

September 6, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ who abides with us in all times and all places!

We are looking forward to worship this Sunday, September 11: Kick-Off Sunday. Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir will sing at the 10:15 a.m. service. Children (age 3, and grades 1 & 4) will receive Bibles during worship. A cookie reception will follow.

Youth programming begins on Wednesday, September 14. We start with Splash (3-5 grade youth) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth grades 3-12 will eat dinner together at 6:30 p.m. Then, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Junior/Senior High Youth Group will meet as well as Confirmation class. Mimi Messick is seeking volunteers to cook youth dinners for Wednesday evenings. Please contact Mimi if you are interested.

We have more good news! Beginning on Sunday, September 18, the Nursery will reopen for babies, toddlers and preschool children during worship. We will have two volunteers in the nursery each week. If you would like to assist with this vital ministry to young families, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion.

Also on September 18, St. Paul will host an Eagle Scout Project Dedication ceremony at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the hard work Jared and Jordan Weigandt put into our Community Playground. The ceremony will take place in the playground. A reception will follow.

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!

Approximately 20 people filled out Time and Talent forms during the month of August. While this is fewer than we hoped, we thank you for answering God's call to Love God & Love Neighbor through St. Paul Church. If you would still like to complete a Time and Talent form, you can access it through the St. Paul Church website ([stpaulnb.org](http://stpaulnb.org)).

May you experience the joy of Christ!

Blessings,

		
Roland Dicke Council President	Myra Hanenkratt Council VP	Rev. Becky Erb Strang Senior Pastor

### Financial Information as of September 6, 2022

#### Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00  
Giving Income \$5,343.00 (weekly)  
Endowment Trans \$15,900.00(ytd)  
Income \$210,553.96(ytd)  
Expenses \$222,928.09(ytd)  
Balance **(\$12,374.13)**(ytd)

#### Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59  
Income \$37,794.50(ytd)  
Endowment Inc. **(\$4,014.50)**(ytd)  
Expenses \$17,556.20(ytd)  
Balance \$52,872.39(ytd)

#### Project of the Year

Income \$6,597.00

#### Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82  
Income \$18,642.20(ytd)  
Expenses \$16,962.25(ytd)  
Balance \$13,898.77(ytd)

#### Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12  
Income \$9,155.00(ytd)  
Expenses \$10,776.20(ytd)  
Balance \$27,539.92(ytd)

#### Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00  
Income \$352.50(weekly)  
Income \$15,939.00(ytd)

Please remember the family of Jan Dammeyer in your prayers. Jan passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Service to celebrate her life took place Tuesday, September 6, 2022.



September 11, 2022, Flood and Promise

Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Saving God, you promised Noah you would never again destroy the world by flood. Remind us daily of your intense love for your whole creation, and help us to love as you love. Amen.



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

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." (Genesis 9:17)



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

Despite humanity's wickedness, God simply couldn't let Noah perish. God promised never to destroy all of creation by flood.



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

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How does God's covenant with Noah shape the relationship humanity has with God today? Where do you see God's promises lived out in this world?
- How does God show up in your life? How and where do you connect with God?
- For the littles: What is your favorite animal that God created? God saved all the animals from the flood—and some people, too!



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

May God keep God's promises in your life. Amen.



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

Donate time or money to a local animal shelter. Remember God's covenant with Noah and God's love and care for God's creation, as Noah helped God save the animals from the flood.



