

September 26, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

On these crisp, autumn days, we greet you in the name of the Holy Spirit whose wind/Spirit/breath offers us both challenge and comfort.

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. 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 \$2000.00 raised for this project. Council invites you to give generously to the Project of the Year to complete this project. Thank you!

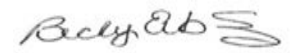
May you experience the joy of Christ!

Blessings,

Roland Dicke
Council President

Myra Hanenkratt
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang
Senior Pastor

Financial Information as of September 26, 2022

(does not include updated giving due to staff vacation)

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00
Giving Income \$0.00 (weekly)
Endowment Trans \$17,490.00(ytd)
Income \$221,829.02(ytd)
Expenses \$234,484.64(ytd)
Balance **(\$12,655.66)**(ytd)

Building Maint & Property

Beg. Balance \$36,648.59
Income \$38,578.50(ytd)
Endowment Inc. **(\$3,862.68)**(ytd)
Expenses \$23,610.75(ytd)
Balance \$47,753.66(ytd)

Project of the Year

Income \$6,916.00
Expenses \$4500.00
Balance \$2416.00

Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$12,218.82
Income \$18,942.20(ytd)
Expenses \$21,612.11(ytd)
Balance \$9,548.91(ytd)

Blessing Pantry

Beg. Balance \$29,161.12
Income \$9,230.00(ytd)
Expenses \$11,885.00(ytd)
Balance \$26,506.12(ytd)

Our Church Wider Mission

Pledge \$25,000.00
Income \$0.00 (weekly)
Income \$17,031.00(ytd)



October 2, 2022, Rescue at Sea

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

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, with awesome power, you led your people through the sea and rescued them from those who would harm them. Continue to lead us through our challenges, that we might sing your praises on the other side. Amen.



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

But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." (Exodus 14:13-14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

With the sea before them and Pharaoh's armies behind, the Israelites were in quite a pickle. But God still had a trick or two up God's sleeve.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What is your community enslaved to? (technology, peer pressure, economy?) How might God deliver you and your community from enslavement to these things?
- How does God show up in your life? Where has God been faithful, despite your own lack of faith?
- For the littles: What is the hardest thing to wait for? God can give us patience.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you patience to wait. Amen



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

Free yourself of one thing that entraps you this week. If you are a slave to your schedule, remove some events. If you are a slave to your smartphone, turn it off for extended periods of time. What will you do with the freedom this practice offers?



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

Monday, Exodus 15:1-21, *Songs of Moses and Miriam*


Tuesday, Exodus 15:22-27, *Bitter Water Made Sweet*

Wednesday, Exodus 16:1-21, *Bread from Heaven*

Thursday, Exodus 17:1-7, *Water from the Rock*

Friday, Exodus 17:8-16, *Amalek Attacks Israel and Is Defeated*

Saturday, Exodus 18:13-27, *Jethro's Advice*



This is what
God's kingdom
is like: a bunch
of outcasts and
oddballs gathered
at a table, not
because they
are rich or
worthy or good,
but because
they are hungry,
because they
said yes. And
there's always
room for more.

- Rachel Held
Evans

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Roland Dicke-Council President

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 1 and 2, 2022 World Communion Weekend

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Kathy Manbeck

Connie O'Neill

Connie O'Neill

Tracy Oldiges

Jim Strang

Diane Gilberg

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

Liturgist (Sunday)

Accompanist (Saturday)

Organist (Sunday)

Sr. Deacon

Bell Choir/Music Director

Sr. Elder

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Neighbors in Need

June Oaks

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.

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: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: Shall we come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Leader: God has showed you, O people, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you?

People: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

JESUS CHRIST

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

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

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: God of promise,

People: We confess today that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us. Spare us. Restore us and grant us, for Jesus' sake, that we might live fully within your embrace of love. 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 to all.

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: Gathering around Christ's world wide table.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Teresa Joyce, Betty Bushman, 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 loving God, we anchor our lives in your promises. Today we pray for your church, the world, and all those in need.

