

April 11, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Holy Week began yesterday with a palm procession led by our Sunday School youth and the Rite of Confirmation for 6 of our young adults. Welcome Gavin, Julia, Taylor, James, Elise, and Allie!

Upcoming Holy Week worship services include:

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 Easter stewardship letter should have arrived at your home. 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 Myra Hanenkrafft Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Council President Council VP Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of April 11, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$9,636.77(weekly)
Endowment Trans \$6,400.00(ytd)
Income \$95,457.57(ytd)
Expenses \$88,878.89(ytd)
Balance \$6,578.68(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$30,958.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. (\$2,161.11)(ytd)
Expenses \$9,248.02(ytd)
Balance \$56,197.96(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$597.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$3,434.50(ytd)
Expenses \$6,463.62(ytd)
Balance \$9,189.70(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$5,029.00(ytd)
Expenses \$5,399.74(ytd)
Balance \$28,790.38(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$869.50(weekly)
Income \$7,508.50(ytd)



Resurrection
(Easter)

April 17, 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.

Risen Lord, we celebrate today that you are alive! Not just for Mary and the disciples, but you are alive for us today. Live in us and shape us so that others may come to know you. Amen.



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

¹³Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). (John 20:15-16)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Angels, an empty tomb, and a delighted Mary all testify to the miracle—Jesus is alive!



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

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

What traditions will you celebrate today? What do they mean for you and your family and friends?

How has Jesus shocked or surprised you? If you need a surprise or miracle, ask God for one. Be open to God's response.

For the littles: What's the best thing about Easter? (Be honest!)



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the God of resurrection bring you new life. Amen.



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

Carry your traditions throughout the entire week. If you eat deviled eggs on Easter, eat them all week long. If you hunt for Easter eggs, look for eggs all week. If you sit down to a family meal, have family meals all week.



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

Sunday, John 20:1-18, Resurrection

Monday, John 21:1-14, Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

Tuesday, John 21:15-19, Jesus and Peter

Wednesday, John 21:20-25, Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

Thursday, Acts 5:1-11, Ananias and Sapphira

Friday, Acts 5:12-16, The Apostles Heal Many

Saturday, Acts 5:17-42, The Apostles Are Persecuted



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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, 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 17, 2022
Easter Sunday**

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Connie O’Neill

Becky Quellhorst

Bryan Trego

Dr. Jeff Paul

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

Diane Gilberg

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Organist-7:30am Service

Organist-10:15am Service

Liturgist-7:30am Service

Liturgist-10:15am Service

Sr. Deacon

Bell Choir/Chancel Choir/Music Director

Sr. Elder

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

EASTER GREETING (from Ann Weems' Reaching for Rainbows)

The church is Easter. Out of Death: Life out of blackness: a lush green world, flowers in the ice, sunrays in the storm, mustard seeds galore.

Our souls enter a spiritual springtime, our bodies given over to leaping and dancing, our very being saturated with hosannas.

Our shouting crashes in upon this world: The Lord lives! We live!
Resurrection resounds throughout our community.

PRELUDE

CHRIST CANDLE PROCESSIONAL AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES: As we light the altar candles, you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: The tomb is empty!

People: Sound the trumpet

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: Sound the trumpets!

Leader: Christ leads us on the road to life!

People: Sound the trumpets!
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: Christ is here! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Verses 1 & 4

EASTER

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The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

System 1:
 1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

System 2:
 All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol-lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

System 3:
 Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

System 4:
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray. O Jesus Christ, Risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief:

People: We confess that we have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us:

Leader: Lord, hear us and help us.

People: We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us:

Leader: Lord, hear us and help us.

People: We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us:

Leader: Lord hear us and help us.

People: Lift our minds above earthly things, set them on things above. Show us your glory and your power, that we may serve you gladly all our days.

Leader: Alleluia! Amen!

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

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The Day of Resurrection!

C F/C C C/Bb F/A C/G F G

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its song be - gin!

G7 C C7 F/C C G/D D7 G

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

G7 C7 F A7/E D7 G

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;

G/F C/E Dm7/F C7/G F/A F C/G G7 G C

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "all hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Jesus' Resurrection!!!! **Sacrament of Baptism:** Lettie Annmarie Borkowski born December 3, 2021. Daughter of Philip and Kelli Borkowski. Lettie's sponsors are Tyler Nosek and Andrea Hanson. Congrats to the Borkowski Family!

