

April 4, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

We write this letter on this rainy week remembering that *April showers bring May flowers*. Indeed, as we near the end of Lent, we celebrate that God rains down upon his love through Jesus. Good news for all!

Upcoming worship services include:

Sunday April 10. 10:15 a.m. worship with the Rite of Confirmation/Palm Sunday.

**Your worship packet includes a paper palm for you to color, cut out, and use in worship if you are worshipping at home.**

Thursday April 14. 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Healing Service with Healing Prayers, Holy Communion and Lighting of Candles.

Friday April 15. 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae service.

Sunday April 17. Easter Sunday! Worship with Holy Communion at 7:30 and 10:15 a.m.

**\*All worship services at St. Paul Church are offered in-person and via Facebook Live**

Your stewardship letter will arrive in your home by the end of the week. We thank you for your ongoing generosity. The stewardship of your time, your talents, and your treasure helps spread the love and hope found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

One project we are seeking funding for is our upcoming Art Camp Festival. Instead of our traditional summertime Art Camp, St. Paul Church is hosting an Art Camp Festival on Wednesday, June 8 in the evening. This event draws children, youth and families from New Bremen and area villages and towns. We offer a free meal, bouncy houses, crafts, games, music, New Bremen's canine officer and New Bremen's fire trucks. Last year we easily fed 500 people at the Art Camp Festival.


The cost for this year's Festival is just under \$5000. We have raised a portion of the funds, but we invite you to prayerfully consider donating to the Art Camp Festival. This fun-filled evening showcases

St. Paul Church's hospitality and outreach to the community. We thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in our community.

We continue to seek a St. Paul member who feels called to serve on Church Council as Vice President of Council. Roland Dicke (Council President)'s term ends in December. Myra Hanenkrafft (Council Vice President) will become Council President in January for a two-year term. We are seeking someone who would be willing to serve as VP for two years and then President for the following two years. If you are interested, please contact Roland or Myra.

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 Council President	Myra Hanenkrafft Council VP	Rev. Becky Erb Strang Senior Pastor

**Financial Information as of April 4, 2022**

<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>Local Aid</b>
Beg. Balance \$0.00	Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Giving Income \$3,702.48(weekly)	Income \$3,345.00(ytd)
Endowment Trans \$6,400.00(ytd)	Expenses \$6,323.23(ytd)
Income \$85,432.35(ytd)	Balance \$9,240.59(ytd)
Expenses \$84,249.54(ytd)	<b>Blessing Pantry</b>
Balance \$1,182.81(ytd)	Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
<b>Building Maint &amp; Property</b>	Income \$4,949.00(ytd)
Beg. Balance \$36,648.59	Expenses \$4,909.89(ytd)
Income \$30,529.50(ytd)	Balance \$29,161.12(ytd)
Endowment Inc. <b>(\$2,798.80)</b> (ytd)	<b>Our Church Wider Mission</b>
Expenses \$7,063.20(ytd)	Pledge \$25,000.00
Balance \$57,316.09(ytd)	Income \$757.50(weekly)
<b>Project of the Year</b>	Income \$6,639(ytd)
Income \$577.00	



The Crucified Messiah  
(Palm/Passion Sunday)

April 10, 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.

**King Jesus, today we celebrate all the ways you reign, especially that you have conquered sin and death. Remind us that you are the one, true king. Amen.**



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

*<sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"*

*<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." (John 19:21-22)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus was a king like no other. He would not only win reign over the earth, but all the spiritual battles, too.**



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

**Who are treated as royalty in our world? What have they done to earn the title? What does it take for them to fall from grace? How can we shift our loyalties so we praise and emulate Jesus more than our celebrities? What would you do if you were royal?**

**For the littles: What is a king like? How is Jesus like a king? How is Jesus like a queen?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God guide you to walk in the ways of the king. Amen.**



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

**Take home a palm frond. Fold it into the shape of a cross. (Go here to learn how: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Palm-Frond-Cross>). Hang it in your house somewhere you will see it regularly. Think of Jesus every time you see it.**



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 19:16b-22, The Crucified Messiah

Monday, Psalm 24

Tuesday, 2 Samuel 22:2-8, Lord Is My Rock

Wednesday, Isaiah 43:8-12, God Delivers

Thursday, John 19:23-30, Jesus' Last Words

Friday, John 19:31-37, Jesus the Passover Lamb

Saturday, John 19:38-42, Passover Lamb



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Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Roland Dicke-Council President

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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, this is the house of the Lord, and all are welcome to enter and praise our loving Creator.

