

August 22, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

In our extended Pentecost Season, we celebrate the Holy Spirit's power in our lives!

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 both as a hardcopy in this packet and online through the St. Paul website. (stpaulnb.org). You will hear more about this during the weeks to come.

St. Paul is beginning to pivot to autumn programming. We will offer worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, September 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel in addition to the regular Sunday worship time. Sunday School begins on September 11 at 9:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir will sing in worship that day. A fellowship reception will follow worship on the 11th. Youth programs start on Wednesday September 14.

Due to a generous donation, the light fixtures/ceiling fans will soon be replaced in the Chapel and Assembly Room. If you would like either the old light fixtures or the fans for your own use, please contact Roland Dicke.

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.

At the August Church Council meeting, Council voted to replace the parsonage upstairs air conditioning unit and furnace. **The cost for these items is \$9940.00.** We have approximately \$2000.00 raised for this project. Council invites you to give generously to the Project of the Year to complete this project. Thank you!

Due to a computer glitch, we do not have a complete financial update for this week (no giving numbers), but last week we were behind in

giving by over \$10,000. A Kick-Off Stewardship letter will be arriving at your home soon. We encourage you to give a special financial gift to the ministries of St. Paul Church. Thank you for your generosity!

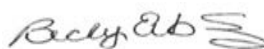
May you experience the blessing of the Risen Christ this week!

Blessings,

Roland Dicke
Council President

Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of August 22, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$0.00 (weekly)
Endowment Trans \$15,200.00(ytd)
Income \$195,468.39(ytd)
Expenses \$206,423.62(ytd)
Balance **(\$10,955.23)**(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$39,940.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. **(\$4,014.50)**(ytd)
Expenses \$17,548.28(ytd)
Balance \$52,026.31(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$6,502.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$18,029.70(ytd)
Expenses \$16,814.67(ytd)
Balance \$13,433.85(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$8,960.00(ytd)
Expenses \$10,681.20(ytd)
Balance \$27,439.92(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$0.00(weekly)
Income \$15,096.50(ytd)



The Holy Spirit gives us our life in Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower and seed
Monday	Leviticus 26:3-20	A rich and poor harvest
Tuesday	Romans 8:1-11	Living by the Spirit
Wednesday	John 5:24-29	Hearing Jesus' words
Thursday	Hebrews 4:12-13	The word of God is active
Friday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people will celebrate
Saturday	Psalms 65	God answers prayer
Sunday	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Parable of the weeds

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The Holy Spirit will give you life that comes from Christ Jesus and will set you free from sin and death. **Romans 8:2 (CEV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Come Holy Spirit, give us our life in Christ. Make us like seeds that fall on good soil. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

From soil and seed you give us food to chew. May we grow up your works to do. Our praise and thanks we give to you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's word take root in your heart. May the Holy Spirit set you free with life in Christ, and fill you with peace and joy.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Is there something you would like to be freed from doing? Explain.
- Christ sets us free. What do you want to be set free from? What do you want to be set free to do in life?
- In Romans 8, life in Christ given to us through the Holy Spirit sets us free from sin and death. What does it mean to be set free from the power of sin and death?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Isaiah 55:10-13.

Just as the rain and snow water the earth to produce food, God's word accomplishes what it promises to do in our lives. All of us are tempted to wonder at times if God's Spirit is alive in us or not. This passage promises to accomplish in us more than we could want or hope (Ephesians 3:20-21). Consider the times you have worried about not living as God's good soil (Matthew 13:23) then use the words of Isaiah 55:10-13 as a prayer of thanksgiving for making your life the good soil that receives life in Christ as a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE



Enjoy some time working in the soil. Work with soil in pots or planters or in your garden or yard. You may volunteer some time to assist a neighbor or someone in your community to work in their garden or yard.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Find the words and music to the hymn *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* on the internet or in a hymnal. Read Matthew 13:1-23 and then sing or pray the words of the hymn. Reflect on how our lives of faith are dependent on the power of God's word.