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

Monday, Genesis 9:18-28, *Noah and His Sons*

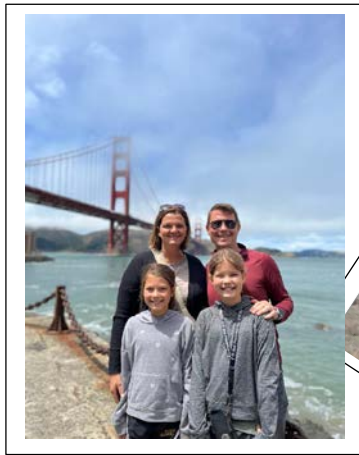
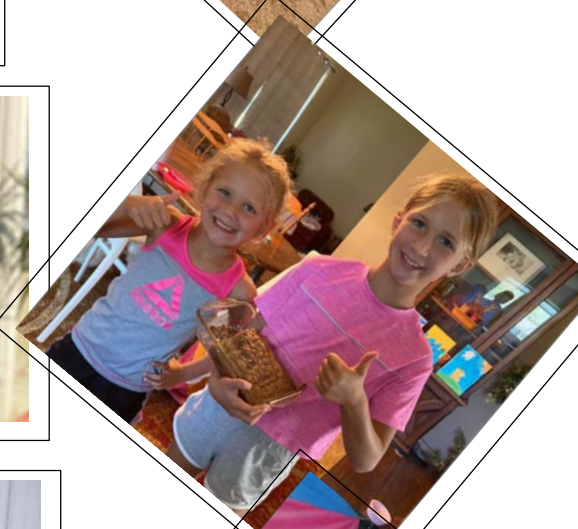
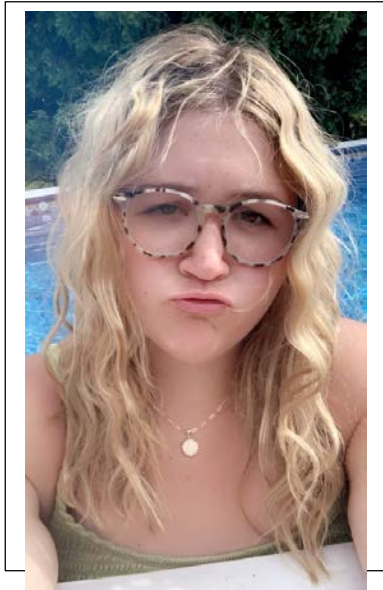
Tuesday, Genesis 10:1-14, *Nations Descended from Noah*

Wednesday, Genesis 10:15-32, *Nations Descended from Noah*

Thursday, Genesis 11:1-9, *The Tower of Babel*

Friday, Genesis 11:10-26, *Descendants of Shem*

Saturday, Genesis 11:27-32, *Descendants of Terah*



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### **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.

**September 11, 2022**

**Kick-Off Sunday**

### **Worship Leaders**

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Cindy Newman

Arianne Henry

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Accompanist

Sr. Deacon

Chancel Choir/Music Director

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND YOUTH LEADERS

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into the Body and are given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we commission our Sunday School teachers and youth leaders as we begin a new school year.

Leader (to the teachers): You have been called to youth and children's ministries at St. Paul Church. Will you, as long as you are engaged with this work, perform it with diligence?

**Teachers: I will.**

Leader: Will you teach and lead the youth and children of our congregation with faithfulness and love?

**Teachers: I will.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who teach at St. Paul Church, that by word and example, they may lead those whom they teach to the knowledge and love of you. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Local Aid

Dr. Jeff Paul

The mission for the month of September is Local Aid. As the name implies, Local Aid helps individuals and families in our surrounding communities, meeting the needs of daily life. Aid can come in the form of gas cards, rent money and other miscellaneous repairs and expenses that may occur. To give towards Local Aid, please mark your giving envelope accordingly, make a donation online or drop off an envelope labeled "September mission or Local Aid" in the mailbox outside of educational building east door or at the church office. Thank you!

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 120. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes chord symbols: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, G7, Gm7, C7, F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, F7, Bb, G7, F, Dm, Gm7, C7, C, F, F. The final two staves have a double bar line and are labeled "To verses" and "Last time, Fine".

# CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God brings us through the floods.

**People: God's promise lights the sky.**

Leader: Rejoice, for our God saves!

**People: We rejoice in God's limitless love.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

GOD OF CREATION

## God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 24

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and spread the plain,  
2 You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and min - i - try.  
3 God, your will is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to life made new,

mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.  
We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship, joined in one com-mun - i - ty.  
now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's work to dare and do.

