

March 7, 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 began last week with an Ash Wednesday worship service: the largest attendance both in-person and online that we have had in years. Jenn Snider preached yesterday and Pastor Becky will preach on March 13. Also during the March 13 worship service, we will honor the century-long ministry of the Busy 12. Finally, keep in mind that Saturday night into Sunday morning we “spring forward.” Please set your alarm so you don’t arrive at worship an hour late! ☺

The Discipleship Team met last week to reboot how they do what they do. We are currently recruiting “champions” for many of the ministry opportunities at St. Paul Church. The Discipleship Team agreed that the most important ministry still in need of champions is the monthly Open Table Community Meals. The Discipleship Team’s thought is this: if 4-6 people could volunteer together to coordinate meals, the task list would be much less daunting.

The Discipleship Team does have an extensive list of what needs done to make Community Meals a success. We are currently planned through May 2022, but need Community Meal coordinators in order to have the meals continue in the fall. Please contact one of us if you are interested in assisting with this ministry.

We are also seeking your assistance in another area. 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 Myra Hanenkratt

Roland Dicke Council President
Myra Hanenkratt Council VP

Becky Erb Strang

Rev. Becky Erb Strang Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of March 7, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$4,733.00(weekly)
Endowment Trans \$4,500.00(ytd)
Income \$56,402.87(ytd)
Expenses \$53,385.66(ytd)
Balance \$3,017.21(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$3,584.00(ytd)
Endowment Inc. (\$2,798.80)(ytd)
Expenses \$4,706.10(ytd)
Balance \$32,727.69(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$458.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$2,565.00(ytd)
Expenses \$6,049.80(ytd)
Balance \$8,734.02(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$3,550.00(ytd)
Expenses \$2,510.50(ytd)
Balance \$30,200.62(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$739.50(weekly)
Income \$5,074.00(ytd)

March 13, 2022
Fun Stuff

PICTURE IT

Color the picture below of Jesus serving his friends.

TACTACTOE

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Nice Quote!

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson
Poet, Author

Try it At Home

When you get home, fill up a bathroom sink. (Don't forget to shut off the water!) Then, put in a washcloth, a brush, and a sponge. See which cleans your hands the best! Report to a friend.

MORE Fun Stuff

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Jesus Washes Feet

March 13, 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 of all who serve, when Jesus knelt to wash the feet of his friends, he taught us all a new way of being. Teach us to humble ourselves so that serving is our new normal. Amen.



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

8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." (John 13:8)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus opened the disciples' eyes to a new way of being, inviting them to take the role of the lesser for the sake of the other.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

How have you fallen into a role within your household or work environment? Was your role intentional or did you fall into it unintentionally? Is your role working for you, or could it stand a change?

What does it feel like to have someone wash your feet? Is it an intimate experience? Do you feel vulnerable?

For the littles: Do you like having your feet washed?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God reverse your role. Amen.



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

Wash someone's feet. Notice how intimate and vulnerable it can be to wash and be washed.



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

Sunday, John 13:1-17, Jesus Washes Feet

Monday, John 12:36-43, The Unbelief of the People

Tuesday, John 12:44-50, Summary of Jesus' Teaching

Wednesday, John 13:18-30, Jesus Foretells His Betrayal

Thursday, John 13:31-35, The New Commandment

Friday, John 13:36-38, Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

Saturday, John 14:1-14, Jesus the Way to the Father



Busy 12 July 2, 2002
 Left to Right
 Front: LaVerta Scheer,
 Edith Wissman, LaVon
 Dicke, LaRue Dicke
 Middle: Velma Rump,
 Dorothy Wilkens, Betty
 Opperman, Ethel Mesloh,
 Jean Schroer
 Back: Evie Wenning, Irene
 Jarvis, Dorothy Hertenstein

Busy 12 December 2015
 Left to Right
 Standing: Cindy Newman,
 Dorothy Wilkens, Sally
 Dicke, Eileen Gamble
 Seated: Evie Wenning,
 Edith Wissman, Ethel
 Mesloh, Zelta Fogt



September 2019
 Back: Edith Wissman,
 Amy Scheer
 Front: Sally Dicke, Julia
 Paul



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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, we welcome you to this service of worship. We hope that you will find it meaningful.

