

August 8, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ and thank you for your love of God and neighbors!

We are a congregation who puts our faith into action. During the month of August, you will have the opportunity to complete a Time & Talent form, offering you new ways to serve God through St. Paul Church. This form is available in this week's bulletin. You can also complete this form online through the St. Paul website or via the link found in your bulletin. You will hear more about this during the weeks to come.

After serving as our Lay Minister of Visitation for over a decade, Anna Louise Hoelscher retired at the beginning of this year. We are now accepting applications for this part-time staff position.

The Lay Minister of Visitation is responsible for the communication/visitation with homebound, nursing home, and recuperating members of St. Paul United Church of Christ approximately six hours per week. If the qualified candidate is a nurse, this position will be called Parish Nurse. The Parish Nurse position will include creating health-related workshops and possibly offer after-worship blood pressure screenings. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter to Pastor Becky as Head of Staff. Application deadline is Thursday, August 18. Questions? See Pastor Becky

Church Council is beginning to look toward 2023. We are seeking volunteers to serve next year as:

**Council Vice President Junior Elder
Trustee**

Please see Roland Dicke or Myra Hanenkratt if you would like to serve on Council in 2023.

You will notice in the financials section of this packet that we are currently around \$8,300 behind in income versus expenses. Summertime is typically a slower month for St. Paul Church in terms of giving. However, if you are able, we encourage you to bring your giving up-to-date or consider an extra gift for our many ministries and missions. Thank you for your generosity!

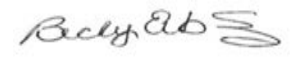
May you experience the blessing of the Risen Christ this week!

Blessings,

Roland Dicke
Council President

Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of August 8, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$3,298.00 (weekly)
Endowment Trans \$14,000.00(ytd)
Income \$189,388.91(ytd)
Expenses \$197,702.44(ytd)
Balance **(\$8,313.53)**(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$39,296.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. **(\$6,220.54)**(ytd)
Expenses \$13,967.63(ytd)
Balance \$52,756.92(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$6,478.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$17,907.20(ytd)
Expenses \$16,304.79(ytd)
Balance \$13,821.23(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$8,715.00(ytd)
Expenses \$9,270.64(ytd)
Balance \$28,605.48(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$757.50(weekly)
Income \$14,927.00(ytd)



Through baptism you have been raised with Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Wisdom makes sense
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-11	New life in Christ
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:3-12	A reason for hope
Thursday	Job 42:1-9	Job is humbled
Friday	Colossians 3:12-17	Christ gives meaning to your life
Saturday	Psalms 29:1-12	Don't depend on wealth
Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:2-3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the gift of baptism that frees me to live my life for others and for the glory of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you for this food and for mouths to eat, help us to serve you with our hands and our feet. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God clothe you with a new life in Christ. (Colossians 3:4, 10)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What accomplishments of yours would you like others to know about?
- Why is it that for some people successes in life never seem to be enough?
- Is there comfort in knowing that your real identity is hidden from the world until Christ is revealed in glory? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Colossians 3:1-11.

This passage begins with baptismal imagery (“you have been raised with Christ”) that had already been established in verse 2:12: “When you were buried with him in baptism, you were already raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.” It is important to see the baptismal life in chapter three not as a rejection of bodily, earthly things, but affirming the higher calling in this daily life. In baptism we put to death—repent of—the sin that dwells within and among us (vv. 5-9). We are freed from looking for personal glory (v. 3) to care for others in a way that sees all as united in Christ whether “Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free” (v. 11). What a gift of life: in baptism we are freed from focusing on ourselves—from looking for personal recognition in life—so that the whole body can be served with love. Our lives are hidden in Christ yet also visible as a people united in Christ. Therefore, your life is freed from sin so that you are able to serve others. In what ways do you feel freed in Christ to serve others?

Pray: **Gracious Lord Jesus, thank you for freeing me from the need for personal recognition so that I can recognize the need of others. Amen.**

SERVICE



In Luke 12:12-21 we find the parable of the rich fool. “Rich toward God” (v. 21) means we are to be generous with the treasures we have and not keep everything for ourselves. The theme of this reading is, “Don’t be greedy, give to the needy!” Begin a tradition of giving up some of the money you might spend going out to eat or to a movie and save it to give to a charity at the end of the year.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalms 49:1-12 discusses the folly of trusting in riches as eventually we leave our wealth to others whether we want to or not. Sharing with others our time, talents, treasures, and caring is a Christian tradition. Learning to give to others begins in the home. Place grapes or cookies in a bowl. How many would you need to be satisfied? The foolish rich man would want them all! How about you? Think this week about how you nurture an atmosphere of sharing and giving in your home.

