

September 12, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

We greet you in the name of Christ Jesus who loves us, forgives us, and challenges us to care for our neighbors.

Fall worship, music ministries and youth programming are off to a great start. We are blessed with many volunteers who give generously of their time to serve others. Thank you!

Our nursery reopened yesterday 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.

Yesterday after worship, six teams of St. Paul folk gathered to get geared up to be able to offer Funeral Luncheons again. These teams will serve on a rotating basis. If you would like to be included in the volunteer list to assist with funeral meals, please contact Pastor Becky.

Agape Ministries in St. Marys is sponsoring its annual Warm Winter Apparel Drive. You can bring new and gently used coats for adults and children to the coatrack in the east hallway of our education building. Coats for adults size L-3XL are particularly needed. We are also collecting hats, gloves, and waterproof snow gloves.

Amy Opperman is organizing a Women's Bible Study for Thursday evenings beginning October 27. Stay tuned for more details!

Pastor Becky will lead a Funeral Planning Workshop on Sunday, October 9 at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room. This workshop will provide resources for you to leave for your family following your death. All are welcome.

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!

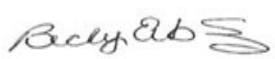
May you experience the joy of Christ!

Blessings,

Roland Dicke
Council President

Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of September 19, 2022

(does not include September 18 giving due to staff vacation)

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00

Giving Income \$3,161.00 (weekly)

Endowment Trans \$17,490.00(ytd)

Income \$221,829.02(ytd)

Expenses \$234,261.25(ytd)

Balance **(\$12,432.23)**(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59

Income \$38,578.50(ytd)

Endowment Inc. **(\$3,862.68)**(ytd)

Expenses \$18,727.68(ytd)

Balance \$52,636.73(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$6,916.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82

Income \$18,942.20(ytd)

Expenses \$21,504.06(ytd)

Balance \$9,656.96(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12

Income \$9,230.00(ytd)

Expenses \$11,779.00(ytd)

Balance \$26,612.12(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00

Income \$149.50(weekly)

Income \$17,031.00(ytd)



September 25, 2022, Joseph in Prison

Genesis 39:1-23

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



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

Faithful God, you prospered the work of Joseph's hands, in good times and bad. Give us Joseph's unfailing love for you, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we might overcome whatever life throws at us. Amen.



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

The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. (Genesis 39:23)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Joseph was in an impossible situation: lie with the master's wife or reject her. Both options would lead to prison. But Joseph chose integrity, which would ultimately lead to unparalleled prosperity.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What systems are in place in your community that serve to oppress? What systems deliver from oppression?
- How does God bless others through you? What gifts do you bring to those around you?
- **For the littles:** Play and pretend you are in jail. How does it feel to be locked up? God can set us free!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God set you free. Amen.



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

Use your gifts to serve others this week. If you play an instrument, play it at a nursing home. If you are good with finances, offer to help someone manage their debt. Be creative! God gave you your gifts for a purpose!



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

Monday, Genesis 50:15-21, *Joseph Forgives His Brothers*

Tuesday, Genesis 50:22-26, *Joseph's Death*

Wednesday, Exodus 1:1-22, *Oppression of the Israelites*

Thursday, Exodus 3:1-12, *Moses at the Burning Bush*

Friday, Exodus 12:29-32, *The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn*

Saturday, Exodus 13:17-22, *The Pillars of Cloud and Fire*



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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 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Cindy Newman

Becky Quellhorst

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Organist

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

THRIVING: DISCIPLESHIP TEAM *Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)* About ten years ago, the Discipleship Team formed to create space for new energy and ideas of St. Paul folk. Over the years, the Discipleship Team has sponsored the Blessing Pantry, Community Meals, New Year's Eve Dinners, Art Camp, as well as a long list of fellowship activities. As the Team has grown and evolved, we have shifted gears in 2022. Instead of the entire Team working on each activity, we now have Ministry Champions who create their own teams for mission and ministry at St. Paul.

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: Blessed are you

People: When we are persecuted for doing what is right.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad.

People: Great shall be our reward! Let us worship God!

GOD OF CREATION

29

God of the Sparrow

Unison

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say

Awe How does the crea - ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea - ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea - ture say Life
 Love How does the crea - ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil - dren say Home

*last time

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 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk (1929-)

ROEDER
 5.4.6.7.7.

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SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins before God and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting our gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to break our relationships with you and those around us. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus our Savior and Friend. Amen.

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 the children of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." Above the vocal line, various chords are indicated: Eb, Bb7sus/F, Bb7/F, 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, Gm/Bb, Bb7, Eb.

