers and all appears to be lifeless on the surface, keep us in certain hope that life is at work deep underground, awaiting its moment to spring forth in due course and rejoice in the sunlight of your mercy. Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God, you answer all who call on you. As you eased the grief of Mary and Martha, so comfort those who have lost someone dear to them. Be with those who face the end of their lives, and bless all who suffer with your healing touch. Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: With all the saints who dwell in your eternal resurrection, unite us at length, and keep us in communion with your whole church on earth. Lord of Life,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Receive our prayers and our thanksgiving for your daily blessings of mercy. We pray all of 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.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 11:1-44 (NRSV)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have

died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

RESPONSE

Raise Us from Our Slumber, Lord

Raise Us From Our Slumber, Lord

Word and Music by
J. L. Salt(er)

C G Am F

Raise us from our slum - ber, Lord. Show us how to love

with pedal

F C Dm G

'Til your king - dom comes to earth, down from heav'n a - bove.

Am Dm Am D

Laz - a - rus was dead four days. Life would Je - sus give.

introduction

Dm Em Dm/F F G Csus C

"Just be - lieve in me and live." Wash us with your love, O Lord.

Be Curious, Love Regardless

I tend to question things to a fault. People find it challenging and often take it personally when I want to know the whys and hows of something. It's just how my brain works. If I'm interested in something and have the desire to truly understand it, I turn into a curious child. I honestly think people don't question things enough. They are either too content with "this is the way it's always been" or too afraid of what they might discover, as in too afraid of understanding in a way that differs from everyone else. This is especially true when it comes to the hows and whys of our faith. I think we all have a lot of questions about our faith when we are young and eager to ask and learn. Then something seems to change. We either become less curious or too afraid.

But over the years I've had a lot of questions. Here are the big ones:
God is love. What does that really mean?

Through scripture we are told that God is everlasting, having no beginning and no end.

John 4:16 – God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (various translations) tells us - Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Here are my thoughts on what love is; Love is pure, forgiving, peaceful, healing, accepting, patient, hopeful, and kind. It is without ego, judgment, competition, comparison, or fear. Love is limitless, and infinite. It is free and asks for nothing in return. It is a feeling, an expression, an action, a thought, a prayer, a remedy, a sense of peace, love is brave; the calm in a storm, it is contagious as one act of love toward another can spread across the world. Love feels like warm rays of sunshine beaming down from a beautiful blue sky on a chilly spring day. Love creates growth and growth creates change. Love sees the beauty in the imperfect. It is

the light of hope in the darkest of times. Love is the root of our being, the light of our soul, our conscience.

It's tricky to understand that God is love. As humans, we like to put a face with a name and have a natural tendency to personify everything in creation. We give human qualities to anything and everything including household items. Just think of any classic Disney or Pixar movie. Our natural tendency is to think of God in human form. Through my questioning, learning, and understanding, I have been able to understand God not so much as an image or a being but as a presence of love that can appear in anything from random acts of kindness to time spent in nature.

God loves us, ALL the time?

Throughout the Bible, we are told time and time again that we are loved and forgiven by God. Not only are we loved, but God's love is everlasting. When we consider all our human imperfections, it can be difficult to comprehend the love God has for us. Yet, when I began contemplating the meaning of "God is love" (God = Love) through scripture instead of thinking about love as it is defined in the dictionary or perceived in our society, my understanding of God's unconditional love became clear. If God IS Love, and I believe God is, Love knows no other way. That's a comforting realization that with God, I don't have to prove my worth or earn the right to be loved. God accepts us for who we are and forgives us for who we aren't.

God loves us (period). And we are to love and forgive one another. ???

I can accept that God loves us without question. But the second part about loving one another is a challenge. As Christians we are told time and time again how much we are loved. We have been told how Jesus loved the lame, the sick, the broken. Jesus was literally perfect. Does God want us to love like Jesus? Maybe? Probably? But most of us choose to show love when it's convenient, when everything is just how we want it to be, or during the holidays. It's easy to love ourselves and others when things are going well, but the second anyone disagrees with us or we wait too long at a restaurant, it's a whole different story. Loving one another seems to be the hardest part about being human. Could it be that we can only see love through the eyes of our cultural conditioning; a conditioning

that makes us believe our worth is defined by our abilities, good looks, bank accounts, achievements, and good deeds and that love only exists in romantic relationships or between close friends and family members.

What if we got curious about what it really means to love one another and how we can show love in ways that make it easier to be kind. I first learned about loving-kindness while reading a book about meditation for my yoga teacher training. If you were to search about loving-kindness on the internet, you might see that loving-kindness is a form of meditation practiced in Buddhism. But dig a little deeper, and you will discover that the term loving-kindness appears many times throughout the Bible.

Jeremiah 31:3 - The Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love: Therefore, I have drawn you with loving-kindness". Loving-kindness teaches us to look past each other's differences to realize we are all suffering and struggling in one way or another. In that realization we can feel compassion and empathy for one another. Through the eyes of compassion and empathy we become aware of the fact that we are all interconnected, trying to get through life as best as we can. From that place we can make one of two choices; contribute to the suffering of others through our own actions OR do our best to be kind or if it's easier to think of it this way, do our best to not cause anyone additional suffering. It's really that simple. Sometimes showing love to others is nothing more than intentionally choosing to not add to someone else's suffering by being mean or rude. Isn't that all we really want in the end is to love and be loved?

As individuals, Christians, and humans, I feel we have a lot to learn about love; how to love ourselves, our fellow humans, other living creatures, the earth and all its resources. We are all capable of giving more love through kindness, compassion, empathy, and understanding. Life is never going to be perfect. We're never going to have enough patience, compassion, or understanding for every person we meet or every situation that arises. We don't have to condone bad behavior but can learn to be more forgiving.