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Celebration of the Busy 12

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Amy Scheer

Connie O'Neill

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Organist

Sr. Deacon

Chancel 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

PLANTING SEEDS: CHURCH CAMPS/OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

They went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the Israelites, "We have come from a far country; so now make a treaty with us." (Joshua 9:6) Church camping has been an important part of St. Paul United Church of Christ. Many of our members grew up going to either Pilgrim Hills or Temple Hills camps in the summertime—growing in faith and making lifelong friendships. In recent years, the Ohio Conference (now the Heartland Conference) sold Pilgrim Hills camp, consolidating our outdoor ministries. Currently Temple Hills has two financial campaigns. The first one is called The Hills are Alive. This capital campaign intends to upgrade and maintain facilities in order that campers of all ages can enjoy church camp for years to come. The second campaign is called Camp 2.0.

Camp 2.0 launched in 2020 to help offset costs from reduced attendance due to the pandemic. We continue to live in an uncertain time for in-person gatherings and have had fluctuations in camp attendance because of it. But with Camp 2.0, you can help Outdoor Ministries cover the ongoing costs of camp that are incurred whether they have hundreds of campers or dozens of campers. Your donation keeps the facilities clean and repaired, the programs supplied, and necessary staff employed. If you would like to learn more about church camp, you can click on Outdoor Ministries at heartlanducc.org.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=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: Come, all who need rest.

People: Come, all who need restoration.

Leader: Come with eyes open to a new way of being,

People: Where serving others is the norm.

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MINISTRY & SERVICE

589 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

D G/D D Em/G E/G# A Bm7 A7/C# D Bm7 E9 C#m/E E7 A

1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;
3 Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,

A/G Em/G A/G D/F# G D/F# A7/E D A7 Bm A7/C# D Em/G A D

tell me thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden (1836-1918)
MUSIC: H. Percy Smith (1825-1898)

MARYTON
L.M.

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 Let us pray together:

People: God of love, Jesus taught us that we are to love God and love our neighbor, yet so often we are anything but loving and lovable. Forgive us when we are not ambassadors of Christ but instead let anger and brokenness rule our lives. Help us to choose to love, to choose to do your will in all of our relationships. Give us the courage, wisdom, and ability to share your extravagant love with all we meet. Amen.

Leader: Jesus looked up and said to a sinner, "Where are your accusers? Has no one come to condemn you? Then neither do I condemn you. Go, and do not sin again." We are loved; we are forgiven; we are the children of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in E-flat major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the lyrics: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the". The second system covers: "Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is". The third system covers: "now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." Above the vocal staves, 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, Eb, Ab, Eb, Fm7/Ab, Eb/Bb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, and Eb. The bass line includes a final double bar line with a repeat sign.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Celebrating the Ministry of the Busy 12!

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)

Lord, you have truly shown what it means to offer ourselves for the sake of another. Strip us of our pretention, hesitation, and resistance to following your example. Servant Leader,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: You have always protected the vulnerable and stood for the voiceless. May we follow your law in a right spirit, so that all may justly benefit from your blessings, and no one presumes themselves to be better than another. Servant Leader,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Today we thank you for the gift of the Busy 12 to St. Paul United Church of Christ and to the wider community. We celebrate their century plus of service. We are saddened at the ending of this group of women filled with zeal. And yet, we know that you have new things in store for them and for each of us. Servant Leader,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We turn to you still in our lowest moments, in times of need, and when we long to be made whole. Pour out the full measure of your healing upon each of us. Comfort those who grieve. Cheer those who struggle. Servant Leader,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: The life of a saint is a life of humility. May our path follow those who have gone before us to serve you truly and faithfully. Servant Leader,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, accept our prayers for all that we do not yet understand, and hold us in your steadfast embrace whenever we stumble. Hear us for the sake of Jesus, our savior and Lord. All of this we

pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray together....**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 13:1-17 (NRSV)

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater

than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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

Je - sus washed dis - ci - ples' feet. "What I've done for you,

introduction

Dm Em Dm/F F G Csus C

now go do the same thing, too." Wash us with your love, O Lord.



SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

We typically hear the story of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples on Maundy Thursday, but since we are following the Narrative Lectionary, the story has landed on this second Sunday in Lent. Hearing this story so early in Lent shifts things for us. Most years, we hear this story near the end of Jesus' life and near the end of Holy Week: the night of Jesus' betrayal and arrest. Heard on Maundy Thursday, the footwashing serves as a culmination of Jesus' ministry—a command to his disciples (and this includes us!) to serve others.

But this year we hear this story when Lent has just begun—placing the washing of feet as the springboard upon which we are commanded to travel through this holy season. Experienced this way, footwashing becomes something we must consider doing not on one night only, but throughout this season (and, I would argue, throughout our lives).

There are two important points I want you to hear from today's story:

1. Footwashing as sacramental
2. Jesus is a different kind of king.

First the footwashing. In the Ancient Near East, washing the feet of guests before meals was a sign of welcome and hospitality. Scholars guess that this task was undertaken by the servants or slaves in a household. And yet, the welcome remained. In Genesis 18:4, when three mysterious men (or angels?) showed up at Abraham's tent, they were welcomed with food, refreshment and foot washing. In this story, Abraham takes on the role of servant to these unknown and unexpected guests.

Later, in the time of Moses, God/Yahweh commanded Moses to erect a tent for worship space, placing a bronze water basin at the

entrance for worshipers to wash their hands and feet before entering this makeshift sanctuary. (See. Exodus 30:17-21). Indeed, being ritually clean was incredibly important to the Hebrew people. If you'd like a better sense of this, later today read all of Leviticus chapters 11-17 to read the many laws given by God about how to stay "clean."

With all this being said, footwashing was still practiced in Jesus' day. We know this from the story of the unnamed woman who anointed Jesus' feet with expensive oil—one of the few stories found in all four of our gospels. The Luke version of this story (Luke 7:36-55) adds the footwashing piece. When Simon, the host, criticized both the woman and Jesus, Jesus said this, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair." In other words, Jesus had no time for Simon's nonsense. What the woman did was right, proper and appropriate.

My point is this: footwashing was part of the culture in the Ancient Near East. Today's story when heard and read by those earliest of believers, would have had an understanding about footwashing's importance that we, 21st century Christians, simply do not.

The synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke, each have Last Supper stories. Yet, in those three gospels, the meal itself and its symbolism of bread and wine are the emphasis. It is from those three versions that we have the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Sacrament. To make sacred. Protestant sacraments are the two deeds Jesus either did himself (Communion) or commanded his followers to do (Baptism).

But here is the cool thing about this story in the Gospel of John. Like, Matthew, Mark and Luke, John has the Last Supper story, but the meal isn't the focus. The footwashing is. In fact, in today's text, Jesus commands his disciples to do the same: to wash one another's feet. In this case, the Meal isn't the sacrament: Footwashing is.

Imagine for a moment if the earliest Christian mothers and fathers had focused on footwashing rather than communion. Theologically both have a place in our lives. Communion is the invitation for all to join Jesus at his table and to be nourished by his love. Footwashing is the invitation to get down on our knees to serve others with humility and love.

You wouldn't know it from looking, but that is exactly why ordained clergy wear stoles with our robes. Today, our stoles are fancy—woven of brilliant threads or even silk. But the original intent was this: to place a towel around our necks as a reminder that clergy are not meant to be above others. Instead, we are called to serve others.