WORDS: *Gloria Patri*, 2nd c.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

GREATOREX
Irregular

TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US: Integrity

Today our scripture lesson is one we rarely read—it is part of Old Testament story of Joseph. From our Sunday School lessons, we might remember Joseph as the beloved son who was given a beautiful, multicolored coat to wear by his father—creating great jealousy amongst his brothers. We might remember Joseph as the young man sold into slavery in Egypt by those jealous brothers. We might remember that Joseph, once he got to Egypt, was renowned for his wisdom and the guidance he gave to the Egyptian Pharaoh.

However, we might not remember today's story—the story of Joseph being thrown into jail for a crime he didn't commit. He was falsely accused by Pharaoh's wife and sent to prison for at least two years. In the weeks leading up to his arrest, Joseph refused to do the wrong thing. He was honest. He had integrity.

Let us watch a video about integrity:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2QEwJo0xMo>

Like that banana and orange, Joseph's inside matched his outside. He lived what he believed. We are called to do the same. Amen.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: The Beauty of Autumn!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Terri Goodwin, Terri Mullins, 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: Let us pray. Holy and gracious God, today we lift up to you in prayer your church, our community, our nation, the world, and all those in need.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: Faithful God, through Joseph you blessed so many whose lives were in his path. Make us blessings for others so that they may know of your abundant mercy. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Show us how to be faithful stewards of your creation, being not wasteful, but thoughtful in the ways that we use and reuse the resources you have entrusted to us. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all people through the leadership of all whom you have called to govern. Give those with power hearts to serve with justice and mercy. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Pour your healing upon all who suffer, all who are recuperating from illness and injury, all who are grieving, all who are lost and alone. Sustain them in their challenges and bring all into your healing light. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Through us, send resources to all people in need, so that all who are hungry, homeless, or suffering might suffer no more. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember with joy and thanksgiving all the saints whose humble efforts kept churches running smoothly for congregations near and far. Inspire us to follow in their footsteps, that you might prosper the work of our hands. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Trusting in your grace and mercy, we lift these prayers to you, in the name of Jesus Christ 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *We Praise Thee, O God*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 39:1-23 (NRSV)

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.² The Lord was with

Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹ One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹² she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. ¹³ When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴ she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; ¹⁵ and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." ¹⁶ Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; ¹⁸ but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside."

¹⁹ When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹ But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him

favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²² The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Please Lead

Lord, Please Lead

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

C Fmaj7 C Fmaj7 C Fmaj7

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. And like

Jo-seph, give me eyes to see that you're al-ways here with me.

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

Lord, please lead and I will go.

RESPONSIVE LITANY/PRAYER

Leader: Today's responsive litany is in the form of a prayer. The litany has two voices—the north side of the sanctuary and the south side of the sanctuary. Let us pray.

North Side: God, at times we find ourselves angry.

South Side: The world is not fair.

North Side: We have done our best.

South Side: We have played "by the rules."

North Side: We have tried to live faithfully.

South Side: Yet challenges plague us.

North Side: And we wonder where you are O God.

South Side: Let Joseph's faithfulness be an example to us.

North Side: His love for you never failed.

South Side: Though he was sold as a slave,

North Side: And thrown into prison for a crime he didn't commit.

South Side: In all things you sustained him.

North Side: Just as you sustain us.

South Side: Let us remain faithful to you,

North Side: As you are always faithful to us.

All: Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

At the church of my childhood: Faith United Church of Christ in Bryan, TX, third graders were given their Bibles NOT at the beginning of the Sunday School year, but closer to Christmastime. Though it was 50 years ago, I remember that Sunday as if it was yesterday. I was so thrilled to have my very own Bible, that I spent that whole Sunday afternoon reading the entire Joseph narrative from Genesis. Beginning in chapter 37, Joseph's story goes all the way to chapter 50—to the very end of Genesis.

As I said in the Children's Moment, most of us know parts of Joseph's story, but most likely not the whole thing. Today's scripture lesson is one of those more-forgotten stories. At first glance, it seems an odd one to read aloud in worship—especially the false accusations of sexual assault. Yet—here we are. A story of honesty. A story of integrity. A story of God's presence and faithfulness.

Last week's scripture lesson was part of the Old Testament story of Abraham and God's promise to him that he and his descendants would become blessings to all of humanity. During worship, we explored what it means to be a blessing to others—to live fully into God's blessings.