SILENT PRAYER

Leader: Powerful Deliverer, you free your people daily from sin and death. Remind us to practice gratitude for the amazing lives you have given us. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Beautiful Creator, teach us to nurture and sustain all things that you have dreamed and breathed into existence, so that your amazing world might live on for generations to come. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Wise Guide, hold the hands of the children you have called to be leaders in this world. Help them to become fully reliant upon you for their guidance and strength in their daily decisions toward justice and peace. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Benevolent Healer, bring health and wholeness to all who suffer ailments of body, mind and spirit. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Just Ruler, you are the God of all people. Help us to remember that all the children of the earth belong to you. God of promise,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Maker of Saints, with gratitude we remember all who have come before us and remained faithful to you through lives of extreme challenges. May we follow their examples until we are reunited in the presence of your glory. 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.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM (Sunday)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 (The Message)

When the king of Egypt was told that the people were gone, he and his servants changed their minds. They said, "What have we done, letting Israel, our slave labor, go free?" So he had his chariots harnessed up and got his army together. He took six hundred of his best chariots, with the rest of the Egyptian chariots and their drivers coming along.

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw them—Egyptians! Coming at them!

They were totally afraid. They cried out in terror to God. They told Moses, "Weren't the cemeteries large enough in Egypt so that you had to take us out here in the wilderness to die? What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? Back in Egypt didn't we tell you this would happen? Didn't we tell you, 'Leave us alone here in Egypt—we're better off as slaves in Egypt than as corpses in the wilderness.'"

¹³ Moses spoke to the people: "Don't be afraid. Stand firm and watch God do his work of salvation for you today. Take a good look at the Egyptians today for you're never going to see them again.

¹⁴ God will fight the battle for you.

And you? You keep your mouths shut!"

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and God, with a terrific east wind all night long, made the sea go back. He made the sea dry ground. The seawaters split.

²²⁻²⁵ The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground with the waters a wall to the right and to the left. The Egyptians came after them

in full pursuit, every horse and chariot and driver of Pharaoh racing into the middle of the sea. It was now the morning watch. God looked down from the Pillar of Fire and Cloud on the Egyptian army and threw them into a panic. He clogged the wheels of their chariots; they were stuck in the mud.

The Egyptians said, "Run from Israel! God is fighting on their side and against Egypt!"

²⁶ God said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea and the waters will come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots, over their horsemen."

²⁷⁻²⁸ Moses stretched his hand out over the sea: As the day broke and the Egyptians were running, the sea returned to its place as before. God dumped the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. The waters returned, drowning the chariots and riders of Pharaoh's army that had chased after Israel into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹⁻³¹ But the Israelites walked right through the middle of the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall to the right and to the left. God delivered Israel that day from the oppression of the Egyptians. And Israel looked at the Egyptian dead, washed up on the shore of the sea, and realized the tremendous power that God brought against the Egyptians. The people were in reverent awe before God and trusted in God and his servant Moses.

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). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The score is divided into six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

C F maj 7 C F maj 7 C F maj 7

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

Mo - ses knew, when hope is gone, you're the one that we turn to.

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

Lord, please lead and I will go.

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

-Mary Oliver

Today's reading is a familiar one for those of us who grew up going to Sunday School.

The story of the escape from Egypt by the Hebrew slaves is a tale of new beginnings. It is also a story that shows the power of God. The Egyptians recognized this power and said, "Run from Israel! God is fighting on their side and against Egypt!" As one reads the accounts of their escape from Egypt, there is a powerful sense of God being in control.

Truly, because of God's intervention on the Hebrews' behalf, Moses' job looks almost comically easy. Years ago, Mad Magazine showed several animated/comic portrayals of Moses. In one, Moses is a child in the bathtub, separating the waters, creating a dry patch in the middle of the tub—causing his mother to wonder why he never got clean! In another, Moses was parting the broth of his chicken noodle soup so he could get to his noodles first! The implication is, of course, that for Moses parting waters was a talent he'd been perfecting since childhood.

But, we know that is only part of the story. The Hebrew peoples' flight from Egypt was anything but smooth sailing. Over and over and over again, the former captives had to prove themselves worthy of a relationship with God as they wandered in the wilderness. And, over and over and over again, they blew it with God. The good news for the Hebrew people (and for us today) is that our God is gracious: he loves us, forgives us, and calls us his own—no matter what.

In all their wilderness wanderings, the Hebrew people were called to place their total faith in God—to trust that God knew the direction to the land of Canaan, trust that food and water would be provided, trust that the people would survive their wanderings to make a new home.

And what of each of us? When have you wandered in the wilderness of your heart and mind? In the midst of great expanses of desert, where have you placed your trust?

