

March 14, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

As the weather shifts this week with springtime breezes, we greet you in the name of the Holy Spirit who blows her breath/wind into our lives.

Yesterday in worship we celebrated the 113 years of faithful ministry by the Busy 12. We thank these women whose passion for service lives on at St. Paul Church.

The Discipleship Team met two weeks ago 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 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.

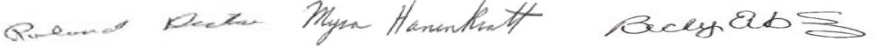
Other areas we would like to see championed include: weeding/landscaping, funeral lunches, Bremenfest float/parade, September Kick-Off picnic. Let us know if you are interested in spearheading these projects.

Boy Scouts and St. Paul Church members Jared and Jordan Weigandt are working on their Eagle Scout projects. The plans include adding benches (Jared’s project) and corn-hole boards (Jordan’s project) to our playground. These young men are in the process of raising funds for these projects. If you would like to donate, checks should be made payable to Troop 95. Please write “Jordan Weigandt” or “Jared Weigandt” in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Troop 95, 8 Rummel Creek Drive, New Bremen, Ohio, 45869.

In the next week or so, you will receive a Lenten stewardship letter inviting you to give an extra financial gift to the ministries of St. Paul Church. Together, we are able to love God and love our neighbors extravagantly.

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 Hanenkraat Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Council President Council VP Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of March 14, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$12,718.00(weekly)
Endowment Trans \$4,500.00(ytd)
Income \$69,488.87(ytd)
Expenses \$53,675.92(ytd)
Balance \$15,812.95(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$29,609.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. (\$2,798.80)(ytd)
Expenses \$4,706.10(ytd)
Balance \$58,753.19(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$502.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$2,735.50(ytd)
Expenses \$6,158.24(ytd)
Balance \$8,796.08(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$3,625.00(ytd)
Expenses \$2,510.50(ytd)
Balance \$30,275.62(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$359.50(weekly)
Income \$5,433.50(ytd)



Peter's Denial

March 20, 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.

Faithful Lord, Peter denied knowing you when you needed the love and support of your disciples the most. Help us to show up when we are needed. Amen.



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

²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. (John 18:26-27)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Peter's courage sent him into the courtyard to witness the events of Jesus' arrest and conviction. Peter's fear made him deny knowing his Lord and friend.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What lies are being told that are so subtle that our culture accepts them as truth? How might you uncover some of those lies for yourself? How might you change your mind about what you believe?

How did Peter feel when he realized what he had done? How would you feel?

For the littles: Who or what reminds you to do the things you're supposed to do?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God walk with you, even in your darkest moments. 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 people you avoid because you owe them an apology. Pick one person on the list and ask for their forgiveness.



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

Sunday, John 18:12-27, Peter's Denial

Monday, John 14:15-31, The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, John 15:1-17, Jesus the True Vine

Wednesday, John 15:18--6:4a, The World's Hatred

Thursday, John 16:4b-15, The Work of the Spirit

Friday, John 16:16-24, Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

Saturday, John 16:25-33, Peace for the Disciples



bring
questions



experience
joy



feel
included



be part of
something
greater than
yourself

We're not just commas anymore.



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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 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer

Elise Oldiges

Taylor Opperman

Becky Quellhorst

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

General Minister & President of the UCC

Liturgist

Liturgist

Organist

Sr. Deacon

Music Director

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: You are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taking Root: Prayer Chain *Rejoice always,¹⁷ pray without ceasing,¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)* For close to two decades, the St. Paul Church Prayer Chain has functioned by way of email. Currently coordinated by Pastor Becky, prayer requests are sent out to a large swathe of St. Paul folk who then, in turn, pray on behalf of the requests. Currently Becky is seeking a Prayer Chain “champion” to take on the administration of the Prayer Chain and possibly shift it from email to a texting format. Please see Pastor Becky if you are interested.

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: Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

People: Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

Leader: But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

People: God showed how much he loved by sending us Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is real love—not that we loved God, but that God loves us and sent his Son to show us how to love.

People: Since God loves us that much, we ought to love each other and God. Let us worship God!