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

PASTORAL PRAYER. SILENT PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of our world, asking God for renewal, responding when I pray, "Christ is risen!", you respond with, "Christ is risen, indeed."

Let us pray. God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love that death may have no more power over us. For Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's signs of life in our world. For Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, that we might be born anew in the risen Christ. For Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: God of new beginnings, hear us now as we lift up to you our prayers.

SILENCE

Leader: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the Risen Christ who brings us life. We pray, as we live, 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.**

ANTHEM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 118:17-29

(The Message)

*Thank you for responding to me;
you've truly become my salvation!*

*The stone the masons discarded as flawed
is now the capstone!*

This is God's work.

We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!

*This is the very day God acted—
let's celebrate and be festive!*

Salvation now, God. Salvation now!

Oh yes, God—a free and full life!

*²⁶⁻²⁹ Blessed are you who enter in God's name—
from God's house we bless you!*

*God is God,
he has bathed us in light.*

*Festoon the shrine with garlands,
hang colored banners above the altar!*

You're my God, and I thank you.

O my God, I lift high your praise.

Thank God—he's so good.

His love never quits!

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

³⁻¹⁰ Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

¹¹⁻¹³ But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus' body had been laid. They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?"

¹³⁻¹⁴ "They took my Master," she said, "and I don't know where they put him." After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't recognize him.

¹⁵ Jesus spoke to her, "Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?"

She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, "Mister, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him."

¹⁶ Jesus said, "Mary."

Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" meaning "Teacher!"

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: "I saw the Master!" And she told them everything he said to her.

RESPONSE

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

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

SERMON

Jesus Among Us!

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

God is not afraid of new things.

--Pope Francis

This is the day that Christians the world over have been waiting for! Easter morning! Today is the day in which we rejoice, in which we raise alleluias to God for what he has done through Christ Jesus. The good news for us today is this: because Christ was raised from death, we too, can rise to new life through him.

Daniel Berrigan—a poet, peace activist, and priest—had this to say about Easter: *We have longed to taste the resurrection. We have longed to welcome its thunder and quakes and to echo its great gifts. We want to taste the resurrection in our bones.*

We long to taste resurrection. We want to taste resurrection in our bones. On this glorious morning we see signs of new life all around us. The flowers are in bloom. The trees are beginning to bud. The squirrels and birds frolic with abandon.

And what about each of us?

We have arrived here on Easter morn in our Sunday best. The family feasts are prepared and we can look forward to an afternoon of good food, laughter, and perhaps a decent nap. But what does any of this have to do with the resurrection life?

Perhaps we are like the disciples Simon Peter and John. Mary Magdalene has passed along a rumor that the Lord's body is no longer in the tomb, but we have to run to see for ourselves. YET—even as we see that his body is missing, we still are not convinced that Jesus has been raised from the dead. We WANT to believe, but so much has happened in our lives that we are afraid to believe in miracles. So what do we do?

We turn around and head back home. We shut our doors and our hearts to the new life that is literally bursting from the grave.

Perhaps we are like Mary Magdalene. After finding the tomb empty, we share the news with Simon Peter and John, but they weren't much help. Like Mary, we wear our hearts on our sleeves as we sob at such great a loss—the death of our Master and Friend. Like Mary, at times we are so caught up in despair that we do not even recognize Christ until he calls us by name.

Today, my dear friends, **you** have been called by name by Christ Jesus—the Risen Lord! He calls to each of us: rich and poor, young and old, male and female, saint and sinner alike.

And what do we do in response?

Like Mary Magdalene, we run and tell the good news! We let the world know that Christ has risen, indeed, and that we are now—forever and ever—Easter People.

Who do we tell this wonderful news?

How about beginning with your family: when you say your table grace today, include prayers of joy for the gift of new life.

How about your neighbors? Reach out to them in kindness and love. **SHOW** them Christ's love.

How about strangers? Accept them. Welcome them. **BE** Christ to each person you meet.

How about your enemies? Love them. Walk a mile or two in their shoes. Reconcile in ways that brokenness, enmity and despair will have no place in your life.

For here is the Easter good news: because Christ rose from the dead, we, too, are called to live a new life. We are called to be resurrection people. To literally and figuratively run full-tilt to share with others how your life is a new creation altogether. To **BE** the Jesus to your family, your neighbors, strangers and **YES**: even your enemies.

