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*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages. - Acts 2:4*

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

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

#### **IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:**

**Bulletins**, Offering Plates, and Masks are available on tables.

**Listening devices** are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

**Children's Activity Bags** containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Thank you!

**Restrooms** are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

**WIFI Connection**-connect via "St Paul – Guest"

Password: godlovesyou

The \* indicates all who are able may stand

May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday

Worship Leaders

Ministers  
Rev. Daniel L. Busch  
Arianne Henry  
Cindy Newman  
June Oaks

The Congregation  
Worship Leader  
Pianist  
Liturgist  
Sr. Deacon

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

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F Dm Gm7 C F F7  
No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

Bb G7 F Dm G7 Gm7 C7  
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm7 C F F7  
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

Bb G7 F Dm Gm7 C7 C F F  
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

[To verses] [Last time, Fine]

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour.

**People: Glory be to God who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.**

Leader: God, who called all the worlds into being, calls forth new life in us today.

**People: Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.**

Leader: God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love and confirms God's gifts, is in us as we gather here.

**People: We worship God with expectation and joy!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

No. 334

(verses 1 & 4)



# On Pentecost They Gathered 334

D F#
A7 E
D
G
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A7 C#
D
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Asus
A7
D

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

D F#
A7 E
D
Bm
A C#
Em
F#
Bm
D F#
G
Asus
A7
D

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A
A G
B7 F#
Em
Bm
Em B
Bm
Bm D
E7
A

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

A7 C#
D
D C
G B
D7 A
G
D F#
G B
G
Asus
A7
D

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so peo - ple of all na - tions glad songs of joy shall raise.

## \*SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Leader: God's Spirit is poured upon us, yet far too often we neglect the call of the Spirit. Let us confess our sin.

**People: Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love. Send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the ways of your justice and love. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: In Christ you were marked with the Holy Spirit, a seal of our redemption in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit we become dead to sin and alive anew in Christ. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you may have hope in new life and live fully within the Spirit's embrace.

**People: Amen!**

## \*HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jahl Hal - le -

lu - jahl Hal - le - lu - jahl

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: The descent of the Holy Spirit

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Jay Waterman, Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jerry Newman, Karen Vornholt, Molly Borkowski, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Julia Paul (St. Rita's), Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

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

Leader: Let us pray. Holy Spirit, pour upon our congregation, our community, our nation and the world. Blow the winds of your healing grace upon each.

**SILENCE**

Leader: Gracious God, on the day of Pentecost, each one heard your word in a language they could understand. May we not be obstacles between your word being proclaimed and received by those hungry for it. Transforming Spirit,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: The giving of your Holy Spirit, O God, is a cosmic event, encompassing not only all people, but the whole universe you have made. Give us a vision as wide as we can handle, that we never set our sights too small in carrying out the work of your kingdom. Transforming Spirit,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: As the church celebrates its birthday, we give thanks for our worshiping community—whether gathered or scattered. We give you thanks for all the blessings we receive from you through St. Paul Church and all the ways we serve the community. Strengthen all congregations in your holy name. Transforming Spirit,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Spirit of life, pour out your healing upon each and every one of us, those with visible and invisible ailments, and those too afraid to ask for help. We pray that your Spirit pour upon all who need your refreshing breath. Transforming Spirit,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: For your saints of all tongues, tribes, and traditions, we thank you. For every challenge and every joy that lies ahead, we bring our

gratitude and ask your protective power. Make us one, O God, as only you can. Transforming Spirit,

**People: You hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into your hands, Gentle Spirit, we commend these prayers. We offer to you our prayers, our service, our very lives. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray... **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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

*<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."*

*<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews<sup>[a]</sup> and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk,*



*as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:*

*<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.*

*<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.*

*<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.*

*<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.*

*<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

## RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: The images of Pentecost are striking.

**People: The locked room. The violent rush of wind. The tongues of fire.**

Leader: And now, the speaking in tongues.

**People: How confusing that must have been, both for the disciples and their listeners!**

Leader: Simple folk from Galilee, people who would not have learned another language, much less many languages.

**People: Were suddenly understandable to everyone.**

Leader: This is the power of God's Holy Spirit.

**People: This is the power of that Spirit working in the disciples on that Pentecost Day long ago.**

Leader: Dramatically, Jesus' friends became equipped to spread God's word everywhere.

**People: It was a miracle, and many that day came to believe.**

Leader: May we ask: where is that Spirit today?

**People: We are so strange and incomprehensible to one another.**

Leader: Even when we speak the same language, much less different ones.

**People: We need God's Spirit in this world, now more than ever.**

Leader: But there is good news, very good news.

**People: The Spirit of God is right here, in and with each one of us.**

Leader: Inspired by that Spirit, we can unleash its great power to do good.

**People: We just need to go out into the world fearlessly, knowing we are never alone.**

Leader: And even if we cannot speak a word of French or Mandarin or Swahili,

**People: We can let our actions and our lives do the talking for us.**

Leader: There are times and places when words fail—even the clearest and most well-chosen words,

**People: Where there are hurts too deep, when people are too devastated to listen.**

Leader: That's when we need to call on the Spirit within us, to reach out to these suffering sisters and brothers in faith and love,

**People: To offer a smile, a helping hand,**

Leader: To stand with them in their time of need,

**People: To walk beside them when they are in danger.**

Leader: Even without wind and fire and miraculous instant communication, God's power is alive and well and visible in this world through us.