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

11

(N.C.) $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G7}{D}$ C F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F Gm F C

1 Stand up and bless the Lord, you peo - ple of his choice;
 2 O for the liv - ing flame, from God's own al - tar brought,
 3 God is our strength and song, and his sal - va - tion ours;
 4 Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God a - dore;

$\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ F Dm C $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
 to touch our lips, our minds in - spire, and wing to heaven our thought.
 then be his love in Christ pro-claimed with all our ran-somed powers.
 stand up and bless his glo - rious name, both now and ev - er - more.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
 MUSIC: Aaron Williams' *New Universal Psalmodist*, 1770

ST. THOMAS
 S.M.

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins before God and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God,

People: These 40 days we reflect on how our brokenness, our sin, spills into the world, leaving marks we cannot remove. Forgive all we have done and all we have failed to do and heal our brokenness/cleanse us from our sin. Amen.

Leader: This is the good news: 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 for all your sin and walk in newness of life.

People: Thanks and praise to our God of love!

HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le -

lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a C-clef and contains the lyrics 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht'. The second staff continues with 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht'. The third staff continues with 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, Am7, D7, D, G, D, Em.

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US: Sunday School

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Our Lenten Journey towards Easter!

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

Please remember the family of Wilma Quellhorst in your prayers. Wilma passed away March 3, 2022. Service to celebrate her life will be held March 21, 2022.

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)

O God, your servant Peter, is not alone in falling short of the mark. Forgive us when we deny our true identity as your children in order to please, placate, and avoid giving offense to others. Faithful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: In a world that still persecutes those who are different or dare to stand for a radical reordering of society, make us bold to confess the biggest rebel of all—our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ. Faithful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We would love to believe that, were we put to the test, we would be found loyal to our faith and to you, O God. Give us strength when we are pushed to try to escape from trials and avoid having to be courageous. Faithful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Healing God, we humbly ask your Holy Spirit pour upon all who are in need of healing and restoration. Fill each with the light of your love. Remind all that they, and we, are beloved by you now and for all eternity. Faithful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Ever-loving Creator, you put no condition on your blessings and you offer healing at our most vulnerable, least attractive moments. Surround us with mercy and offer us your renewing Spirit. Faithful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed are those who were severely tested and prevailed, choosing to turn to you rather than the idols of this world. Make us worthy to stand in the company of all who have experienced persecution and pain for their faith now and in centuries past. Faithful God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We call upon you, and you answer us, O Lord. Into your hands we place these, our prayers, and entrust all whom we love,

including ourselves and our lives to your eternal mercy and grace. 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 18:12-27

(NRSV)

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

¹⁹ Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the

man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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 slumber, Lord. Show us how to love

with pedal

F C Dm G

'Til your kingdom comes to earth, down from heav'n above.

Am Dm Am D

"Pe - ter, do you know this man?" Pe - er said, "Not I!"

introduction

Dm Em Dm/F F G Csus C

Je - sus he de - nied three times. Wash us with your love, O Lord.

Today's passage is a story beautifully constructed for dramatic value in five parts – and I'm going to add a sixth.

In an of itself, this part of the passion narrative is fraught with tension, conflict, betrayal, torture, courage, and cowardice and just makes for a great story. Even poorly told, the elements would create the kind of drama we would be intrigued by.

But the artful development of the narrative highlights a few things that the author wants us to pay attention to. The five part construction introduces drama by delaying outcomes and contrasting circumstances – namely, the circumstances faced by Jesus and the circumstances faced by Peter. There is far more for us to learn here than just Peter promised to stand by Jesus and then denied even knowing him.

There is a good sermon in there if that were all we had – the promise of Peter and the denial of Peter.

You always have to ask yourself why a story is told, why a story is preserved. Over the three years of life recorded for us in the gospels, we aren't told everything that happened. So, when a story is included we must ask why: what was there in the early experience of the church coming into the creation of a faith we know today as Christianity that compelled them to include THIS story but not THAT story? As important as knowing the story is, it is equally, if not more important, to know why the author and the editors chose to tell it.

So, let's just look at the basic elements of this simple story: Jesus told Peter at their last meal together that Peter would deny him three times. Peter swore he would not. Jesus is captured later that night, and when three times Peter is asked if he even knows Jesus he denies him.