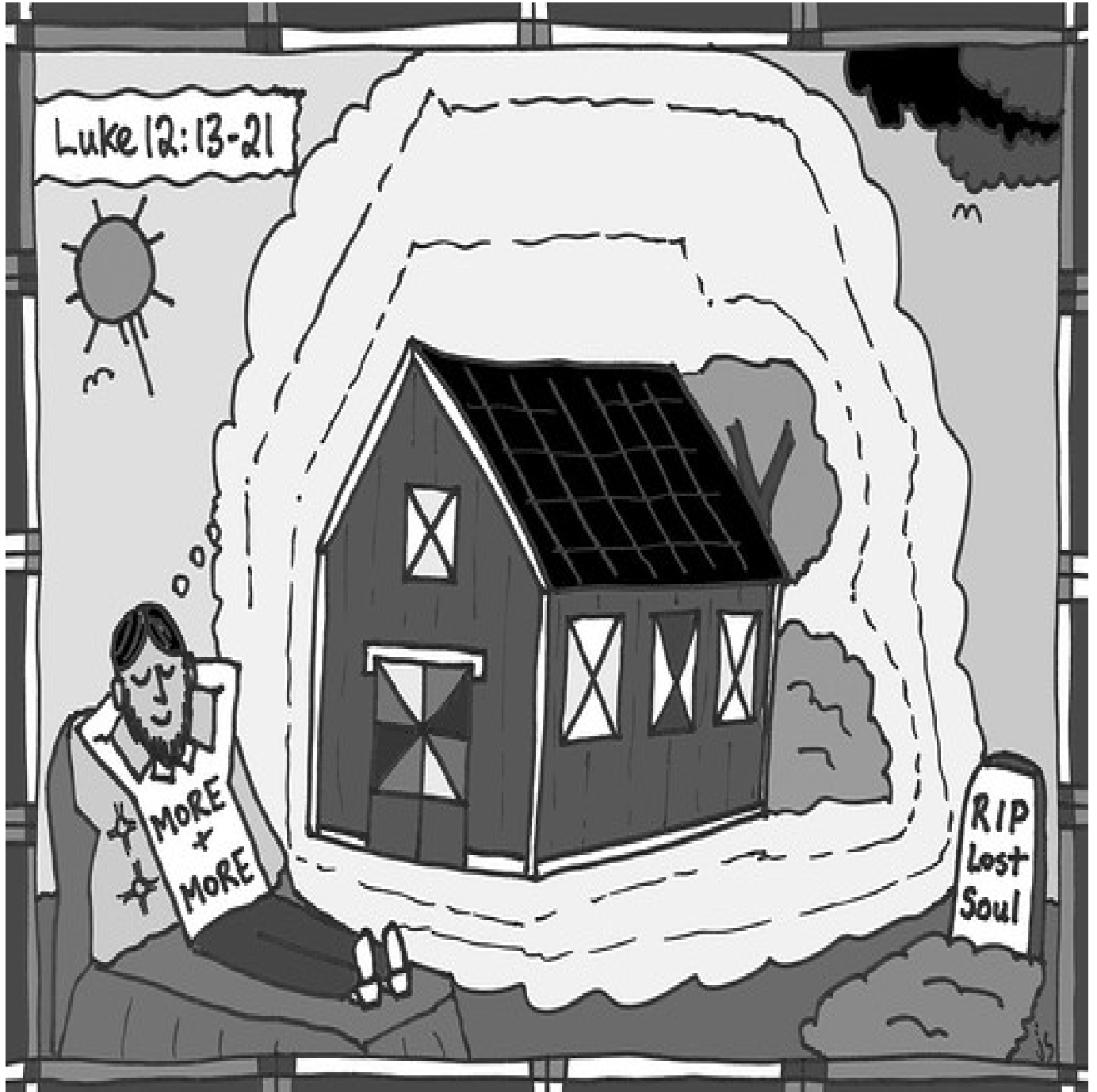


In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

Luke 12:13-21



RIP
Lost
Soul



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Rev. Becky Erb Strang-Senior Pastor

Roland Dicke-Council President

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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, we welcome you to this service of worship. We hope that you will find it meaningful.

