

October 3, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus!

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 is now open during Sunday morning worship services. We will have two volunteers in the nursery each week. Our nursery volunteers are in the nursery for the entire length of the service, in case you need nursery services partway through worship. If you would like to assist with this vital ministry to young families, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion.

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 \$2700.00 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 October 3, 2022

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$2,737.00 (weekly)
Endowment Trans \$17,490.00(ytd)
Income \$221,829.02(ytd)
Expenses \$234,484.64(ytd)
Balance **(\$10,539.71)**(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$39,015.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. **(\$3,862.68)**(ytd)
Expenses \$23,642.05(ytd)
Balance \$48,159.36(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$7,151.00
Expenses \$14,440.00
Balance **(\$7,289.00)**

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$19,687.20(ytd)
Expenses \$21,737.11(ytd)
Balance \$10,168.91(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$10,038.00(ytd)
Expenses \$13,068.43(ytd)
Balance \$26,130.69(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$202.50 (weekly)
Income \$17,841.00(ytd)



October 9, 2022, Covenant and Commandments

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

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



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

Holy God, you made a covenant with the people of Israel that you would be their God, and they would be your people. Teach us to obey your commands, that we might live in love and peace with you and our neighbors. Amen



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

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. (Exodus 19:4-6a)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Israelites had been through so much already. God sent Moses with a gift and a promise. The gift of God's ten commandments would help establish a society of justice and peace. Through this, God promised to strengthen God's covenant with God's people.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What gods are served in your community other than God (celebrities, money, progress, etc.)? Which gods fail to live up to their promises?
- Which commandments do you find hardest to follow? What gets in your way of following God's laws?
- For the littles: What is the hardest rule to follow? What is the easiest? God gives us rules so we can be safe and happy.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with healthy rules. Amen.



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

Make a list of rules to be followed by yourself and others in your household that will help your household run smoothly. Post them where they can be seen. Reward yourself when you follow them.