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



**MAKE THE MOST
OF YOUR TALENTS**

LUKE 19:11-27

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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 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Dr. Jeff Paul

Arianne Henry

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

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: Funerals *If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:8)* In the United Church of Christ, funerals are called Celebration of Life for one who has died. At St Paul Church, whenever someone dies, we celebrate his/her life and that they have joined the communion of saints.

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

J=120

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 120. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the". The second staff continues the lyrics: "jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter". The third staff continues: "who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the". The fourth staff concludes with: "jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace." Above the final two measures of the fourth staff are the directions "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

Chords: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, F, Dm, Gm7, C, C, F, F7.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Searching for Shalom by Ann Weems)

Leader: God is the Question with whom we contend throughout our lives.

People: God is the One standing there in the closing of doors and the opening of windows.

Leader: God is the Surprising Voice that calls in the jaggedness of life.

People: God is the Hand that keeps the world from snuffing out the stars.

Leader: God is the Poem that begins and ends in a circle.

People: God is the Circle that neither begins nor ends. Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

68 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

praise his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

(from Searching for Shalom by Ann Weems)

O God, we confess that we forget who we are. We don't listen for your still small voice. We walk with our heads down and miss all the stars that could be ours. But we know, O God, that you are a God of Hope who does not forget your covenant with us. You are a Shepherd-God who looks for lost sheep. You are a faithful God who keeps calling us in spite of our deafness. You are our God who enters our history, opens our eyes, and heals our blindness. O God, accept us as your stewards and send us out in the hope of your love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

734

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in E-flat major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The second system covers 'Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is'. The third system covers 'now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.' The score includes various chords such as Eb, Bb7sus, Bb7, Eb, Bb/D, Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Eb6, Bb/F, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Bb7, Eb, Eb, Bb, Ab, Eb, G, Fm7/Ab, Eb, Bb, Gm/Bb, Bb7, and Eb. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: For the gifts of service we share joyfully with others.

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, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Let us pray. Holy and Gracious God, we thank you that you have brought us together as the Body of Christ—in person and online. For whether we are gathered or scattered, we find our unity in you. Lead us into such unity of purpose that we may receive the power that comes from the Holy Spirit: power that comes not in the form of violence and destruction, but power that comes through reconciliation, healing and hope. SILENCE

Gentle God, we live in a modern Babel where words are used to conceal meaning rather than make it plain. Lead the peoples of the world into such a love of truth that nation may speak with nation, not seeking to confuse but to understand and be understood. Help, we pray, nations to build trust in such a way that a truly international community may be born. SILENCE

Creator God you give to each of us the capacity to dream dreams and to see visions, but because we exalt ourselves and our desires to the place that is yours alone, our visions are visions of horror and our dreams have become nightmares. Raise up artists and prophets among us with the will and the ability to inspire and cleanse our society, to set hearts aflame and turn our spirits to your heights. SILENCE

Comforting God, we pray for the lonely, the sick, the sad, the bereaved and all who suffer or are ill at ease. We claim for them the gift of your peace, that their troubled hearts may be set at rest and their fears banished. SILENCE

Listening God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, yet we know that your Spirit intercedes for us, offering us the gift of prayer. Hear us now as we lift up to you that which is upon our hearts. We also ask you

to silence our busy minds that we might hear your still-speaking voice for us this day. SILENCE

Thank you, O God! We thank you for hearing our prayers, for granting us this day we have been given to praise your name and for coming to us in Jesus. It is his prayer we pray together.

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 19:11-27 (The Message)

While Jesus had their attention, and because they were getting close to Jerusalem by this time and expectation was building that God's kingdom would appear any minute, he told this story:

¹²⁻¹³ "There was once a man descended from a royal house who needed to make a long trip back to headquarters to get authorization for his rule and then return. But first he called ten servants together, gave them each a sum of money, and instructed them, 'Operate with this until I return.'