May God's love fill you with kindness, mercy, and joy.

**April 10, 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

**Rite of Confirmation**

**Worship Leaders**

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Katie Brautigam

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Accompanist

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

**TAKING ROOT: MEN'S CLUB** *Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)* The Men's Club meets at 8:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at Speedway Lanes for breakfast and conversation. All are welcome to join this fellowship opportunity.

## 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 (from Chalice Worship; Disciples of Christ)

Leader: Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna in the highest heaven! Praise be to God!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

Verses 1, 3, 5

(As the children enter our sanctuary, waving palm branches, those worshipping at home please wave your homemade palm branches along with the music).

# All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Refrain* Bb  $\frac{F}{A}$  Bb Eb  $\frac{F7}{C}$  Bbsus Bb F Gm  $\frac{Cm7}{Eb}$  F Bb

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,

Bb  $\frac{F}{A}$  Bb Eb  $\frac{F7}{C}$  Bbsus Bb F Gm  $\frac{Cm7}{Eb}$  F Bb

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Bb Gm  $\frac{C}{E}$  C7 F C7 F Dm Gm  $\frac{F}{A}$  Bb6 C7 F

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

$\frac{F}{A}$  Bb  $\frac{Bb}{D}$  Eb Bb  $\frac{F}{A}$  F7 Bb  $\frac{Bb}{D}$  Eb Bb Fsus F7 Bb *to Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:  
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:  
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

# INVOCATION (in unison)

Triumphant God, who comes to us as one who seeks and serves, lead us through the events of this Holy Week, that we may receive Christ afresh in our lives, and embody Christ's Spirit in the world. Fill now our hearts with gospel joy. Bless us and these branches that our very being shall cry aloud, "Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Amen.

# RESPONSE

Piano/Organ

## In the Name of the Lord He Comes!

♩ = 120 - 130

*Palm Sunday*

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

*Majestically*

The musical score is written for Piano/Organ in 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The first system is marked 'Majestically' and includes the instruction 'with pedal' under the bass staff. The lyrics for the first system are: 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Lay on the road your coats and palms!'. The second system has lyrics: 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Look! In the name of the Lord He comes!'. The third system has lyrics: '"Who is this man that we're here to see?" "He is the proph - et from Gal - i - lee!"'. The fourth system is an introduction with lyrics: 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Look! In the name of the Lord He comes!'. The chord symbols are: C, Bb/C, C, Bb, G sus, G, C, Bb/C, C, Bb, G, C, F, C/E, Dm, C/E, G, F, C/E, Dm, G sus, G, C, Bb/C, C, Bb, G, C.

# RITE OF CONFIRMATION

## INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Mimi Messick

Confirmation Class of 2022: Allie Kristine Bornhorst, Julia Elizabeth Mullins, James Patrick Nelson, Elise Grace Oldiges, Taylor Nicole Opperman, Gavin Jeffrey Quellhorst

## INVITATION

Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

## QUESTIONS

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? (I do.)

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able? (I promise, with the help of God.)

Do you promise, according to the faith given to you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world? (I promise, with the help of God.)

Will all who are able please stand in support of our confirmands. As the friends and members of St. Paul United Church of Christ let us share our own promises with our confirmands as printed as the response in your bulletin.

## WELCOME OF THE CONGREGATION (in unison)

**We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, who in baptism received these servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant them love for others,



joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, and self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND CONFIRMATION PRAYERS

Rev. Becky Erb Strang, Shelly Smart, Lisa Weigandt

## PRESENTATION OF STOLES AND CONFIRMATION VERSES BY MENTORS

Student	Mentor
Allie Kristine Bornhorst	Kim Hemmelgarn
Julia Elizabeth Mullins	Ragan Miller
James Patrick Nelson	Cindy Newman
Elise Grace Oldiges	Mimi Messick
Taylor Nicole Opperman	Haley Gabel
Gavin Jeffrey Quellhorst	John Gilberg

## GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Roland Dicke

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND GIFTS

Rev. Becky Erb Strang and Mimi Messick

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 12:12-26 (NRSV)

*The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,*

*“Hosanna!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!”*

*<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:*

*<sup>15</sup> “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.*

*Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”*

*<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup> It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup> The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”*

*<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.*

## RESPONSE

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

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

## SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Last November, I led a confirmation class that included the mentors. The topic for the evening was, “Why Church?” We had a whole handful of activities that night. I’d like to share a few of these.