Today's story of Joseph echoes those blessings. From childhood and into adulthood, Joseph was blessed by God, blessed by his father, and lived fully into those blessings. Now, you would THINK that with all that happened to Joseph in his life, he would turn away from God, away from his blessings. Sold into slavery by his brothers. Tossed into jail falsely by Pharaoh. Yet, Joseph never turned bitter. He anchored his life in God's love—no matter his life circumstances.

We know that is not easy. When life goes swimmingly, resting certain in God's love is seamless. Yet, when the roads become rough: when loved ones are sick, when death makes itself at home in our lives, when we lose jobs, livelihoods and friends, when it feels as if a dark cloud is obscuring God's LIGHT, when these happen, we often feel abandoned by God. We feel lost and alone and forgotten.

Those might be our feelings, but it is not God's way. God promises us his presence in good times and in bad. God promises to never leave us alone. Hear me well: God does not withhold his love for any reason. God does not abandon us. Ever.

In my own life, when I am afraid or feeling lost or alone, I sing this song aloud:

Yahweh is the God of my salvation.

I trust in him and have no fear.

I sing of the joy which his love gives to me

And I draw deeply from the springs of his great kindness.

I trust in God and have no fear.

Joseph, too, placed his trust in God—even from prison. Despite the false imprisonment, Joseph never lost his faith in God.

It is the same for each of us. Our Christian faith affirms that, through Jesus, we are loved extravagantly and are never abandoned. Our worship reflects this. Until this fall, when we prayed the pastoral prayer, our response each week was, "Hear our prayer." Now, the language of

our prayer has shifted. Instead of asking God to hear our prayers, we have been responding each week, “You hear our prayer.”

It is a subtle change, but an important one. Our prayers each week include the reminder that God hears our prayers and is present with us always. We need NOT ask God to show up in our lives. He is already there.

He is already there.

And yet. Perhaps you are traveling a difficult road. Perhaps you are dealing with grief or fear or a difficult diagnosis or anger or bitterness. Perhaps you feel falsely accused and are trapped and seemingly in the prison of your life. This is what I have to say to you. You are not alone. God is with you. And yet—when the walls are closing in, when the doors to opportunity are slammed shut and locked, when we are without direction or hope, it is most difficult to experience the presence of God.

This is what I say to you today: In hard times, stay alert for God’s presence through people, through nature, through the whispered wind of the Spirit. Sometimes, God speaks to us in a song on the radio or through the encouragement of a stranger. Sometimes, God’s love is made real in our lives through the kindness of a loved one or song of birds in the early morning.

It is so incredibly difficult for us mere mortals, we humans, to grasp the concept of God’s love. That’s why God sent us Jesus. That is what incarnation is all about. To quote Eugene Peterson’s rendering at the beginning of the Gospel of John, *The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood*. In other words, through Jesus, God became human so that we might experience his love right here, right now, in our ordinary lives.

What does this mean for us? It is our calling as followers of Jesus to show God’s love to others: each and every day. It is our sacred duty to offer grace and forgiveness to all—not just those we consider “worthy.” Just as we can look for God’s love around us, we are also challenged to BE love to others. All the others. Especially those who are experiencing loss and sickness and imprisonment and terror.

So back to Joseph. Joseph never lost his love of God. He was so connected to the Creator of the Universe that throughout his life, he had prophetic dreams AND he could interpret others' dreams. Even in jail, Joseph became a leader. After about two years in prison, he was released and he went back to serving Pharaoh. His dreams continued. Joseph prospered and flourished.

In his later years, when his homeland experienced a devastating drought, Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt to ask for assistance. What the brothers did NOT know was that Joseph—the brother they sold into slavery—was alive and well. Ultimately, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and they reconciled.

This serves as a reminder to us that the prisons of our lives do not last forever. The key to your prison door is found in God's presence: incarnate in love and joy, mercy and grace. Likewise, you are called to hand the prison key to those who need it most.

Yahweh is the God of my salvation.

I trust in him and have no fear.

I sing of the joy which his love gives to me

And I draw deeply from the springs of his great kindness.

Let us, like Joseph, draw deeply from the springs of God's kindness, love and joy. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: As we worship, we pray for a blessing upon all of creation. Our offering—the money we give—represents our own labor, our use of our time and our abilities, for which we have been paid. This morning, we will place this offering on the altar to be blessed by God for God’s work through St. Paul Church and throughout the world. Let us give God our thanks and praise through giving generously and joyfully. Amen.