This brings me to the second point of today's sermon: that Jesus is a different kind of king. In Jesus' time, the Jewish people were awaiting a Messiah to save them from Roman occupation. They fully expected a royal king—harkening back to King David and the heyday of the Jewish Empire.

The Gospel of John turns the paradigm of messiah and king on its head. Three times in John, Jesus speaks of being "lifted up" (3:14, 8:28 and 12:32). While biblical scholars all agree that the lifted up language speaks of Jesus alluding to being lifted up onto the cross/his crucifixion, some scholars add that Jesus is also speaking of his coronation as king. Instead of being lifted up onto a throne, the throne of Jesus is the cross. The throne of Jesus is the cross.

I suspect those scholars are correct. In John 19, we hear that, as part of Jesus' crucifixion, the soldiers mocked him as king: placing a crown of thorns upon his head and a royal/purple robe on his body. The mocking continued with them saying, "Hail! King of the Jews!" Pilate even had the inscription on the cross read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

What was done in mockery, was actually the truth.

The same goes with footwashing. King Jesus, on the night of his arrest, welcomed the disciples to the Passover Meal by washing their feet himself. He knelt at their feet, like a servant, and did one of the most menial of household tasks. What's more, he then instructed his followers to do the same.

That includes each of us. I ask you today: How can we (as individuals AND as this faith community) get on our knees as signs of hospitality and love? I am NOT necessarily suggesting we put bronze water basins by our front doors, but I am suggesting we dedicate our lives to serving the way Jesus served: on our knees, humble, and unafraid of the future—which just might involve betrayal, pain, and death.

What task can you include in the coming week that serves someone else—especially an unexpected someone else?

Similarly, what can St. Paul Church do to provide hospitality and love even more generously? What are ways that we, as a congregation, can get on our knees to wash the feet of our neighbors?

This, my dear ones, is our Lenten challenge. Not the giving up of something, but rather the adding of disciplines that show others that we love the way Jesus loves. Amen

CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF THE BUSY 12

I just spoke of the ways we, as St. Paul Church, are challenged to serve and love others. One organization that has been doing exactly that since 1908 is the Busy 12.

The Sewing Circle, originally called the Children's Society was organized under the leadership of Christine Henninger with an enrollment of 50 children. Mrs. Henry Luebke, Mrs. Adelia Fearing and Mrs. William Klanke assisted in teaching these little girls how to quilt and sew.

The children sewed aprons, dust caps, hankies, bibs, dolls, sunbonnets and pillowcases. Some of the children mended clothes, darned socks and pieced comfort tops for the folk in New Bremen. They also sent gifts to the Detroit Orphanage and other institutions.

As the Sewing Circle grew in membership, more teachers were added. In 1923 Adelia Fearing suggested the name of the Busy 12 for the 12 teachers. By 1933, there was a total enrollment of 96 children aged 3-15.

The Children's Society was discontinued in 1953 due to loss of interest. The Busy 12, however, kept right on earning money to help with missions. They served dinners for various community groups and provided a lunch stand at house and farm sales.

Some of the Busy 12's special projects included the purchase and dedication of the piano for the sanctuary in 1958 on their 50th anniversary and the anniversary of the church as well as the purchase of a refrigerator and stove in the education building kitchen. A room was also furnished for the Auglaize School.

In its later years, the Busy 12 focused less on fundraising and more on sewing—creating lap blankets, baptismal blankets, and infant

pajamas. These items were donated within our community and throughout the wider area.

Just as the Children's Society disbanded in 1953, the Busy 12 has had difficulty attracting new members in recent years. The decision was made at the end of 2021 to disband. Today, we celebrate the 113 years of the Busy 12 teaching children how to sew, raising funds for mission and community projects, and sewing gifts for people of all ages.

At this time, I invite the members of the Busy 12 who are able to attend worship in person today to come forward.