We, cre - at - ed in your im - age, would a true re - flec-tion be  
When we blur your gra - cious im - age, fo - cus us and make us whole,  
Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion, fash - ion us with lov - ing care,

of your jus - tice, grace, and mer-cy, and the truth that makes us free.  
healed and strength-ened as your peo-ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
thus, new crea - tures in your im-age, we'll pro-claim Christ ev - ery-where.

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION

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

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us pray. God of promise,

**People: You have given us all we are and all we have, and still we have not trusted you fully. We have tried to be god in our own lives, hurting ourselves and those around us in our attempts to control. Wash us clean in the waters of your salvation, and bring us back into right relationship with you. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the Good News: God welcomes you home with open arms and forgives all your sin for the sake of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, live in the promise of God's love, freely given. 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

## BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Today is a special day for some of the children here at St. Paul Church. It is a day when they will be presented with a Bible.

This is a very old book. Some parts of the Bible were composed more than a thousand years before Christ. Some of the stories come down to us from a time before people could even write. This is an ancient sacred book of our faith.

Our Bible is very valuable. There was a time in history when Bibles were chained to the pulpit so they could not be stolen. People have been

imprisoned because they read this book. Some have even died to save this book from being destroyed. Our Bible, our sacred Scripture, is both ancient and valuable.

The Bible is filled with wonderful stories. There are adventure stories and miracle stories, stories of heroes and stories of those who wandered away. And yet, the Bible is mostly a love story—a story of God’s eternal and abiding love for his creation.

Not only is our Scripture ancient and valuable and entertaining, but it is also inspired. It came from people who had a special understanding of God. When you read it, you will understand what God is like and what God wants you to do. In the Bible you have a message from God and about God. God wants to speak to each of you through God’s Holy Word.

Between the covers of this holy book, is a history that gives meaning to our lives. Many caring, faithful people before us preserved this Word of God and passed it on to the next generation, just as we are doing here today.

At this time, I invite our children to receive their Bibles. (Pause)

You have just received your very own Bible, filled with scripture inspired by God. As you read through the many pages, may you find answers to your questions when you are searching or confused, comfort when you are in pain and hope for your life.

Let’s take a moment to pray: Holy God, Loving Creator, sometimes we are afraid. Sometimes we need help in knowing what to do. Sometimes we need your hope and your love to cope with all that is happening around us. May your Word be our guide, a lamp unto our feet. We ask your blessing on these children and their Bibles. Amen

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

*Thy Word*



## Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a

light un - to light my path.

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-  
2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

side me. And noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.  
wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to your side; and

to Refrain  
Please be near me to the end.  
I will love you to the end.

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Youth, Music, Bibles, Teachers

**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, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

## PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader: Confident in the promises of our covenant God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

### SILENT PRAYER

Leader: Faithful God, you saved Noah and his family, along with all animals and sources of food, from destruction by flood. Remind us daily that we are inheritors of your mercy. God of promise,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: All creation thrives because you are our God who creates, rather than destroys. Show us how to nurture all that you have made, so that all creation may continue to thrive for generations to come. God of promise,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: On this solemn day in our nation's history, we pray for those who have been victims of terrorism, violence, or prejudice. Grant wisdom to our nation's leaders, so that they might treat your people with kindness and mercy. God of promise,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Shower all your creation with healing of body, mind, and spirit. Take special notice of all who suffer from illness, addiction, injury, grief, or loneliness. God of promise,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give those with the means the desire to share generously with those who have little or nothing. Balance this world with your mercy and justice. God of promise,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: With gratitude, we remember your saints who have gone before us: especially for their leadership in creating beauty in this world. God of promise,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Trusting in your grace and mercy, we pray all of this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray together...

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 6:5-22 (NRSV)

*The Lord saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. <sup>7</sup> So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup> But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.*

*These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

*<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup> And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup> Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>15</sup> This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup> Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup> For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup> Of the birds according to their kinds and of*

*the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup> Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them.” <sup>22</sup> Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 8:6-12

(NRSV)

*At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup> and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, <sup>9</sup> but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup> He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, <sup>11</sup> and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup> Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.*

SUNG RESPONSE

*Lord, Please Lead*

# Lord, Please Lead

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

C F maj7 C F maj7 C F maj7

First system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Chords: C, F maj7, C, F maj7, C, F maj7. Notes: Treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. Bass staff has a bass line of quarter notes: C3, F2, C3, F2, C3, F2, C3, F2.