¹⁴ "But the citizens there hated him. So they sent a commission with a signed petition to oppose his rule: 'We don't want this man to rule us.'

¹⁵ "When he came back bringing the authorization of his rule, he called those ten servants to whom he had given the money to find out how they had done.

¹⁶ "The first said, 'Master, I doubled your money.'

¹⁷ "He said, 'Good servant! Great work! Because you've been trustworthy in this small job, I'm making you governor of ten towns.'

¹⁸ "The second said, 'Master, I made a fifty percent profit on your money.'

¹⁹ "He said, 'I'm putting you in charge of five towns.'

²⁰⁻²¹ "The next servant said, 'Master, here's your money safe and sound. I kept it hidden in the cellar. To tell you the truth, I was a little afraid. I know you have high standards and hate sloppiness, and don't suffer fools gladly.'

²²⁻²³ *“He said, ‘You’re right that I don’t suffer fools gladly—and you’ve acted the fool! Why didn’t you at least invest the money in securities so I would have gotten a little interest on it?’*

²⁴ *“Then he said to those standing there, ‘Take the money from him and give it to the servant who doubled my stake.’*

²⁵ *“They said, ‘But Master, he already has double . . .’*

²⁶ *“Jesus said, ‘That’s what I mean: Risk your life and get more than you ever dreamed of. Play it safe and end up holding the bag.*

²⁷ *“As for these enemies of mine who petitioned against my rule, clear them out of here. I don’t want to see their faces around here again.”*

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.

SERMON

Sam Simon with Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Becky: Throughout this summer, we have explored Jesus’ parables. Many of them (most of them!) give glimpses of God’s Kingdom—a Kingdom we can experience here on earth. Kingdom-building is our sacred calling as Christians. We are tasked by Jesus to help bring God’s Kingdom to those who are on the edges: the hungry, the hurting, the grieving, the lost. Today’s parable reminds us that Kingdom-building is always risky: pushing beyond our comfort zones and into a life that requires complete trust in God through Jesus.

Sam Simon is a man who places his trust in God. He preached for us last summer and I’ve invited him to share the good news with us again. The format for today’s sermon will be questions and answers. I encourage

you to listen closely as Sam shares with us his vision for the Kingdom of Heaven here and now.

Becky: Sam, what does the Kingdom of God/the Kingdom of Heaven look like to you?

Sam: When I'm happy with my aide, my family. I'm happy doing good. I'm happy with my aunts Lori and Kim and they are happy because I am doing good. I have opened my eyes.

Becky: The king in today's Bible story gave his servants responsibilities over some of his money. What are some responsibilities you have?

Sam: Cleaning my apartment. Listening to my aide and aunts. Being more independent.

Becky: When do you know you have done a good job?

Sam: I do a good job when I listen to my aide and my aunts.

Becky: Some of the servants in Jesus' parable took big risks—and those risks came with big rewards. What big risk have you taken in your life? How did it turn out?

Sam: Moving out of my mom's house. I wondered, "Who would help me out?" It turned out good. I thank God that I moved out. I grew. My sister now asks me to help out.

Becky: How do you show God how much you love and trust him?

Sam: God asks me to open my eyes to see what I've got.

Becky: What words of hope do you have for the people of St. Paul Church?

Sam: Go outside. Look around. See the grass, animals and flowers. Think about everyone else: your family, your friends. Go to a neighbor's house.

Becky: Sam—thank you for sharing. Friends—did you hear what Sam Simon had to say to us? The Kingdom of God/the Kingdom of Heaven is a place of happiness and joy. Like Sam, I challenge you to seek happiness and joy in your life.

Sam also challenges us to take responsibility for our lives and our decisions—to be unafraid to take risks. Kingdom-building: working as a faith community to bring God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, is risky. It requires stepping up to new responsibilities. It means opening our

eyes to see those around us who need God's love and grace. It means turning our prayers into action—not praying that someone else take care of the world's problems, but actively working to bring peace and joy in this corner of the world.