Why Church? That is a fair question. Even prior to the pandemic, fewer and fewer people throughout our nation (and that includes St. Paul Church!) were attending worship regularly. When I met people in town, it was as if my very presence called for a confession, “Pastor Becky, I’m sorry I haven’t been to church much. I’m finding I can commune with God without attending worship.”

So, Why Church? One of the gifts of this pandemic is that congregations throughout the world have had to reimagine what “Church” is. Is church Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary? Is it a social

organization? A missional organization? A force for good in the community? The pandemic has expanded “Church” to include online worship, devotions and Bible studies. It has expanded what it means to feed and nourish our hungry neighbors. It has forced us to re-consider what it means to be St. Paul United Church of Christ.

Why Church? Our confirmation class began in teams of four: two students and two mentors each reading a specific scripture then writing a brief essay about the meaning of church. The first group read Acts 2:42-47—the short passage about how the earliest of believers pooled their resources to take care of each other, worshiped together, and ate together. This was the conclusion of their essay: *God spoke to people in ages past. God is still speaking to us today. God continues to care for us and we hope he does for others, too.*

The second team read Matthew 28:18-20—the final portion of Jesus’ Great Commission. This is what that group had to say: *According to the scripture, the church is not bound by walls. The world is our church. God is always with us even to the end of the age. In church we help each other learn different perspectives, and grow from each other. How one person interprets the scripture may be different than another, so we can teach each other new things. Jesus and God are there to help us. That’s why Jesus sent his disciples to spread the word.*

The third team read Ephesians 4:11-16—the passage about how our gifts come together to BE the church. Their essay: *This passage reminds us of the positive aspects of St. Paul UCC. We use the gifts Christ gave us, such as truth, acceptance, and unity. Our congregation fits together like a puzzle and seems to work together to meet the needs of the church and other people.*

Aren’t our confirmands and their mentors amazing? Why Church? Church is God still speaking to us. Church is here AND beyond these walls. Church gives us grace to hear God’s word in new ways. Church offers us truth and acceptance and unity. We are Church because of Jesus. We are Church together. Always.

Why Church? We ended class that evening with student/mentor pairs writing answers to these two questions on two sides of an index card.

1. What is one way you can support someone else at St. Paul Church?
2. How can you lean on folk at St. Paul Church for support?

How would you answer these questions? What do you have to give? What can you receive?

Church is much, much more than a social group, a volunteer organization, or habit we keep. Church is about giving and receiving. Church is about creating community within these walls and beyond. Church is about worship and fellowship and learning and service. Church is us working together to be the Body of Christ.

On this day when we celebrate our confirmands saying YES to their baptismal vows, on this day when we begin our somber walk through Holy Week, being reminded of who we are (beloved children) and whose we are (we belong to God) is key. We are Church because of Jesus' great love for us AND our lifetime call to follow Jesus.

Let us journey together. Amen.

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action. Let us give joyfully and generously. Amen.

## DOXOLOGY

### Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The chords are G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D. The lyrics are "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system also has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The chords are Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G. The lyrics are "praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost."

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Our newest confirmands and members. **Sacrament of Baptism:** Cole Joseph Albers baptized Saturday, April 9, 2022. Son of Matthew and Jessica Albers. Cole's sponsors are Jacob Scheer and Annette Butcher. Congrats to the Albers Family!

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

## CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. On this Holy Day, O God, we stand before you offering prayers for our newly confirmed young adults, for our congregation, our community, our nation, and the world.