Our Psalm reading is a psalm of salvation joy. It is a psalm of thanksgiving for all that God has done in our lives. It is a reminder that what we might want to reject and scorn is the greatest of all.

We are Christians because of God's work through Jesus. We are Christians because God made certain death did not have the final say. We are Christians because we follow Jesus—not only on holidays, but every day of our lives.

Dear Friends, as Christians in this holy place, we are called to live as children of the resurrection, as new creations. We need not be like Simon Peter and John: afraid of the miracles God has in store for us.

Instead, we need to follow in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene who was called by name by Jesus and who then couldn't contain her joy as she spread the good news of Christ's resurrection.

On Easter morning, we celebrate, we dance, we sing, we laugh with joy because Christ is alive and death will never, never have the last word. This is the message that we share with our families, our neighbors, our co-workers, our enemies and beyond. This is the message of life and life abundant.

In a few moments we will be sharing in communion—Christ's holy meal. As we break the bread and share the cup, let us be nourished by Jesus Christ who heals us, loves us, accepts us, forgives us, and calls us his own.

Now THAT is something we need to go and tell the world! Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING SENTENCES: Because God has done the completely unexpected deed, because God has raised Jesus to eternal life, because God grants us the presence of the Risen Christ among us, our response is to sing alleluias of joy—offering ourselves fully to God. Let us offer ourselves to God through the generous and joyful sharing of our resources. Let us come before the Lord our God with our tithes and our offerings. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "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." The first system includes the lyrics "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;" and the second system includes "praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost." The score includes various chords and melodic lines for both voices.

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

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L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We bring our gifts to you in response to your good news, O God. Christ is risen indeed and abides in us still. May all that we do be in response to new life. As you accept who we are, O God, receive what we offer, and transform us to conform with your will. Extend your grace through us so that others hear of the salvation you bring. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION INVITATION

Leader: Jesus Christ gave everything so that we might live, and he is alive! Our Lord has risen from the grave, and in this meal, he shares eternal salvation with all. Come to this feast. Indulge in Christ's goodness for the sake of Jesus himself.

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

Loving Father, living God, it is right and appropriate and our joyful duty always and everywhere to give you thanks, especially today, when we greet our risen Lord. We praise you, God, for all that you have done for us in Christ. We praise you for his life through which he showed your love; for his victory over evil and his obedience which took him to the cross; for his triumph over death and for his coming to be our living Lord. We praise you for this bread and wine, through which we remember; through which our faith and

hope are renewed; through which we receive the power of your Spirit and share the fellowship of your undying love. Honor and glory and praise be to you, living God, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 24, there are three stories of Jesus appearing to his followers. In the middle story, Jesus joined two men walking on the road to Emmaus. Luke tells us that they did not recognize Jesus until he broke the bread at the meal that evening.

Today, we break the Bread that we might recognize the Risen Christ in our midst.

We also lift up the Cup of Salvation that we might experience new life in Christ.

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

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Bread: The Body of Christ, broken for you. Take and eat.

Cup: The Cup of Salvation. The Blood of Christ poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Take and drink.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Loving God, through your goodness we have received this Bread and Cup which the earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in all bread, that we might know your touch in all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer ourselves as gifts. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

698 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

C G C F Dm7 G Dm Fmaj7 G $\frac{Dm}{F}$

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

$\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{Am7}{E}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G7}{D}$ C F $\frac{Am}{D}$ Gsus G

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Dm7 $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{Dm7}{F}$ Dm7 $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C *Refrain* $\frac{Am}{G}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)

MUSIC: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter (1925-1980)

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F Dm G $\frac{F}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ G7 C $\frac{Dm7}{F}$ C

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

BENEDICTION

Leader: Chris is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Go now as risen people.

People: Alive in the spirit and way of Christ!

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: Christ has given us his peace. Let us share that peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

*You have turned mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.*

--Psalm 30:11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Roland and Sally Meckstroth by Sher, Jeff and Greg Meckstroth.

Participants-Daily Devotions-58, April 3-Sunday Worship Online-321, In Person-103, Sunday School-15, Teachers-5, Splash-10, Jr/Sr High-19, 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.

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!