Seek happiness and joy. Take responsibility for what needs done in your life and in the community. Open your eyes and look around. Soak in the beauty of God's creation. Appreciate and love your family. Live in a way that your happiness and joy are shared with others. Amen.

INTERACTIVE/RESPONSIVE HYMN *This Is the Day*

This Is the Day

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Unison

Chords: Eb, F₂, Fm, Bb7, Fm7/C, Bb7/D, Eb₂, Eb, Ab₆/Bb, Eb, Db/F, Eb7/G, Ab, Bb9, Eb, G7/D, Cm, Ab, Bb9, Eb, Eb/Bb, Bb7sus, Bb7, Eb, Cm, Gm/Bb, Abmaj7, Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb, Eb.

Lyrics: This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR THITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SENTENCES: Like the people of Israel long ago, the children of God long for freedom in every age. We long for freedom from injustice and brokenness; we long for freedom from everything that holds us back from God and the new life God promises. That is what the ministry of St. Paul is about: walking with God on our long journey, remembering God's goodness each step of the way, feeling God's presence with us. Let us give with a sense of humility and generosity. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. 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."

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

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Loving God, the eyes of all look to you. Open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Accept and bless our open and bountiful hands as we share with all your creation food for the hungry and drink for those who thirst. Amen.

How Can I Keep from Singing? 424

F B \flat F C

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

F B \flat F C7 F

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

Refrain F C7/F F C Dm C F C F

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

F B \flat F Dm C7 E/C C7 F

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

BENEDICTION: May we live the Mystery, and love the Mystery, and be caught up and hold secure in the Mystery, whose wisdom exceeds all human knowledge, whose ways surpass all understanding, whose blessing fulfills our every hope, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

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

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

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

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pass the Peace of Christ to one another!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of our dads, Johann Klein Jr. and Steven Vornholt by Don and Deb Klein.

Participants-Daily Devotions-76, August 14-Sunday Worship Online-199, In Person-52.

Sundays in August and September-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!

Eagle Scout Project Dedication: September 18 at 2:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m., you are invited to the St. Paul Community Playground as we dedicate Jordan and Jared Weigandt's Eagle Scout projects. Both young men did a fabulous job with landscaping, benches, and corn hole. A reception will follow the formal dedication. All are welcome!

Project of the Year Update-During 2022, St. Paul Church is raising funds for smaller physical plant projects. At the August Church Council meeting, Council voted to replace the parsonage upstairs air conditioning unit and

furnace. **The cost for these items is \$9940.00.** Council invites you to give generously to the Project of the Year to complete this project. 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.

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

August Book Club Is Now September Book Club-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. 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, Shampoo, Deodorant, Kleenex, Bleach, Dryer Sheets, All Purpose Cleaner, Disinfectants, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Tampons, Q-tips, Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Manicure Items, Hand/Body Lotion, Vaseline, Paper Plates, Storage Bags (all sizes), Garbage Bags.** We can always use Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Conditioner, 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

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.

AGAPE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

Items Needed to Re-stock the Food Pantry

Chicken & Beef Broth

Diced Tomatoes

Scalloped Box Potatoes

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Pork & Beans

Sloppy Joe Sauce

Egg Noodles

Macaroni & Cheese

Can Peaches

Spaghetti Sauce

Hamburger Helper

Taco Kits & Salsa

BREAKFAST ITEMS

Pancake Mix

Waffle Mix

Cereal

Fruit Bars

BAKING ITEMS

Sugar & Flour

Oil & Vinegar

CONDIMENTS

(NO KETCHUP NEEDED)

BBQ Sauce, Pickles

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.

Calendar-Week of August 28, 2022

Sunday	10:15am	Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:15am	Worship Team
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
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club-Speedway Lanes
	5:00pm	Worship-Chapel-In Person w/Holy Communion

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: _____