Leader: Our church is constantly changing. People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Organizations and ministries ebb and flow. Today we gather to celebrate the 113 years of dedicated ministry the Busy 12 has given to St. Paul Church and to the wider community.

People: We thank the Busy 12 for their service among us. We thank you for the many ways you have served St. Paul Church and our community over the past century. We thank you for your dedication to God.

Busy 12: We thank you, the friends and members of St. Paul Church, for your support of our ministry over the decades. We are honored to have served alongside you.

Leader: Our Easter faith affirms that death never has the final say—that resurrection and new life come from what seems to be endings and death. While we thank the Busy 12 for your service and while we mourn the ending of your ministry with us, we look toward the future—what will emerge as new ministries and missions planted as seeds by your years of service. Let us pray:

People: O God, we give thanks for the ministry of the Busy 12. We thank you for their visionary work in our community—for the many ways they fed and nourished and wrapped us in the warmth of their love. We ask that you continue to abide not only with the members of the Busy 12, but with each of us as we look toward your kingdom coming here on earth and in the life to come. Amen.

Leader: On behalf of St. Paul United Church of Christ, I thank you for your service. Go in peace.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: In 2 Corinthians 9:7, we hear these words, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Let us give generously and joyfully.

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 a melody and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The second system also has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the treble clef staves. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staves.

Chord symbols for the first system: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D.

Chord symbols for the second system: Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G.

Lyrics: 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)

You have called us to serve, O God, and so we humble ourselves so that others might be lifted up. The gifts we offer here today are expressions of the servanthood to which you have called us. Receive these gifts with the spirit that gives them, for the greater good of all. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING *Christ, You Call Us All to Service*

571 Christ, You Call Us All to Service

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em C6 $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

1 Christ, you call us all to serv-ice, call us all who fol - low you;
 2 Teach us how to work to - geth - er, broth - ers, sis - ters, side by side,
 3 Let us be a ser - vant peo - ple, re - con - cil - ing, end - ing strife,

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em C6 $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

plant in us a deep com - mit - ment all your work and will to do.
 e - qual part - ners in the strug - gle, in the cause of truth al - lied.
 seek - ing ways more just of shar - ing and of or - dering hu - man life.

Em Dm C $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{E}$ E Am D $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G A7 D

Fire a pas - sion for your jus - tice, in us kin - dle love of peace;
 To each one some gift is giv - en, man or wo - man, young or old;
 Fill us with a glow - ing vi - sion of this world as it should be;

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em C6 $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

help us heal the bro - ken - heart - ed, to the cap - tive bring re - lease.
 help us use each skill and tal - ent your great pur - pose to un - fold.
 send us forth to change that vi - sion in - to blest re - al - i - ty.

WORDS: Joy F. Patterson (1931-)
 MUSIC: Dutch melody, 18th c.; arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)
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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

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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 Jesse, Verona and Don R. Miller by Bev Plattner.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-43, February 27-Sunday Worship Online-339, In Person-89, Sunday School-18, Teachers-7, Splash, Jr/Sr High-12, Confirmation-6, Leaders-8. Ash Wednesday Service Online-217, In Person-88.

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 **Meeting ID: 859 6653 9897 Passcode: 704709** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85966539897?pwd=bGhkSHpaUDRva1MxWnhDaDZYVWJaQT09> Any questions? Contact Pastor Becky

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, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Paper Plates, Garbage Bags, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Napkins, and Paper Towels. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

March Monthly Mission-One Great Hour of Sharing



When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world, and in our own communities. When man-made or natural disasters strike, love responds. Not just for the immediate future, but for the long haul. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are working alongside families to restore not only structures, but hope. Your giving ensures that no matter how difficult the situation, *Love remains*.

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 13, 2022

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| Sunday | 9:00am | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:00am | Sunday School |
| | 10:15am | Worship in person & via Facebook Live w/Busy 12 Celebration |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| | 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 \$ _____