In fact, you might be wandering in the wilderness right now. Life is not what you expected it to be. You are angry. You are bitter. You are confused. You feel all alone. You wonder if God even exists.

Sometimes when we are in the wilderness, we simply must trust: trust the process, trust Moses, trust God.

I know this sounds easy—like Moses parting the bathtub waters—but we know it is not.

This is where our Christian faith comes into play in our wilderness moments. We are **not** called to pull people out of the wilderness. We are **not** called to tell people to “buck up and life will get better.” We **ARE** called to walk alongside people who have lost their way. We are called to be a companion to those who are lost that they might have a living, tangible reminder that God is present with them through the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Today’s scripture reading is just the very beginning of the Hebrews’ wilderness wanderings. Scriptures tell us that for forty years Moses and the people wandered in the wilderness. AND, scriptures also tell us that the Hebrew people complained to Moses, complained to God, for pretty much the full forty years.

I wonder what would happen if we embraced our wilderness times? What if, instead of running away from pain, we ran **toward** the pain that it might be transformed by God?

One organization that is doing just that is called the Wilderness Way Community. Founded in 2006, a handful of Christians got together and began to imagine what an alternative church might look like that focused on those who are typically unwelcomed in Christian churches. After six months of listening to Christians who felt unwelcomed in churches, they named their movement the Wilderness Way Community because, as Christians, they plant themselves in wilderness spaces.

As founder Solveig Nilson-Goodin once said: *Biblically, the wilderness is the place outside the walls of empire, the place where prophets are called and fed, the place where manna is given and enoughness is taught, the place where John the Baptist initiated those who were defectors from and dehumanized by empire; the place where Jesus was tested and prepared for his prophetic, spiritual leadership.*

The goal of the Wilderness Way Community is to assist others to break free of the boxes (and religious institutions) that have oppressed and confined so many people for centuries. The goal is to un-tame, un-domesticate, and re-wild ourselves for the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is

anything but tame and domesticated. As leaders of the movement say, they want people to become wild Christian disciples and fearless spiritual leaders.

Think about that for a moment. My guess is very few of us got up this morning planning to be **wild** in our Christian discipleship and fearless in our leadership. We have spent our lives being tamed into boxes and institutions and rituals that have squashed the wilderness out of us.

What might your prayer life look like if you took it to the wilderness? What might your walk with Jesus look like if you followed him into the desert?

Remember this: John the Baptist was shaped and formed in the wilderness. Jesus began his ministry in the wilderness, tempted by Satan. I would argue that Jesus had to have that wilderness time/that confrontation with the devil that he might become our Savior and Friend.

A little less than a year ago, I drove to a weekend retreat in North Carolina—exhausted and burned out from ministry in Covid times. I wasn't sure I could continue this ministry path and needed a break and a breather. The retreat was put on by a global organization called Tumbuh—a nonprofit committed to bringing diverse people together from around the world.

The retreat I attended was called Wild of the Called. NOT Call of the Wild. Throughout the weekend, we explored what it means to live outside the box, to BE wild and still be faithful to our calling as followers of Jesus. I returned home refreshed and ready to be wild and faithful and joyful and loving—no matter the circumstances.

The Wilderness Way Community echoes this revelation. Society tends to want us to conform, be the same, do what we have always done, with no deviation. Yet, we know this instinctively: life lived inside boxes can lead to despair. The Wilderness Way Community reminds Christians that we find our strength in the power of God, the power of life, that can never ever be fully domesticated or extinguished. Our resurrection faith reminds us that God so loved the world that he even conquered death. Friends, it doesn't get any wilder than that!

Moses led the Hebrews out of slavery and into the wilderness. And God was there. The Old Testament prophets often found their inspiration in the wilderness. And God was there. John the Baptist ate locusts and

wild honey in the wilderness. And God was there. Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. And God was there.

My friends: **your** wilderness experience awaits. And I promise you this: God will be with you—every step of the way. Amen

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS (Sunday)

OFFERING INVITATION: The good news is that God's love and provision are sufficient for all our needs. As followers of Jesus, we are challenged to share all that we have in order that no one will go without. Let us give generously and joyfully. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The image shows a musical score for a doxology in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the lyrics 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;'. The second system covers 'praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.' Chord symbols are placed above the vocal lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

G D Em Bm Em D G D Em C G D
Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Em D F# G D G/B C F#dim A G Em D Am G/B D7 G
praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God, it is your will to continually shower us with blessings. Take our abundance and supply the needs of those who have very little. Help us to be the fulfillment of your promises to them. Bless these gifts to your good purpose. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (communion liturgy written by Pastor Becky, integrating Carrie Newcomer's Room at the Table. Used with permission of Ms. Newcomer)

COMMUNION INVITATION

Leader: No matter where we go in this life, no matter what we have experienced, Jesus invites us to this meal, to his table.