Suffice it to say this does not show Peter in the greatest light. Peter was an early hero of the church. He was, in Christ's own words, the rock upon which the church would be built. Of all the early disciples who would give up everything to follow him, this inarticulate and sometimes bumbling fool would be named by Jesus himself as the one given the authority to lead all others.

I say that because it is easier to leave out stories that do not show our heroes at their best than it is to leave them in.

Authors who write in order to engender faith in or loyalty to a movement tell compelling stories of heroic deeds. Those stories inspire awe and wonder. That something happened is not an argument to include it in a narrative account that hopes to grow belief in a leader and the movement he represents. If it casts doubt or aspersions on one of the central and critical figures in the growing movement, it is left out of the narrative. An author has choices – and so including a story like this wasn't a given.

And yet, there it is. No denying it. Peter acted poorly in the worst of ways at the most critical moment – and we know it because it didn't get left out. In other words, they kept it in.

Why?

As we venture into that territory and look into the why behind it, let me recommend two things. That after we examine that, we go a little deeper and look at how and what the construction adds to the story; and then go a little further than the text here does and finish with what I think is the actual end of the story.

The best way for me to articulate why this story is here is simply to ask you to do this: see yourself as Peter.

Do you love Jesus?

If the answer is yes, and I assume for most, if not all, of us the answer will be yes, you can relate to Peter on the night of Christ's final supper. He loved Jesus and would do anything for him.

Would you be willing to do something good or important for Jesus?

If the answer is yes, and I assume for most, if not all, of us the answer will be yes, then once again you can find yourself right where Peter was that night: "Jesus, I would do anything for you." And like Peter on that night – you no doubt believe it.

But the story continues, doesn't it? Peter doesn't just confess his love for and loyalty to Jesus, his willingness to do anything for him – he has it tested later and fails. Just like Jesus told him he would.

Now, here's the hard question: can you still relate to Peter? Have you let Jesus down? You who love him? You who would do anything for him? You who are aware in ways Peter didn't quite fully but would soon come to know just how much Jesus was willing to do for you?

Have you let Jesus down?

And let's pause here before you answer that. Let's now look at the construction. The author isn't just saying Peter let him down and denied him.

As the story begins in v. 12, what I will call part one of this brilliantly constructed story, Jesus is captured. There are soldiers, officers, police, religious zealots, weapons, armies. They surround him. They arrest him. They capture him. They bind him.

In part two of the story, we pause what Jesus is being threatened with and go to a courtyard where Peter faces not an army, not the police, not religious zealots, not weapons, not capture, but a single woman warming herself at the fire. In the face of violence and hordes, Jesus will stand firm. How will Peter fare warming himself at a fire in the courtyard with a lone woman by his side? "Are you a disciple," she asks. Three words in reply: "I am not."

Immediately the story of Peter is interrupted for part three of this drama, where we go back to Jesus. He is interrogated. He is slapped. The police continue to brutalize his body. He is bound once again and taken to another authority. He shows courage while he stands alone in a horde of torturous men.

Cut again to scene four, where after being reminded of the ways in which his body was being ripped apart, we return to the courtyard where Peter is once again standing and warming himself. "You are his disciple!". "I am not." We saw you with him. I don't know him, he says – followed by some of the most haunting words in all of scripture: at that moment, the cock crowed.

Breathlessly, the reader is once again taken to Jesus where he is now before Pilate. Crowds have now assembled. He is tortured, flogged, given his crown of thorns – all before his public execution.

So, yeah, Peter denied him. And he did so in comparatively cushy circumstances while Jesus suffered alone.

This dramatic rendering is intended not just to have you empathize with Jesus – but to come face to face with two things: the cost of discipleship and our propensity to let go of our love for or attachments to Jesus when that cost gets to be too much for us to want to pay. Jesus warned us all that those who would follow him must take up their cross, daily, and follow him – but we all know that there are times when that cross is too much to bear.

This isn't, in the end, a story about Peter as much as it is a story asking us to what extent are we like Peter.

When and where have we let Jesus down?

I think it is important to come face-to-face with that.

I think it is important also to come face-to-face with whatever guilt and shame is exposed when we take an honest look at that. There is no avoiding the hard truth that we, like Peter, can hesitate to pay the full cost of discipleship with Jesus.

How many times did we dismiss the racist joke told by a relative or co-worker?

How many times did we walk by the homeless woman on the street?