August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Elyssa Mullins

Arianne Henry

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

SALT Intern

Accompanist

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

RAIN COME DOWN: SIGN LANGUAGE *And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. (Luke 7:22)* During the pandemic, Pastor Becky gathered a handful of children to teach sign language songs so that they might assist in worship leadership on Sunday mornings. With those small beginnings, Becky now teaches the entire Sunday school sign language as a way to build bridges with those who are hard of hearing and to offer the opportunity for children to be worship leaders.

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: Gracious God, help us find faith.

People: And let faith find us!

Leader: O God, we pray for vision and discernment in our spiritual walk with you.

People: Give us the wisdom to employ our gifts for good and give us the faith to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Amen!

People: Let us worship God!

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 61

B \flat $\frac{F7sus}{C}$ $\frac{F7}{C}$ $\frac{F7}{A}$ F7 B \flat 2 B \flat E \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{F7}{C}$ B \flat G7 C C7 F

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner and more grac-es for the good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
 4 If our love were but more sim-ple, we would take him at his word,

F7 B \flat $\frac{F7}{A}$ F7 B \flat Gm $\frac{E\flat m}{G\flat}$ $\frac{B\flat}{F}$ $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ Gm E \flat Fsus F F7 B \flat

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée (1858-1913)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, make us a congregation willing to step out in faith and assist those who need our help. We confess that as your people we often grope awkwardly for words to offer comfort, support and hope to others. Give us the courage to open our arms and surround others with compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Inspire in us a community of Jesus that embraces unity rather than division; humility rather than pride—all in the faith of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The Lord has put within our hearts a Spirit of truth, faith, and holiness. Embrace that Spirit as God's forgiven and redeemed people. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Joy in the Risen Christ!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Janet Eilerman, Karen Fox, Kay Makley, Lois Dicke, Rob Paul, Ethel Mesloh, Donald Mohrman, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER. PERSONAL PRAYER. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader: Let us pray. Confident in your abundant grace, we pray for the church, for our community, for the world, and for all those in need.

SILENCE

Leader: God of all, so many came to your son, Jesus, for wisdom, healing and hope. Many responded with grace and gratitude. Others responded with fear or apathy. Help us to turn our faces toward you with humility and thankfulness for all you have done and continue to do. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Often creation itself groans under the burden of brokenness, some caused by humanity, some by natural disasters. Give us hands to mend the wounds of this planet, and the eyes to see where our actions hurt or where they heal. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant our world's leaders wisdom to lead with justice, courage, humility, gratitude, and mercy, ever lifting up the needs of those who cannot speak or act for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, pour healing upon all who are in need today, all who suffer from illness, grief, poverty, addiction, despair, isolation, abuse, neglect, or any other form of suffering. Challenge us to offer your healing love in our hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let every voice be heard from every station, position, hierarchy, caste, or class. Level the playing field so that no one suffers at the hands of another. Make greed a thing of the past that we might move into your kingdom on earth with abundant generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Grateful for your everlasting faithfulness, we lift our hearts and our prayers to you, merciful God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

All: 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: Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

In worship, instead of reading the lesson we will be watching this video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyvPLjfBXEU>

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?”¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly.¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

SUNG RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

Music: William B. Bradbury

Words: Anna B. Warner, Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Jesus loves me, this I know:

For his stories tell me so.

Parables to him belong

Turned upside down, he can’t go wrong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes Jesus loves me: his stories tell me so.

This is a true story.

Once upon a time there was a church camp that ran well—very well—on a tight budget. The camp was only open in the summer time and was run entirely by volunteers—good church folk who would give of their time, talent, and dollars to organize, publicize, and run the camp—from cooks & counselors to life guards & grounds keepers. The camp was much loved because everyone felt a part of the camping community.

Now this camp had a fair amount of acreage, so volunteers would bring their lawn mowers in the back of pick-up trucks and trailers to cut the grass. After years of doing things this way, it was decided that funds should be raised to purchase a riding mower so volunteers would not need to lug their equipment to and fro each week.

The mower was purchased and the problems began as the people asked, “Where would the mower be stored?” A shed was built on the campgrounds to keep the mower and its accessories. A lock was purchased to keep burglars at bay. Then the people asked, “But how can we know our lawn mower is really secure?” So, they hired a caretaker—one who would keep track of both the lawn AND the lawn mower. Then the people said, “It would be so much easier (and safer) if the caretaker lived on-site.” So, the people built a house—a wonderful brick ranch home in which a caretaker would live.