Lord, please lead me now and I will fol - low to a fu - ture I don't know.

Second system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: Treble staff continues the melody from the first system. Bass staff continues the bass line. Lyrics: "Lord, please lead me now and I will fol - low to a fu - ture I don't know."

I know that you are there to help and guide me. Lord, please lead and I will go. <sup>9/11</sup> Like the

Third system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: Treble staff continues the melody. Bass staff continues the bass line. Lyrics: "I know that you are there to help and guide me. Lord, please lead and I will go. <sup>9/11</sup> Like the"

ark that saved the faith - ful few, you are there to save me, too.

Fourth system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: Treble staff continues the melody. Bass staff continues the bass line. Lyrics: "ark that saved the faith - ful few, you are there to save me, too."

You are the light that casts a - way my dark - ness.

Fifth system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: Treble staff continues the melody. Bass staff continues the bass line. Lyrics: "You are the light that casts a - way my dark - ness."

Lord, please lead and I will go.

Sixth system of musical notation. Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes: Treble staff continues the melody. Bass staff continues the bass line. Lyrics: "Lord, please lead and I will go."

## SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

On Kick-Off Sunday, as we begin a new narrative lectionary year, today's readings are most appropriate. In them, we hear first of God's displeasure with humanity and his sacred call to Noah to save a remnant of creation. Our second reading comes at the end of the rains—before Noah, his family, and the animals have left the ark and before God promises never to flood the earth again. What most of us remember from Sunday School is that God's promise is accompanied by the rainbow—a sign and symbol of promises kept for all eternity.

The story of Noah's Ark is one of the longest stories in Genesis—and for good reason. While far too often sermons are preached about how, if we do not toe the line, God's judgement will come upon us, that is far from the original intent of this story. The story of the flood, of God's judgement, and God's promise is a once-in-forever event. The rainbow in the sky is the promise that God will never ever destroy the earth again in anger. That we, as children of God, find our days shaped not by a judgmental angry God, but by a God who promises care and compassion for all eternity.

On Kick-Off Sunday, we seek **not** a god of anger and vengeance, but instead we celebrate God's mercy and grace. We are promised that once we leave the ark, our lives can start anew. We are given a fresh start. That fresh start is for us as individuals AND for this beloved Body of Christ.

The Good News is this: God is with us. God never leaves us. We are created to be in covenant with God always and forever. And that includes our life here at St. Paul. God has been calling us, beckoning us, challenging us to follow his path here in New Bremen and the surrounding communities for nearly two centuries. The rainbow serves as the promise of God's presence in our communal life as a congregation, in our collective lives as Christians throughout the world, and in our own individual lives.

What the flood story teaches us is that God is willing to stay with we imperfect humans and imperfect creation: no matter what. That God will no longer wipe out creation because of our wandering and broken ways.

Yet, even here we have to be careful. God, by vowing never again to destroy the world, changes how God will respond to human sin (and human evil). This is where we need to be careful when moving this story and our theology forward. The story of Noah's Ark tells us that God will engage evil in our world in new ways. Over and over again in our Old and New Testaments, we hear that God meets us and comes to us—God's flawed human children—by way of suffering, not vengeance. In Christian terms, we believe that God knows and experiences our suffering because of his suffering through Christ Jesus. That God redeems our suffering with the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In the midst of the deepest darkest evils on this planet, God comes to us as a suffering servant. In the midst of the most horrific of situations or diagnoses, God suffers with us. What's more, when it comes to engaging our enemies, God reminds us over and over again to love them and to pray for them that their own lives might be transformed. On this anniversary of 9/11, this is particularly poignant reminder.