St. Paul UCC Prayer Chain-I, Jeff Paul, will be the new leader of the prayer chain going forward. I encourage all members of St. Paul UCC to be involved in the prayer chain. For those interested please email or text me and let me know how you would prefer to receive the prayer requests (either email, text or both).

For those wanting to submit a prayer request, you may either email or text me with the details as you would like me to present them to the prayer chain. I will get your request out as soon as possible.

I'm looking forward to building this ministry of St. Paul.

Jeff Paul jrpaul@nktelco.net 419-305-0584 (cell phone)

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 4, 5, 6), Diaper Cream, Safety Q-Tips, Vaseline, Toothpaste, Razors, Shaving Cream, Feminine Hygiene Products, Kleenex, Manicure Items, Body Wash, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Garbage Bags, 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. **One date left-August 28.** 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. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

Calendar-Week of April 17, 2022

Sunday	7:30am	Easter Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Easter Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-New Bremen
	4:00pm-6:00pm	Open Table-Community Meal
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
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	All Day	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.

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

2022 Easter Flower Memorials

In Memory of John A. Ahlers by Marlene Ahlers

In Memory of Howard and Lorma Wiehe by Marlene Ahlers

In Memory of Loved Ones and a gift for Dee Schroer by Roger and Cheryl Barlage

In Memory of Linda Bushman by the Allen Bushman Family

In Memory of Greg Bushman by the Allen Bushman Family

In Memory of Loved Ones by the Dennis & Gert Bushman Family

In Memory of Ralph and Lavon Dicke by Larry and Dianne Dicke

In Memory of Don Dicke, Mike Dicke and Harry and Dorothy Ingram by Lois Dicke and Family

In Memory of Loved Ones by Burt and Jan Fiser

In Memory of Enola and Wilbur Greber by the Fortman Family

Sue Harrod (2 plants)

In Memory of Vic and Ginny Maurer and a gift for Pam Simon by Kim Hemmelgarn and Lori Winner

In Memory of Ron Hittepole and Andrea Hittepole by Marlene Hittepole

In Memory of Herbert Berning and Harry and Dorothy Ingram by Marlene Hittepole

In Memory of Stacy Lyn by Justine (Beard) Homan

In Memory of Don R. Miller, Rodney R. Miller and Ralph Plattner by Cheryl and Rick Homan

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rump and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller by Cheryl and Rick Homan

In Memory of Dick Hudson by Ann Hudson and Family

In Memory of James and Irene Jarvis by the David Jarvis Family

In Memory of Robert Finke by Staci and Gary Jones

In Memory of Tyler James Kuhn by Papa and Nana Kuhn

In Memory of William L. and Lance L. Lear by Kohneita Lear

In Memory of Erin Rammel by Kathy Manbeck and Cody, Katie, Ella and Kinley Manbeck

In Memory of Kenneth Henschen by Kathy Manbeck and Cody, Katie, Ella and Kinley Manbeck

In Memory of Roland and Sally Meckstroth by Sher, Jeff and Greg Meckstroth

A Gift for Julia Mullins by Ragan Miller

In Memory of Don and Clara Greiwe, James Nelson and Leander Puthoff by Dennis and Ann Nelson

In Memory of Loved Ones by Cindy and Jerry Newman

In Memory of Jacqui Broerman by June Oaks

In Memory of Levi Oaks by June Oaks

In Memory of Dorothy and Stan Hertenstein by June Oaks

In Memory of Don R. and Rodney R. Miller and Ralph Plattner by Bev Plattner

In Memory of Jesse & Verona Miller and Verdella Schaefer and a gift for Dale Schaefer by Bev Plattner

In Memory of Raymon, Anna, Eugene, and Richard Plattner and a gift for Betty Plattner by Bev Plattner

In Memory of Edgar, Vilma Edward E. and Mamie Rump by Bev Plattner

In Memory of Janice Schroer by the Lloyd Schroer Family

In Memory of Clarence and Esther Schroer by the Lloyd Schroer Family

A Gift for Becky Erb Strang by Gene and Ellen Topp

A Gift for Barb Holdren by Gene and Ellen Topp

In Memory of Loved Ones by Mark and Paula Topp

In Memory of Robert Wilson by Carol Wilson and Family

Our sincere appreciation to those purchasing Easter Flowers to beautify our sanctuary this wonderful Easter Day! Donors may take their plants at the conclusion of the 10:30am worship service. Thank you!!