What began as a simple outreach project—a way for children to grow in God through church camp experiences—turned into a high-maintenance year-round financial burden for all involved. The joy had been drained. What began as a fairy tale “once upon a time” did not end with “happily ever after.”

In today’s gospel lesson Jesus tells a parable to the man in the crowd who wanted a share of the family inheritance. Jesus, refusing to get involved with the politics of greed, sidestepped the man’s request and told his own story: a parable that gets to the heart of the matter: that **far too often**, we make the STUFF of our lives matter **far too much**. We stockpile our stuff; we hoard our stuff; and we build and rent storage units for our stuff—certain that our lives will be given greater value because of the stuff we surround ourselves with.

It might be easy to see Jesus' parable of the rich farmer as a metaphor for the uber-rich of our nation. But truly, this story is meant to hold up a mirror to our OWN lives—calling each of us to account within our culture of greed. Truly, life is not a contest to see who has the most toys at the end of the day. For most certainly, we in the United States have more toys (and electronics, and clothes, and food, and cars, and books, and stuff and stuff and stuff) than most of the rest of the world.

The mirror Jesus holds up to our lives is not meant to condemn us, but to teach us. Jesus takes a request spoken out of greed and turns it into a teachable moment—that by looking into Jesus' mirror, we might ALL be transformed.

If we read and spoke Greek, we would immediately catch the intentional play on words between “merry” and “fool.” The rich man planned to rest upon his riches and be merry, but was merely a fool.

When the mirror is held up we, too, are forced to ask if our own greed-filled merriment has become folly. We must ask: what IS at the root of our foolishness? What was the source of the rich farmer's folly? Biblical scholars tell us that Jesus' rich man was foolish in layers upon layers.

First, the rich farmer in Jesus' parable was preoccupied with his possessions. When reading the parable carefully, you get no sense of family or friends in the man's life—only his stuff. What's more, there is no indication from the farmer that he needed anyone in his life—that by storing up his riches, he could take care of himself just fine, thank-you-very-much. It never even occurred to him to SHARE his abundant harvest with anyone besides himself. Pleasure: eating, drinking and being merry were his highest good.

But, the foolishness of the rich farmer also has theological implications. By claiming the harvest entirely as his own, the man failed to acknowledge the Creator and Source of all life. God—our loving Creator—was the source of the abundant harvest in the parable and is the source of our harvests today.

Digging even deeper, because there was no acknowledgement of God in the man's life, he did not fulfill Old Testament Law—a law requiring that he offer back to God a goodly portion of his harvest in thanksgiving and praise for life itself. Whether his harvest had been measly and pitiful or delightfully abundant, God is still God—the source of all life. Instead of

sharing his bounty with others, he stored it away—probably with heavy padlocks to keep the “those people” away from his goods.

When Jesus tells the parable, he shifts the focus of the man’s inquiry about his inheritance. Life, says Jesus, isn’t found in how much stuff we accumulate, but in how we choose to live. No matter the amount of our harvest, we ARE richly blessed indeed. We have food, clothing, shelter, support of a faith community, and privileges beyond the imagination of most.

What Jesus seems to be telling the man who wanted his brother’s inheritance (and what Jesus seems to be telling each of us) is that we each need to choose whom we will serve: the frantic-paced, stuff-acquiring culture that blares its continual commercials into our senses OR God: who calls us to a life of service and love. Wealth is not about loads of grain in our storage barns, but in richness toward God. The wealth we choose, the life we lead, is a choice we are called to make each and every day of our lives.

Jesus’ parable of the rich farmer pushes each of us to choose that which we serve, that which we worship. Will we be rich in the ways of the world or will we be rich in God’s love?

When I was a child, I was an avid reader of Laura Ingalls Wilder’s “Little House” books, set in the mid-to-late 1800’s. In her first novel, Little House in the Big Woods, young Laura and her older sister Mary were sometimes allowed to walk down the road to the neighboring farm to visit a woman who did not have children of her own. Now Mary and Laura loved their visits with this woman—partially for the company and partially for the homemade cookie she handed each girl for their walk home.