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

Monday, Deuteronomy 34:1-12, *Moses Dies*

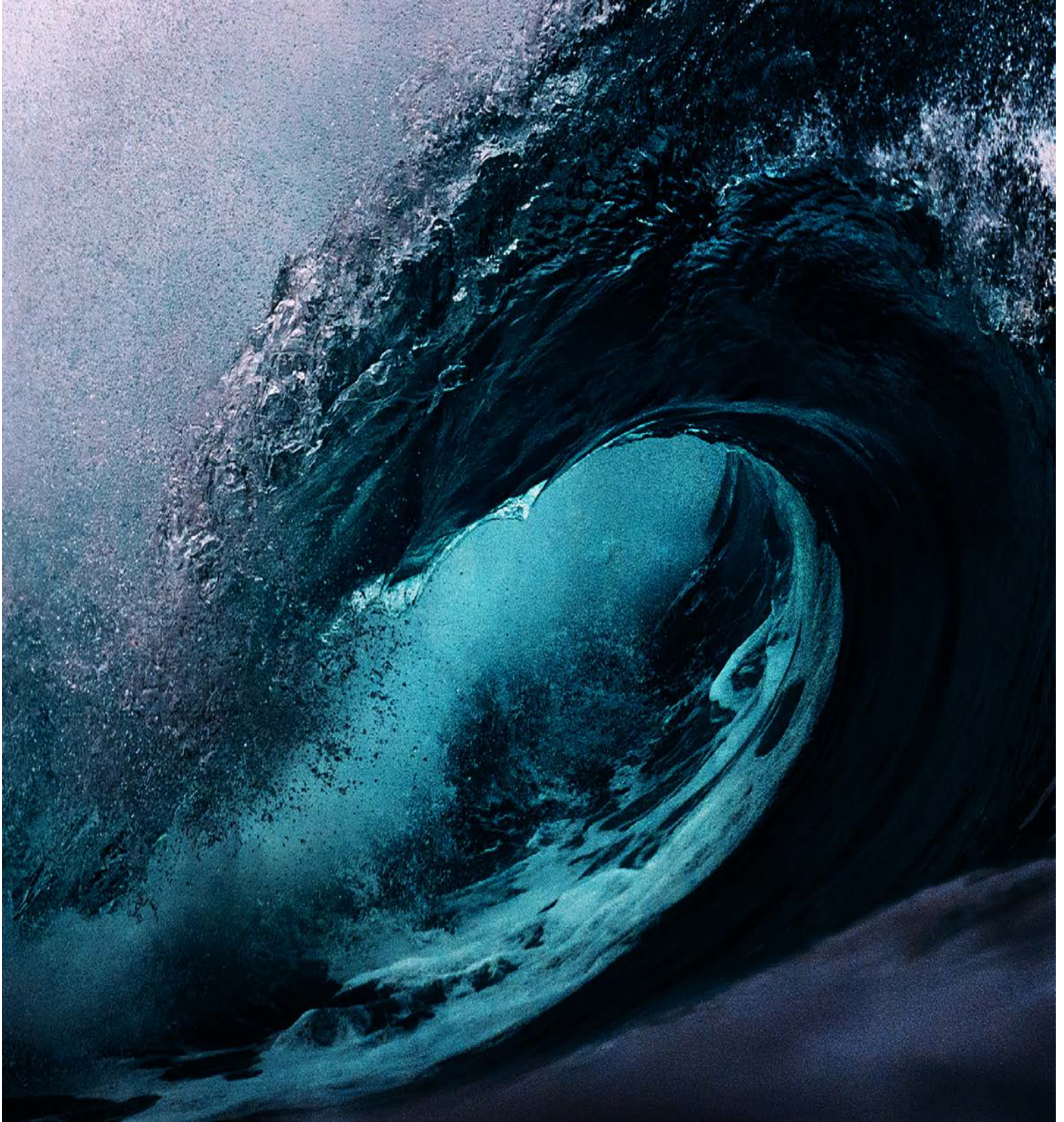
Tuesday, Joshua 1:1-9, *God's Commission to Joshua*

Wednesday, Joshua 2:1-21, *Spies Sent to Jericho*

Thursday, Joshua 3:1-17, *Israel Crosses the Jordan*

Friday, Joshua 6:1-14, *Jericho Taken and Destroyed*

Saturday, Joshua 6:15-27, *Jericho Destroyed and Rahab Spared*



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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, blessing and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day.

October 9, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Gracie Henry

Arianne Henry

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Organist/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

WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

No mat-ter who, — no mat-ter what — no mat-ter where you are on the

jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. — No mat-ter

who, — no mat-ter what, — no mat-ter where you are on the

jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses Last time, Fine

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Iona Abbey Worship Book. Wild Goose Publications. Glasgow, Scotland. 2003)

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

People: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

People: These stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Verses 1 & 4

GOD OF MAJESTY & POWER

48 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Em $\frac{G}{B}$ D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

G C Am D Em $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, maker of the skies above; lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth; Spirit of life, wind over the waters, in earth, sea, and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is all around us, and we give you thanks. But when we have not touched but trampled in your creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.

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 two flats (Bb and Eb). 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 G, Fm7 Ab, Eb Bb, Gm Bb, Bb7 Eb.

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Joy in the Risen Christ!