How many times did we remain silent while a friend or classmate was made fun of and teased?

How many times did we fail to empathize with the prisoner who was mistreated?

How many times did we stand by while immigrants and refugees were demonized by politicians?

Whatsoever you do to the least of these, you do unto me.

Yes, we have all served as Peter before a crucified Jesus who endured the most brutal of human cruelty on our behalf.

Yes, the story is there to remind us of that and to encourage us to confront our inner Peter.

But that is not the end of the story. So, don't let the self-examination end there.

Jesus, you will remember, rose from the dead.

Jesus, you will remember, took a walk on a beach with Peter after he rose from the dead.

“Peter,” he asked, “do you love me?”

Yes, Lord, you know that I do.

“Peter,” he asked, “do you love me?”

Yes, Lord, you know that I do.

“Peter,” he asked, “do you love me?”

Yes, Lord, you know that I do.

Three times.

Did you ever wonder why Jesus asked three times? Wasn't once enough?

I see this as Jesus at his most pastoral moment. He is about to ask something very important of Peter. But he is talking to a Peter wounded by his guilt, disabled by his shame. I let him down. I denied him. Three times.

Three times.

Peter, do you love me?.

Yes, Lord, you know that I do.

Feed my sheep.

Feed my sheep.
 In not so many words, you are forgiven.
 I knew you in your mother's womb.
 I told you would deny me.
 I know you love me.
 I forgive you.
 Feed my sheep.
 Get past your guilt and do what you were sent here to do.
 Feed my sheep.
 Gentle flock, Jesus knows you. Before you were born, he knew you.
 Will you deny him?
 Yes.
 Have you let him down?
 You have.
 Do you love him?
 Then feed his sheep. You are forgiven.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: No matter who we are, no matter our background, no matter where we have been, we are loved by God through Jesus. Because of this, we rejoice always. Let us give generously and joyfully.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

Musical score for "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost."

System 1:
 Chords: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D.
 Lyrics: Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

System 2:
 Chords: Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G.
 Lyrics: praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy and gracious God, sometimes all we have to offer is our fear and our brokenness. But we still strive to offer the best of ourselves, even when we feel limited by our humanity. Accept these gifts, offered by a people who are sometimes driven by fear, sometimes driven by courage, and always with a deep love for you. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING *How Can I Keep from Singing* verses 1 & 4

TRUST & ASSURANCE

How Can I Keep from Singing? 424

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

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

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

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

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Pass the Love

Pass the Love

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go - ing on your way.

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

Chords: 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.

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 George Voress Sr. by Judy, George Jr. & Karen, John & Gin Voress.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-42, March 6-Sunday Worship Online-257, In Person-77, Sunday School-16, Teachers-6, Splash-11, Jr/Sr High-6, Confirmation-6, Leaders-12.

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.

Coming to St. Paul Church: Game Day! Are you interested in a Game Day? St. Paul Church will be having one on Sunday, April 24 from 2-4 P.M. in the church Assembly Room. There will be refreshments and snacks. We will have various games and puzzles or you can bring a game of your own to play with someone. This event is geared for all ages. Want more information? See Leif Dietrich or Pastor Becky

BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT! Book Club plans to start back up in June 2022! If you have any interest in being on the contact list to be notified of upcoming events, please text or email Cami Flenar.

The goal will be to read one book each month and meet, either virtually or in person, to discuss the book of the month. A variety of books will be on our reading list, such as Adult, Young Adult, Middle-Grade, Biographies, and more! If you think you may enjoy reading with a group and covering topics ranging from kindness, community, family, love, perseverance, inspiration, and more, please reach out via email or text to be included on our Book Club list!

Troop 95 Eagle Scout Projects-Jared Weigandt and Jordan Weigandt Trees, Benches and Corn Hole Boards will be added to the playground. Donations should be made payable to Troop 95 and sent to Troop 95, 8 Rummel Creek Dr, New Bremen, OH 45869. Please write Jordan or Jared Weigandt on memo line. 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, Pull Ups (size 2-6), Safety Q-tips, Cotton balls, Laundry Detergent, Liquid Softener, Deodorant, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Kleenex, 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.*

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 20, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship in person & via Facebook Live
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
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
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 \$ _____

Open table
Free Community Meal

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