Rev. Becky (singing):

*Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on margins.
There is room at the table for everyone.
This is where it all begins; this is how we gather in.
There is room at the table for everyone.
Too long we have wandered, burdened and undone
But there is room at the table for everyone.
This is how it all begins, let us sing a new world in:
There is room at the table for everyone.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Holy and Gracious God, we gather as your children today, filled with joy, for Christ has risen and our lives will never be the same.



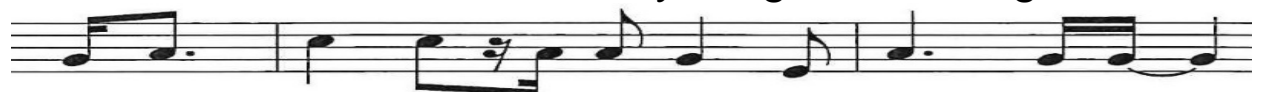
People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: We praise you, O God, for what you have done for us in Christ Jesus. Through him, we experience your love, your forgiveness, your grace. And so we sing:



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: We thank you, Holy One, for these gifts of bread and wine—that this joyful meal shared is a foretaste of your glorious Kingdom.



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: We humbly ask you to pour your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon our lives. May we be nourished for lives of service in your name.



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: Amen!

Rev. Becky (singing): *There is room for us all; and no gift is too small.*



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Rev. Becky (singing): *There's enough if we share; come on pull up a chair.*



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: It is through the broken Bread we recognize the risen Christ.

Leader: It is through sharing the Cup of Blessing that we know forgiveness today and always.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Leader: The Body of Christ, broken for you. Take and eat.

The Blood of Christ, poured out for you. Take and drink.

Rev. Becky (singing): *No matter who are you; no matter where you're from,*



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Rev. Becky (singing): *Here and now we can be the beloved community:*



People: There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry one

Leader: Amen!

Now Let Us from This Table Rise 715

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1 Now let us from this ta - ble rise, re -
 2 With minds a - lert, up - held by grace, to
 3 To fill each hu - man house with love, it
 4 Then give us grace, Com - pan - ion God, to

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 $\frac{D}{F\#}$
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newed in bod - y, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and
 spread the Word in speech and deed, we fol - low in the
 is the sac - ra - ment of care; the work that Christ be -
 choose a - gain the pil - grim way; and help us to ac -

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rise a - gain, his self - less love has made us whole.
 steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
 gan to do we hum - bly pledge our - selves to share.
 cept with joy the chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day.

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
 MUSIC: Thomas Tallis (ca. 1505-1585)

TALLIS' CANON
 L.M.

BENEDICTION: God be in our head and in our understanding. God be in our eyes and in our looking. God be in our mouth and in our speaking. God be in our heart and in our thinking. God be with us in our end and in our departing as we go in peace. Amen

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

J=95

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

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of John A. Ahlers by Marlene Ahlers.

Participants-Daily Devotions-100, September 18-Sunday School-23, Teachers-5, Worship Online-198, In Person-65, Wednesday September 21, Splash-6, Jr/Sr High Youth Group-16, Confirmation-3, Leaders-8.

Sundays in 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 Sunday 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.

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.

Elmwood Worship-Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Becky with this wonderful service. Please meet her by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

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.

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!

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 at jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. 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, Kleenex, Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Tampons, Razors, Shaving Cream, Diapers (sizes 3, 5, 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Vaseline, Q-Tips, Bandages, Cotton Balls, Garbage Bags.** We can always use Paper Towels, Deodorant, 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.



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****

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Coats/hats/gloves can also be placed on coat rack in Educational Building inside East Door.

Calendar-Week of October 2, 2022

Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
	9:00am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live w/Holy Communion
Monday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop @ NB Coffee
Tuesday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Elmwood Worship
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday		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		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:00pm	Finance Team
Friday	Noon	Office Closed

E-Giving @ St. Paul

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

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

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

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

Once a text amount is sent:

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

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

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