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Betty Bushman, Terri Goodwin, Terri Mullins, Kay Makley, 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 Covenant-Keeping God, we thank you and praise you this day for your presence in our lives. We lift up to you in prayer the church, the world, and all those in need.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: God of the covenant, you gave your people the gift of the Ten Commandments so that they might live with order and have lives fulfilled by your grace. Accept our gratitude for your guidance in our lives. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Your creation thrives because of the laws you have created that govern the universe. Help us to treat your creation with the respect it deserves. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: You have allowed your children to determine how they will govern. Inspire all the world's leaders to strive for justice and mercy, following your ways. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We do not understand why some people seem to suffer so much, but we trust that you do not leave those who suffer alone. Tend to all who need healing in body, mind, and spirit. Pour the abundance of your presence upon all who mourn. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Your world is just, yet we have too often corrupted it so that your children in every corner of the earth suffer from poverty, sickness, homelessness, exile, torment, or slavery. Make us vessels for your deliverance that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember with joy and thanksgiving all your beloved saints who have lived by your commandments. May we strive to follow in their footsteps until we are united with them at the end of all things. 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...**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

He Is There

Mary Kay Beall

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:1-21

(NRSV)

Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." ²¹ Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 22:34-40

(NRSV)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

RESPONSIVE LITANY/PRAYER

Leader: God is our God, our only God. Let us pray to God.

People: We belong to you, O God.

Leader: We will honor your holy name.

People: We will remember to set aside a day to rest.

Leader: We will honor our elders in all that we do.

People: We will not hurt others with our words or actions.

Leader: We will remain faithful in our relationships.

People: We will not take what is not ours.

Leader: We will not lie or harm another's reputation.

People: We will not envy what belongs to others.

Leader: We will not do any of this perfectly, O God.

People: Forgive us when we fail,

Leader: And inspire us to do better,

People: Because you are our God, our only God.

Leader: And we are your people.

People: Let us return to you in love and try again. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Please Lead

Lord, Please Lead

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are: "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. When you see my deeds and hear my voice, then my peo - ple you will be. You are the light that casts a - way my dark - ness. Lord, please lead and I will go." The score includes chord markings above the first two systems: C, F maj 7, C, F maj 7, C, F maj 7.

SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

When our boys were young, we hosted a Rotary Exchange Student for part of a year. Fernanda came to us from Brazil, speaking very little English when she first arrived. We enrolled her in Kettering High School, launching her into her American experience. When she enrolled in high school, Fernanda signed up for Spanish class since it is somewhat related to her native Portuguese. And, like all other high school students, she had to take English.

One of Fernanda's homework assignments in English class was to write a sonnet. I'll be honest: until she came home needing assistance to write it, neither Jim nor I had given much thought to how sonnets are written.

This is what we learned about the poetry form of the sonnet: It is a poem that has fourteen lines and follows a strict rhyming pattern and very specific structure. Poets who write sonnets are sometimes called sonneteers and the exacting structure of the sonnet provides a framework for the poet to write within.

The Ten Commandments are much the same. They were given to the Hebrew people by God as a framework, as guidelines, to live within. Like those early Hebrews, we who are called to follow the Ten Commandments, are free to live life fully—while staying within the structure of these commandments. In a way, our very lives are a sonnet—we are free to write whatever we choose as long as we stay within the structure provided by the Holy One.

The Hebrew people received these commandments from God once they had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years and FINALLY, FINALLY reached the Promised Land. They had fled slavery in Egypt, but they were still a rag-tag bunch of former captives who did not know how to move forward with their lives. They did not know how to live with the freedom that was now theirs in the Promised Land.

It is much the same for us. We are people who seem to enjoy the comfort of captivity more than freedom given to us in Jesus. We carefully nurse our hardened hearts. We hold onto addictions and broken relationships. More often than not, we find ourselves wandering aimlessly in the wilderness, unable to let go of that which holds us captive.

So what did God do to help the Hebrew people live fully into the freedom he intended for his chosen ones? He gave them the Ten Commandments—specific guidelines on how they (and we) are to love God and love others.

The first four commandments focus on God: not using God's name falsely, not worshipping or creating false gods, and remembering to set aside a day for rest and worship. The last six commandments focus on our relationships with others: honoring parents, not killing, betraying, or wanting that which is not ours.

For here is the deal: even as beloved children of God, we fall short of that which God commands us. Our brokenness and captivity keep us from living and loving in ways that bring wholeness and healing to ourselves and others.