Mary and Laura would always walk home slowly—nibbling their cookies, savoring the flavor. Resources were scarce enough in their own home, making cookies a rarity, so the sisters always rejoiced in this delicious blessing.

Laura and Mary would each carefully eat half of her own cookie—saving the other half for their baby sister, Carrie, who stayed home. Then, when they arrived at home, they gave Carrie the two halves of their cookies. Mary and Laura understood that meant that Carrie was getting a WHOLE cookie versus their HALF a cookie, but the sisters weren’t too

worried. What mattered most is that this delicious gift was shared joyously and generously.

My friends: we have been given much more than a single cookie—our cookie jar overflows. Let us share what we have—for indeed it comes from God who blesses us and calls us to lives of service and love. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR THITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SENTENCES: Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Let us give generously and joyfully.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.'

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

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

O God, despite all the distractions, we cannot avoid giving witness to the gospel. Your good news is a fire within us that cannot be put out. Use these gifts to strengthen the fainthearted and support the weak. We commit ourselves anew to strive for peace with all people. Amen.

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: The love of God, the Father, the faithful Creator, the peace of Christ, the wounded Healer, the joy of the Mother Spirit, the hope of the Three in One, surround you and encourage you today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 95. It consists of four staves of music in the key of F major. The lyrics are: "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." The chords are: 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: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Loved Ones by Karl & Ethel Mesloh.

Participants-Daily Devotions-44, July 31-Sunday Worship Online-125, In Person-50.

Sundays in August-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

SATURDAY WORSHIP-SEPTEMBER 3RD, 5:00pm Beginning in September running through December, we will be worshipping the first Saturday of the month. Communion will be observed.

Fall Kick-Off: September 11-Fall worship and programming kicks off on Sunday, September 11. On that morning, Sunday School for children through 5th grade will meet at 9:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir will sing during worship and children (3 year olds, 1st grade students, 4th grade students) will receive their Bibles. There will be a cookie reception following worship. That Wednesday, September 14, our youth programming begins with Splash (grades 3-5) at 5:30, dinner for all ages of youth at 6:30 then Junior/Senior High Youth Group and Confirmation from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Confirmation for 8th grade and older students begins Wednesday, September 14. A Confirmation Orientation Meeting will take place Sunday, August 14 at 11:30am. Letters have gone out to the 8th graders inviting them to join confirmation. If you have an 8th grader who didn't receive a letter or older student who would like to join confirmation, please join us at orientation or contact the church office. Thank you.

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. They will be saved to our Facebook page.

Seeking: Daily Devotions Leaders-St. Paul Church began providing Daily Devotions via Facebook Live in March of 2020. Pastors Dee and Becky led Devotions for 18 months. Jenn Snider then took the helm and led for 9 months. This summer, our SALT interns have led devotions. Now that Elyssa and Eli are heading back to college, we are seeking a whole host of individuals/families willing to lead devotions for one week only (four days' worth). You can use your own devotional material, material in our church library, or the Upper Room. Volunteers have the option of recording Devotions "Live" at 11:30 Monday through Thursday in our Chapel OR prerecording Devotions and sending them to the church office for us to upload onto Facebook. Pastor Becky has a weekly schedule for Devotions leadership through February. If you feel led to take a week, please contact her. Thank you!

Open Position Announcement: Lay Ministry of Visitation OR Parish Nurse-After serving as our Lay Minister of Visitation for over a decade, Anna Louise Hoelscher retired at the beginning of this year. We are now accepting applications for this part-time staff position.

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Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

St. Paul Community Garden! St. Paul's Community Garden is thriving! Many thanks to the volunteers who keep the Garden watered. Please stop by the garden to take some produce home!

August Book Club Update- Hello Book Lovers! Due to scheduling, the August Book Club (reading The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede) is now scheduled for Sunday, September 18 following worship in the Zoom Room. This book is about how one small community in Newfoundland became heroes for stranded travelers in a time of chaos and confusion during the 9/11 tragedy. If you are interested in reading stories about the kindness of strangers, please join us by grabbing a copy of the book off the table by the church office. This event will be available in person and via Zoom. Questions? Contact Cami Flenar at imac01@hotmail.com or through Facebook. We hope you can join us! Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88906786890?pwd=UGZIR3hQNFFxRENIZjI5NWwhNYU9CZz09> **Meeting ID: 889 0678 6890** **Passcode: 637129**