**People: Because the Spirit is housed in our hearts, we can work wonders every bit as important as those worked by the first disciples.**

Leader: God was with them, but God is also with us.

**People: Let us look for ways to make everyday miracles happen, trusting in the continuing power of the Holy Spirit. May it be so, today and always!**

SERMON

*Wind and Fire: Now What?*

Rev. Dan Busch

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: As recipients of the Holy Spirit, we now offer our gifts—our tithes, our offerings, and our lives joyfully to God!

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 34

### 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 vocal line and a bass line. The first system has the lyrics: 'Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;'. The second system has the lyrics: 'praise him a - bove, ye heav-en-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.' Above the vocal lines, 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  
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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison): Holy God, we bring before you the best of what we have to offer. We recognize the needs of others and we desire to make your world work for good. Accept these gifts that we offer to the rich diversity of your earthly community and use them to unite, rather than divide us. For Jesus' sake we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF SENDING

*We Are the Church*

No. 550

# We Are the Church

*Refrain (Unison)*

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -

geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

1 The church is not a build - ing, the church is not a stee - ple,  
 2 We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,  
 3 Some - times the church is march - ing, some - times it's brave - ly burn - ing,  
 4 And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's sing - ing and there's pray - ing,  
 5 At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

the church is not a rest - ing place, the church is a peo - ple.  
 all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.  
 some - times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing, al - ways it's learn - ing.  
 there's laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times, all of it say - ing:  
 and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.



\*BENEDICTION

\*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 memory of Robert Wilson by Carol Wilson and family.

**Circle of Friends Cards** for you to sign are for Kathy Cook (North door), Denise Joyce (South door), and Julia Paul (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

**Participants-** May 21 | Worship Online-455, In-Person-199

**Sundays in June-Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Saturday, June 3-Worship** will be in the chapel at 5:00pm with Holy Communion.

**September Book Club-** We will be reading *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Books are available to pick up from the table outside the pastor's office. This event will be offered via Zoom and in-person on Sunday, September 24 following worship in the Zoom Room.

**Rev. Ken Locke's First Worship Services-** Rev. Locke, our new interim pastor, starts on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and his first days leading worship for us are Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm and Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am. Please join us for these worship services to give him a warm welcome as he becomes a part of St Paul UCC.

**Art Camp Festival 2023-** will be Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. Mark your calendars! Theme: Happy Birthday, St. Paul!

**2023 Altar Flower Chart** has open dates: July 2 and July 30. 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 be \$40.00. Thank you.

## **May Monthly Mission: Crossroad Child & Family Services**

Many children - either because of who they are or what has happened to them - have emotional and behavioral difficulties. Crossroad is where they get help, healing, and hope.

Children who come to Crossroad learn to value themselves and others. Values provide the solid ground the children need as they learn, change, and become “valuable” adults.

Thank you for your generous donations to Crossroad Child & Family Services.

-The Mission Team

**St Paul UCC Job Openings**-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Worship Organist, Music Director, Bell Choir Director, and Chancel Choir Director. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter, indicating position applying for, to the church office, attention Myra Hanenkratt, Council President.

The Worship Organist is responsible for playing organ/piano during worship services, accompanies the choirs and works closely with the Worship Team.

The Music Director/Bell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director serves part time to recruit, rehearse and perform bell and chancel choir music. The Music Director works closely with the Worship Team.

**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- Body Wash (Men’s and Women’s), Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant (Men’s and Women’s), Razors, Softener Sheets, Baby Lotion, Safety Q-tips, Diapers (Size 5 and 6), Paper Towels. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

**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.

**May/June 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.

**St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement**-The St. Paul Church Nursery will be open on Communion Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion, at 937-658-1770.

**Want to be part of the Prayer Chain?** Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at [jrpaul@nktelco.net](mailto:jrpaul@nktelco.net) or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

### **Calendar-Week of May 28, 2023**

Sunday	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday		Office Closed
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Noon	Office Closed
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Club- Speedway Lanes
	5:00pm	Worship w/ Holy Communion

### **E-Giving @ St. Paul**

**Online** – Make a donation on our website: [stpaulnb.org](http://stpaulnb.org)

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

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

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





# 190<sup>th</sup>

BIRTHDAY

Celebration!

## Art Camp Festival

St. Paul Community Playground  
ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, NEW BREMEN

Thursday, June 8th  
5:00pm. – 8:00pm.

Hamburgers & Hotdogs  
provided by the NB/NK Rotary Club

Bouncy House • Petting Zoo • Mini Golf  
K-9 Officer • & More!

**FREE EVENT!**

# Church Directory Update



**We need your new pictures  
and updated information  
for the 2023 St. Paul  
Church Directory**

**Picture taking days:**

**Thursday, June 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 17, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Our Church Directory needs updated pictures and information! Please complete the Pictorial Directory Information form online ([stpaulnb.org](http://stpaulnb.org)) or pick up a form today from the bulletin tables in the sanctuary. Return to the church office or email to [klt@nktelco.net](mailto:klt@nktelco.net) by June 5. We will call you to set up a definite photo appointment.