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 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). 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 includes the lyrics: 'Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;'. The second system includes: '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)

God, it is so easy for us to hold on tightly to the money we earn. Help us to realize that you alone give us the ability to do our jobs and to earn money to sustain our lives. Help us to be open-handed in using your gifts to bring peace and justice in your earthly kingdom. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

D D+ Gmaj9 G6 A7 $\frac{G}{A}$ A7 $\frac{G}{D}$ D G G($\frac{\sharp}{2}$) G

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

$\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{E}{B}$ B7 E7 A A7 D $\frac{A9}{D}$

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

D Em $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ Gmaj7 G6 G \sharp dim7 $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{F\sharp m}{A}$ A7 D

pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er will be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain A $\frac{G}{D}$ D B7 $\frac{Am}{E}$ Em

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

A7 D Dm6 $\frac{A}{E}$ $\frac{D}{E}$ E7 A A7 D $\frac{A9}{D}$

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

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 MUSIC: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)
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FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10.Ref.

D Em $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ Gmaj7 G6 G \sharp dim7 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

BENEDICTION: May the love of God surround you, the wisdom of Christ guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit encourage you as you joyfully proclaim: Our world belongs to God! Amen!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

♩=95

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 C7

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

F Gm7 F Gm7 F/A F/Bb Gm9 G7 C

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

Fmaj7 Dm F/G F/C

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

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 F/C C7 F

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our___ God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Kenneth Henschen and Erin Rammel by Kathy Manbeck and Family.

Participants-Daily Devotions-228, September 4-Sunday School-23, Teachers-7, Worship Online-182, In Person-84, Wednesday September 14, Splash-4, Jr/Sr High Youth Group-20, Confirmation-3, Leaders-8.

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

Saturday Worship-October 1, 5:00pm We will be worshipping the first Saturday of the month through December. Communion will be observed.

St. Paul Church Nursery-is once again 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.

Funeral Planning Workshop: Sunday, October 9-Pastor Becky is hosting a Funeral Planning Workshop on Sunday, October 9 at 11:15 a.m. (after worship) in the Assembly Room. We will discuss what is involved with funeral planning, how scriptures and songs are chosen. Participants will be given the opportunity to complete a Funeral Planning Worksheet which will go on file in the church office for future use. Any questions? See Pastor Becky

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.

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, Dryer Sheets, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Tampons, Razors, Shaving Cream, Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Vaseline, Q-Tips, Bandages, Cotton Balls, Paper Plates, Garbage Bags.** We can always use Diapers (all sizes), Kleenex, Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner, Disinfectants, Bar 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.

AGAPE THRIFT STORE IS HIRING!

PART TIME POSITIONS

Off Every Evening, Sundays, Holidays & Saturdays by 3:30 pm.






NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- CASHIERS
- BACK DOOR DONATION ASSISTANTS

Applications available at the Thrift Store.
If interested in any of these positions, stop in to fill out an application.

Morning & Afternoon 4 – 6 Hour Shifts
Morning Shift Hours: 9 am – 1 pm
Afternoon Shift Hours: 1 pm – 5 pm
Saturday Hours: 9 am – 3 pm

Calendar-Week of September 25, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live
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
	6:30pm	Discipleship Team
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 w/Mentors
	6:00pm-7:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	5:00pm	Worship-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.

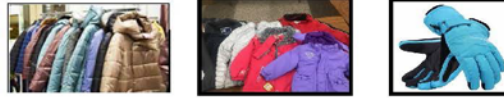
Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made



WARM WINTER APPAREL DRIVE

Share the Warmth

September 19 – October 30th



Agape Ministries is now accepting Donations of
NEW & GENTLY USED ADULT & CHILDRENS WINTER COATS,
HATS, GLOVES, & WATER PROOF SNOW GLOVES
Adult Large through 3XL especially needed

Coat Drive Dates: September 19 – October 30th.
Drop off: Agape Client Services Building at 1220 East Spring Street
from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

****If dropping off at Thrift Store, please tell them it
is for the coat drive so they do not get sold in the store****

2022

Fall Mom to Mom Sale

Saturday, October 15, 2022

8:00 AM - 12 PM

\$5 Early Bird Entrance 8am - 9 am Shopping
\$2 General Admission 9 am - 12 pm
Kids are free! Strollers welcome!



Enter west double doors on Herman Street
St. Paul Church 119 N. Franklin Street
New Bremen, Ohio 45869



Deadline to rent a booth or table, Mon. Oct. 10th
Email: stpaulnbyouth@gmail.com Call 419-629-2502
Proceeds benefit St. Paul Youth Ministries

SELL - SHOP - SAVE



Baby, Kids & Junior Clothing
Toys - Games - Books - Baby Gear
Halloween Costumes - Holiday Outfits