Jesus knew this. In our New Testament lesson, we hear Jesus, in essence, distilling the Ten Commandments to these three: Love God. Love Others. Love Yourself.

We become a new person in Jesus when we let go of our broken and wandering ways and begin to love extravagantly: living into the freedom God hands to us with every breath we take. But hear me carefully: sometimes we need 40 years in the wilderness, 40 years of brokenness, in order to get the slavery/captivity out of us so that we can begin to love God, love others, and love ourselves.

Theologian Rob Bell agrees with this assessment. In his amazing book Love Wins, he argues that freedom comes from God's incredible love for us. Created in God's image, we are not puppets of the Creator. We are free to accept God's love AND (we confess) we are free to walk away from it. That is the very nature of love: it does not demand—it frees us and calls us to love others in freeing and unfettered ways.

So what does freedom and new life in Christ look like? What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Following Jesus, living within the freedom of the Risen Christ, is like creating a sonnet: we have been given clear guidelines, but we are free to write our lives our own ways.

Ultimately, when Jim sat down with Fernanda to work on her sonnet homework, they laughed and laughed as they put rhyming words together

in iambic pentameter. The completed sonnet was hilarious and fun and joyful: while still following the rules of the poetry form.

It is the same with each of our lives. The freedom we have in Jesus is the freedom to love and to invite others into lives of loving service. Not with coercion, but with the radical hospitality of Jesus' grace. The freedom we have in Jesus challenges us to love extravagantly, forgive extravagantly, and to give (of our time, our talents and our treasure) extravagantly. Because we have been set free of all that holds us back—we respond by following Jesus.

We follow Jesus NOT because he was anointed King with a golden crown and jewel-encrusted scepter. We follow Jesus because he is a different kind of king. A king who wears a thorny crown. A king who loves and forgives and welcomes us home—forever and always. Why? Because that is what freedom and love look like.

Thanks be to God! Amen

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: The Ten Commandments give us guidelines by which to joyfully live. As followers of Jesus, we are to love God, love ourselves, and love others. In other words, we share our lives and seek to repair our broken world. Through our stewardship—the giving of our time, our abilities, and our money—we are extending our Christian journey. We give to do God's work in the world. Thank you for your generous gifts.

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 vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in the vocal line.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav-en-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

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L.M.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

O God, you give us tasks to perform. You equip us with strengths and abilities beyond what we deserve. In Christ, you call us to faithfulness, to exercise obedience, to be intentional in our discipline. We come now offering to you the results of our labors. Use them as a means to further your work in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

On Eagle's Wings

TRUST & ASSURANCE

On Eagle's Wings

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Unison G D/F# G

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his
 (2) snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will
 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that

shad-ow for life, say to the Lord, "My ref-uge, my
 bring you no fear, un-der his wings your ref-uge, his
 flies by day; though thou-sands fall a-bout you, z

F Gm Asus A *Refrain* D

Rock in whom I trust." And he will raise you up on
 faith-ful-ness your shield. near you it shall not come.

Em A7 D D7/F#

ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

G A Bm F#m Em7 A Dsus D D.C.

sun and hold you in the palm of his hand. 2 The

Fine

BENEDICTION: (from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Leader: May the blessing of the Trinity be upon us this day:

People: The blessing of God

Leader: Who is in this place and every place;

People: The blessing of Jesus

Leader: Who is among us, often unrecognized;

People: The blessing of the Holy Spirit

Leader: Encouraging us to welcome, and to feel at home.

People: As we greet each other, sharing this place and time, may our life in community reflect the dance of the Trinity, by which the world is blessed.

Leader: Go from this holy place in peace. 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

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of the Poeppelman and Knost Families by John and Nancy Knost.