In the past few years, on a global scale, we have known pandemic, death, and suffering. Horrific atrocities are begin committed in the name of peace and justice. Our world is both flooding AND dying of drought. Christian nationalism is on the rise as we demonize the "other." Suicides and hopelessness are rampant. But, we must not throw up our hands in despair, hoping and wishing God would wipe out the world again with a flood. Not at all.

As followers of Jesus, we are challenged by God to commit the rest of this one precious life we have been granted (with a nod to poet Mary Oliver), by partnering with God to usher in life where there is death, to show love where there is hatred, to offer acceptance where there is prejudice, and to bring peace where there is violence. As individuals, we most likely will not be able to make big changes in the world around us, but together as the Body of Christ in this community, we can work to transform lives that all might experience God's promises and grace and mercy.

On Kick-Off Sunday, we are challenged to step out of the ark and into the new life that God wants for us as a faith community. Together, we can be people of rainbows and promises and hope and joy. Amen.

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

**OFFERING INVITATION:** Each week, we gather online and in person to praise God through worship. We come before God when we bring our offerings at the altar. These offerings symbolize our stewardship—the management of our time, abilities and money—that we return to God through St. Paul Church to bring about God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Thank you for your joyful generosity.

## 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 treble staff. The first system of music has the following lyrics: 'Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;'. The second system has the lyrics: 'praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.' Above the treble staff, various chords are indicated: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, F#dim/A, G, Em, D, Am, G/B, D7, G.

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

OLD 100th  
L.M.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Your place, O God, is with the poor, with the lost, and with the searching. Our gifts this day include not only our wealth, which has its source in your goodness, but also our actions and our intent, to stand by the side of the forgotten, the oppressed, the lost, and the poor. Receive these gifts in the spirit with which they are given and guide their use in your world. These things we pray in your name, Giver of all that is good. Amen.**

## HYMN OF SENDING

*I Love to Tell the Story*



# I Love to Tell the Story

G G B C G

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

D7 D7/G G D D7

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the  
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the  
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

D7/G G Em B C C/G G

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as  
 sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from  
 glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

D7 G/D D7 G Refrain D D7 D7/G G G/B C

noth - ing else can do.  
 God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in  
 I have loved so long.

WORDS: A. Catherine Hankey (1834-1911)  
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer (1835-1912)

HANKEY  
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C/G G G/B C G/D D7 G/D G

glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**BENEDICTION:** Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good and render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all persons and rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

### Pass the Love

Musical score for "Pass the Love" in 4/4 time, tempo 95. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics and guitar chords. 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.

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.**

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are in loving memory of Levi Oaks by June Oaks.

**Participants**-Daily Devotions-36, August 28-Sunday Worship Online-205,  
In Person-69.

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

**Fall Kick-Off: September 11**-Fall worship and programming kicks off on Sunday, September 11. On that morning, Sunday School for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet at 9:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir will sing during worship and children (3 year olds, 1<sup>st</sup> grade students, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students) will receive their Bibles. There will be a cookie reception following worship.

**Elmwood Worship-** Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Becky with this wonderful service. Please meet her by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

**Youth Programming Begins-**Wednesday, September 14, 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!

**Nursery Re-Opening September 18**-Beginning Sunday, September 18, our St. Paul Church nursery will be fully staffed during worship services. Please spread the word to let young parents know this is available. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion.

**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.

**September Book Club- Hello Book Lovers!** September Book Club (reading The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede) is 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

**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, Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner, Disinfectants, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Tampons, Razors, Shaving Cream, Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Bandages, Cotton Balls, Paper Plates, Garbage Bags.** We can always use Kleenex, Dish Soap, Pull Ups. **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

**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 September 11, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	9:15am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live w/Kick-Off Reception following Worship
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop @ NB Coffee
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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](http://stpaulnb.org)

**Text** – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

**How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25  
(minimum amount is \$5.00))**

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

**Once a text amount is sent:**

**Registration Link-** Sent via text the first time a donation is made.  
Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

**Donation Confirm-** Sent via text each time a donation is made.