I hope my words inspire you all to be curious, less judgmental, and love regardless. Thank you

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: Let us give as we are able—generously and joyfully.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Although we often fall short, O God, today we strive to do our best, bringing our first fruits as offering. Hold us to the highest standard and teach us to give generously. Use our gifts to further your mission in the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

God is moved by both our sorrow and our joy. Come to this table that was given as a gift for all God's people, to cleanse us from sin and to welcome all into community of Christ's beloved.

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

Christ Jesus, our Living Bread, we praise your mercy in this meal given in memory of your love. As we keep in mind your life, death, and resurrection, let our Eucharistic banquet enable us to share with one another the goodness and love you have showered upon us. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Bread: On the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks to God, broke the bread and said, "Take and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Cup: In the same way he also took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it for the forgiveness of sins."

The gifts of God for the people of God. All things are now ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

273 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain (Unison)

D A7
E

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love,

A A7
E A D Em
G A7 D

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

D Bm Em Em
G A7

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D D
F# Bm Em
G A7 D *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race, neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love, all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet, this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin (1925-2000)
MUSIC: Ghana folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin (1925-2000); arr. Charles H. Webb (1933-)
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BENEDICTION: The grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness; guide and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

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 in loving memory of Paul and Pauline Gilberg by John and Joyce Gilberg.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-42, February 20-Sunday Worship Online-326, In Person-61, Sunday School-19, Teachers-4, Splash-13, Jr/Sr High-12, Confirmation-6, Leaders-10.

Sundays in March-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday School** will be in person at 9:00am.

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.

Bible Study: Zoom and In-Person- Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. thru March 17, Pastor Becky will lead a weekly Bible Study via both Zoom and in-person in the Zoom Room (corner classroom next to the nursery). We will study, discuss and pray over scriptures—including the verses for the upcoming Sunday worship. This study is open to people of all ages. The Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85966539897?pwd=bGhkSHpaUDRva1MxWnhDaDZYVWJaQT09> **Meeting ID: 859 6653 9897 Passcode: 704709**

Any questions? Contact Pastor Becky

Widow and Widower Luncheon-The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, March 9. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

Women's Service Group-The Women's Service Group will be meeting on Thursday, March 10th at 11 a.m. at Bolly's for lunch. After lunch we will go to the Assembly Room to package gifts for our nursing home residents. Members are to bring 2 doz. cookies for the residents. We will then divide the group so we can deliver the gifts and visit the recipients at various area nursing homes. Before leaving for visits we will have a short business meeting to discuss the coming April meeting. Any other women or men of the church willing to do Nursing Home Visitations are invited to join us either at lunch at 11 am or at the Assembly Room at 12:30 pm. Please call Bev Plattner at 419/629-3694 if you are able to attend and for the present members please call if you are able or unable to attend. Bev Plattner, chairperson

Blessing Pantry Food Drive-On Saturday March 12, New Bremen Cub Scout Pack 61 will be collecting food items from the community during their Scouting for Food event. They will be giving the donations they collect to

the Blessing Pantry. **We need 10 volunteers to help receive the food, organize and stock the pantry from 9:00am to 11:00am that day.** Any amount of time you could donate would be most appreciated. Thank You!

Blessing Pantry-is accessible during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm.** The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs-Diapers (size n-6), Baby Wipes, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Kleenex, Paper Plates, Storage Bags, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Napkins, and Paper Towels. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

El Salvador Trip-March 22nd through March 31st

It has been several years since travel to El Salvador has been possible because of the Covid 19 pandemic which has changed all our lives. It is now safe to travel there. Vaccinations will be required to make this trip. The total cost of the trip will be from \$1350 To \$1450, depending on the price of airline tickets. We will be guests of the Lutheran Synod of El Salvador. Rev. Christian Chavarria will be our guide. We will be taking good used clothing for children and adults, medical supplies for the clinic and hospital as well as sporting equipment like soccer balls for youth and younger children. The church always keeps us out of harm's way and takes us only to safe areas and places. We visit churches, hospitals, the church soup kitchen, and clinic, as well as historical and other sites in this beautiful country. We will be staying at a beautiful guest house on the side of a mountain overlooking the city of San Salvador. This guest house is managed by Rev. Christian Chavarria and his friend Aldo. They furnish us with a full course breakfast and a wonderful evening meal every day. This will be our 18th trip to El Salvador, and it is always an exciting adventure for us. We look forward to having you along on this adventure. If interested or for more information, please contact John & Joyce Gilberg.

2022 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. Dates available- August 14, 28, October 30. You may also call the church office Monday-Friday to sign up. Thank you. Price is \$30.00.

March/April 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!

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.

Calendar-Week of March 6, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship in person & via Facebook Live w/Holy Communion
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-New Bremen
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council
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-8:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth
Thursday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation w/Mentors
	11:00am	Women's Service Group-Bolly's
	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	Bible Study-in person & via Zoom
Friday	Noon	Office Closed

E-Giving @ St. Paul

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

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.



Easter Flower Order Form

We will be decorating our Sanctuary with assorted Easter Lilies, Dahlias & Daisy Mums. Flowers may be picked up after the Last Easter Service, April 17, 2022.

Please return your order form and payment no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2022.

Checks should be payable to St. Paul

____(quantity) Flowers, foiled, drip pan-\$10.50 each

In Memory of _____

A gift for _____

By _____ Total \$ _____