Participants-Daily Devotions-61, September 25-Sunday School-17, Teachers-6, Worship Online-209, In Person-77, Wednesday September 28, Splash-6, Jr/Sr High Youth Group-16, Confirmation-3, Leaders-10.

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

St. Paul Church Nursery-is once again fully staffed during the entire Sunday worship service. 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.

Daily Devotions-Please join us, Monday-Thursday, 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.

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

Women's Service Group-will be traveling VOSH/Ohio, in Pandora, OH, on Thursday, October 13, 2022 for a work day, sorting and cleaning eyeglasses. We will meet at 7:30am in the St. Paul parking lot, for ride sharing, carpooling. We will be working at VOSH from 9:00am to noon. Afterwards, we will be enjoying lunch at Pandora's Lunch Box. Husbands and guests are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to June Oaks by October 12, 2022. Thank you.

Mission Team-will meet Sunday, October 16, 2022 following worship at 11:15am in the Assembly room. Questions? Please call June Oaks.

BookClub- Do you love to read? If so, please feel called to join the St. Paul Book Club! We select a book each month or so, read it on our own at our own pace, and then meet for about an hour to discuss the book. It's fun and casual and sometimes there are snacks!

Our next book will be "The Time Keeper" by Mitch Albom. Please pick up your copy on the table outside the church office if you are interested. We will have our book discussion on Sunday, October 30th, immediately following church service. (Approximately 11:15am.) If you do not feel comfortable meeting in person, we will also be on Zoom. Hope to see you there! To join Zoom Meeting follow this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82958591523?pwd=L29ZZUVsTkVWVWVRNTVHbVYweDVTdz09> **Meeting ID: 829 5859 1523 Passcode: 950189**

Widow and Widower Luncheon-The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, October 12th. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

All Saints Worship-During worship service on October 30, we will celebrate the saints in our lives: those who have gone before us to the Church Triumphant. Candles will be lit in memory of loved ones during the worship services. All are welcome to this meaningful service.

Veteran's Recognition November 5 and 6- Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the beginning of the worship services November 5 and 6. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that weekend, please call or email the church office to give us your name and branch served/serving.

2023 Altar Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You may also call the church office Monday-Thursday to sign up. 2023 altar flower price will increase. Thank you.

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

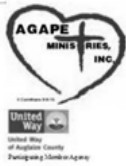
Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

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, Deodorant, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Vaseline, Q-Tips, Bandages, Cotton Balls, Garbage Bags**. We can always use Paper Towels, Kleenex, Laundry Detergent, Diapers (all sizes), Shampoo, Conditioner, 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.

October Monthly Mission-Neighbors in Need

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need “Behold” offering focuses on an economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this through a faith lens. Please join us by promoting this year’s NIN “Behold!” campaign at our church. As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports **Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM)**. Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. We have received grants in the past from this mission. We will be collecting for NIN throughout the month of October, so please give generously. Thank you for your contributions. The Mission Team.

November/December 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.



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

2022

Coats/hats/gloves can also be placed on coat rack in Educational Building inside East Door or in the barrel located in the Narthex.

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



Calendar-Week of October 9, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:15am	Funeral Planning Workshop
Monday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop @ NB Coffee
Tuesday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday		Budget Team after Council
		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash
	5:45pm-8:45pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group /Confirmation
Thursday	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30am	Women's Service Group
		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am-Noon	Mom to Mom Sale

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



✦ ✦ St. Paul Youth ✦ ✦
✦ FALL ADVENTURE ✦ ✦
at Van Demark Farm
Lost Land Corn Maze

- Bonfire
- Hayride
- Petting Zoo
- Mini Golf
- Corn Maze

Meal will be provided, all free of charge!

OCT 12

Youth 6th - 12th grade will be meeting at St. Paul Church at 5:45 p.m. departing at 6 pm. for a fall outing at Van Demark Farm. We will return to the church by 8:45 p.m. for pick-up.

(There will be no confirmation this evening so confirmands can attend outing)