Monthly Mission-Blessing Pantry St. Paul Church's Blessing Pantry is indeed a blessing to many individuals and families in our village and the wider area. Open three times a week, we care for 30+ families per month, providing food, toiletries, cleaning supplies and diapers. Beth Bretz is our Pantry Champion who works with a large team of volunteers to keep the Pantry stocked and welcoming. During the month of August, your donations to the Monthly Mission will go toward providing for the needs of our friends and neighbors in need. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

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-Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Razors, Feminine Hygiene Products, Q-tips, Diapers (sizes N, 5, 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Garbage Bags.** We can always use Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Pull Ups. **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Disaster Relief Bucket-For those of you who have filled a disaster relief bucket, please return them soon. We will then be able to take them to the association office in Tiffin. If you would like to fill a second bucket, the association will pay you \$75.00 to do so. This money will come from the Disaster Relief Fund at the association office. There are still buckets to be used for this purpose in the front of the church, where the choir sits. Thanks, The Mission Team

AGAPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

Items Needed to Re-stock the Food Pantry

Chicken & Beef Broth	<u>BREAKFAST ITEMS</u>
Diced Tomatoes	Pancake Mix
Scalloped Box Potatoes	Waffle Mix
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Cereal
Pork & Beans	Fruit Bars
Sloppy Joe Sauce	<u>BAKING ITEMS</u>
Egg Noodles	Sugar & Flour
Macaroni & Cheese	Oil & Vinegar
Can Peaches	<u>CONDIMENTS</u>
Spaghetti Sauce	(NO KETCHUP NEEDED)
Hamburger Helper	BBQ Sauce, Pickles
Taco Kits & Salsa	Mustard, Mayonnaise
	Salad Dressing

Personal Care

- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Feminine Products (Maxi, liners, and regular)
- Diapers (Sizes 5 & 6 Needed Most)
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Shampoo

September/October 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.

Wanted: 4'x4' remnant of linoleum/vinyl flooring. The Kitchen Clean-Up Champions are seeking a remnant of flooring that can go under one of the sinks. If you have some to donate, please see Larry or Ann Kuhn.

Social Media Safety Presentation-New Bremen Local School is asking for the support of the community in educating our children on the importance of social media safety. The district is sponsoring presentations this fall for both parents and students in grades 4-12. For over a decade Robert Hackenson Jr. has been the leading youth speaker on social media safety. He has delivered hundreds of presentations to elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, parent education nights, and colleges in 33 states across the nation.

On Wednesday evening, August 31st, Mr. Hackenson will present to parents at 6:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. This presentation breaks down all of the serious issues children face with the rapid growth of technology and social media. **During this presentation you can see all of the information that your child will receive PLUS additional information just for parents**, including realistic tips, tricks, and resources to help you help your child use this technology responsibly.

Then on Thursday, September 1st, Mr. Hackenson will present to students during the school day on the latest trends in technology, cyber safety, and how to use social media responsibly. The district is excited to sponsor these presentations and looks forward to seeing parents on August 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Calendar-Week of August 14, 2022

Sunday	10:15am	Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Confirmation Meeting
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop @ NB Coffee
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	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.

Time and Talents. We are each called to ministries of service and love. One way we fulfill this calling is through service to God through St. Paul Church. The Discipleship Team invites you to complete either this hard-copy form (return to the church office) or the online form(on our website, stpaulnb.org, blue button, upper right hand corner marked time and talent, or by using the following link, <https://forms.gle/TS6iU3gdejDv4fy9>) during the month of August. Together, we continue to serve God through St. Paul Church as we seek to Love God & Love Neighbors.

Time and Talents

Please fill out this form to offer your time, as well as your talents, to serve our faith community.

Projects that you would be willing to help by providing your talents (Circle all that apply)

- General Landscaping/Property Maintenance
- Cooking/Baking
- Ushering at Worship
- Delivering Home Communion Elements
- Liturgist
- Taking church recycling to the recycling center.
- Sunday School Teacher
- Youth Leader
- Bulletin Packet Stuffer
- Participate in Bell Choir
- Participate in Chancel Choir
- Accompany Pastor Becky on home visits.
- Provide Rides
- Lead Online Daily Devotions
- Craft Baptismal Doll
- Other: _____

Champion slots that need filled.

- Trunk or Treat
- Christmas Caroling
- Funeral Luncheon
- Nursery Coordinator
- Bible Study
- Community Meal

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____