### SILENT PRAYER

The crowd is on your side, Gentle Jesus, although we know their adoration will not endure. Show us what true leadership looks like, even when the right action is not the popular one. King of Kings,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: The earth is yours and all that is in it. Creation cries out in praise to you. Even the branches wave to welcome you. Join our acclamations with all of nature in glorifying its Maker. King of Kings,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: What appears joyful now will soon turn hostile, O Lord. The week ahead will not be easy, but we will stay by your side until the bitter end. We will be with you also in the joy that follows. Accompany us as we journey through the days to come. King of Kings,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Humble Jesus, your compassion never wavers. As your popularity surged you never lost sight of those in need. Attend to those who are hurting and healing, those struggling with addiction and mental illness, those who are grieving or lost and alone. King of Kings,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: You did not turn away from the difficulty of your mission and neither did your servants in all times and places. Strengthen us all to continue your work until we find eternal rest in you. King of Kings,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We entrust our prayers and all for whom we lift up this day, knowing that your love, your forgiveness, and your grace are everlasting. We pray all of this in your name, as you 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.**

HYMN

*We Are the Church*

NATURE & FOUNDATION

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*We Are the Church*

*Refrain (Unison)*

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build - ing, the church is not a stee - ple,  
 2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,  
 3 Some - times the church is march - ing, some - times it's brave - ly burn - ing,  
 4 And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray - ing,  
 5 At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.  
 all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.  
 some - times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn - ing.  
 there's laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times, all of it say - ing:  
 and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

BENEDICTION: Go forth in to the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

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F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7  
 Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way.

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C  
 Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in\_\_ ev - 'ry way.

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C  
 Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F  
 Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our\_\_ God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are in loving memory of Rodney R. Miller by Bev Plattner

**Participants**-Daily Devotions-51, March 27-Sunday Worship Online-391, In Person-81, Sunday School-12, Teachers-5, Splash-8, Jr/Sr High-18, Leaders-8.

**Sundays in April-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.

**May/June 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.

**Elmwood Worship**-Rev. Becky will be doing a Good Friday Worship service at Elmwood on Friday, April 15 at 2:30pm. Please see Rev. Becky if you would like to assist her with the Good Friday service.

**Good Friday Worship Service Scripture Readers**-Rev. Becky is looking for scripture readers for the April 15 Tenebrae Service. Interested? Please see Rev. Becky for more details.

**Women's Service Group**-will be meeting Thursday, April 14 at 1:00pm in the Assembly room. We will be packing school bags for Church World Service. Please bring any finished school bags and any school supplies you may have previously purchased. Please contact Bev Plattner if you are able to attend or have questions. All are welcome.



**Widow and Widower Luncheon**-The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, April 12. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

### **Holy Week Worship Services**

**April 14. Maundy Thursday Healing Service** at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and via Facebook Live. Service will include prayers, scripture, sermon, Prayers of Healing, Sacrament of Holy Communion and lighting of candles for healing.

**April 15. Good Friday Tenebrae Service** at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and via Facebook Live. Service will include music, scriptures and candlelight slowly diminishing until only the Christ Candle is lit.

**April 17. Easter Sunday!** Worship will be held in the sanctuary and via Facebook Live at 7:30am and 10:15 a.m. Service will include music, prayers, scriptures, preaching and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**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

### **Bible Study: Unafraid—Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times**

We are living in uncertain times. Many of us are afraid. Some of us are without hope. We do not know what the future holds.

Beginning Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Becky will lead a five-week Bible Study following Adam Hamilton's book Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times.

Because the study includes a video each week, this Bible Study will be in-person only unless we can work out how to include Zoom technology. Questions? See 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!

**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-Baby Wipes, Diapers (size 3-6), Manicure Items, Softener Sheets, Dish Soap, Garbage Bags, Cotton Balls, Safety Q-Tips, Vaseline,** Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, and Pull Ups (size 2-6). **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

**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.

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

**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](http://stpaulnb.org). Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

### **Calendar-Week of April 10, 2022**

Sunday	9:00am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live w/Rite of Confirmation
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
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	1:00pm	Women's Service Group
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
	2:30pm	Elmwood Good Friday Worship
	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship

## **E-Giving @ St. Paul**

**Online** – Make a donation on our website: [stpaulnb.org](http://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.

# Open Table

*Free Community Meal*

When: April 18, 2022

Who: Everyone

Where: St. Paul Assembly Room

Serving: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Yummy Desserts

Carry-outs Available, Free Chair Massages

Prepared by: Bolly's

Served by: County Crossroads 4-H Club

