

St. Paul United Church of Christ

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Myra Hanenkratt-Council President

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, Communion, 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

June 3 and 4, 2023 Feast of the Trinity Sunday

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Ken Locke
Arianne Henry
Bev Plattner
Shelly Zeller
June Oaks
Bryan Trego

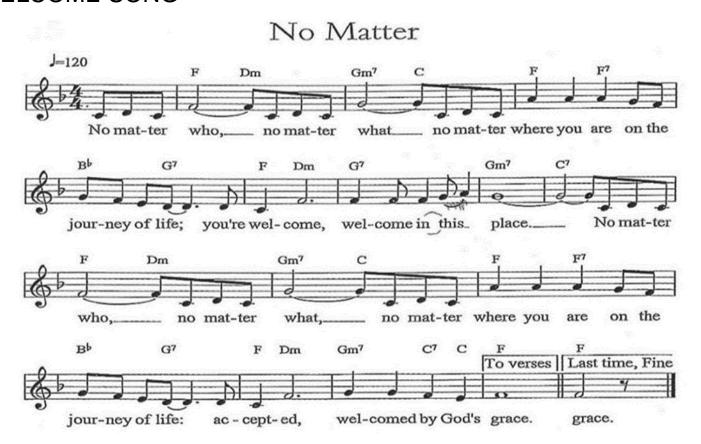
The Congregation
Interim Pastor
Pianist (Saturday)
Pianist (Sunday)
Liturgist (Sunday)
Sr. Deacon
Sr. Elder

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*WELCOME SONG



*CALL TO WORSHIP

<u>Leader</u>: People of God, we have come to worship our Triune God.

<u>People</u>: With Joy we worship the God who created us in love, saved us from our sins, and sustains us every day.

<u>Leader</u>: Praise he to our God who is, who was, and always will be. <u>People</u>: With joy and thankfulness we praise our God together.

*HYMN OF PRAISE Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! No. 136

136 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



11.12.12.10.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

<u>Leader</u>: If we say we have no sin, we do not even deceive ourselves. Aware of our sinfulness, yet confident of God's eternal love, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

*CONFESSION OF SINS

<u>Leader:</u> Forgiving God, we confess we have not fully embraced the love that is our baptismal birthright.

<u>People</u>: At Creation you loved us into loving, but we have failed to show life- giving love to others.

In Jesus' death and resurrection we received costly grace, but the grace we share is often cheap.

The Holy Spirit is always with us, but too often we let others walk alone.

*PARDON

<u>Leader</u>: Forgiving God, for these sins and so much more we ask your forgiveness.

People: God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN)

<u>Leader</u>: As far as East is from West, so are the sins of those who ask God's mercy. Beloved, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

<u>People</u>: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.



PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys: Welcoming our Interim Pastor!

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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

(NRSV)

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and

peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. 13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20

(NRSV)

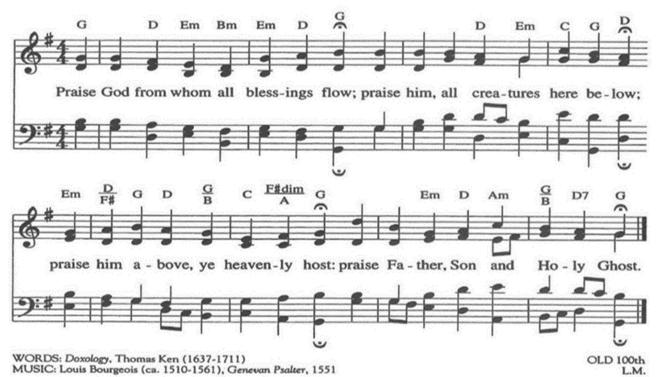
¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

SERMON Rev. Ken Locke

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Sunday)
OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison): O God, do not let us think we can decide what others deserve to have. Give us hearts as

generous as yours, that we may offer our gifts in service to your children with no strings attached. Bless what we bring before you today, for your work of compassion and justice in the world. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the United Church of Christ, we practice an Open Table. You need not be a church member to commune; you need only a sincere desire to draw near to Christ and seek peace with your neighbor. Saturday and Sunday communion elements will be offered by coming forward or are available on the bulletin/offering table. Sunday, we hold the elements and commune together.

<u>Leader</u>: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: We come to celebrate the joyful feast of our Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

<u>People</u>: Holy God, you are mighty in power, yet abounding in mercy. While our world was marred with sin and brokenness, you made a covenant with your people. You promised to renew your creation. You promised to give hope amid the sorrow, healing in place of sickness, wholeness in place of emptiness.

<u>Leader</u>: You stepped into our darkness in the person of Jesus Christ. He came quietly to a young, unwed mother through the power of your Holy Spirit. He experienced our human joys and sorrows.

<u>People</u>: Then the King of kings showed us how to live. He healed the sick, cared for the least of society, and took time for children. He forgave sins and performed miracles. He loved and he served. He gave up his very life for his friends. He died the disgraceful death of a criminal for us. Yet, you raised him out of the tomb. He triumphed over death that we, too, may live.

<u>Leader</u>: On the night before our Lord died, he ate with his disciples. As we so often do, Jesus began with prayer. He took the bread and cup, and shared them with his friends, saying, "This is my body given for you. This cup is poured out for you. My body and my blood are given for the forgiveness of your sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

<u>People</u>: So, loving God, we do, in obedience to your command, eat and drink from the cup. As we do, we remember with awe and gratitude the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

<u>Leader</u>: We rejoice that your great love through Christ's sacrifice has set us free and given us hope for a future with you.

<u>People</u>: Until our Lord Jesus returns to establish his kingdom without end, we will joyfully proclaim his death and resurrection. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

<u>Leader</u>: Triune God, we pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service in the world as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world that you have made. **Amen.**

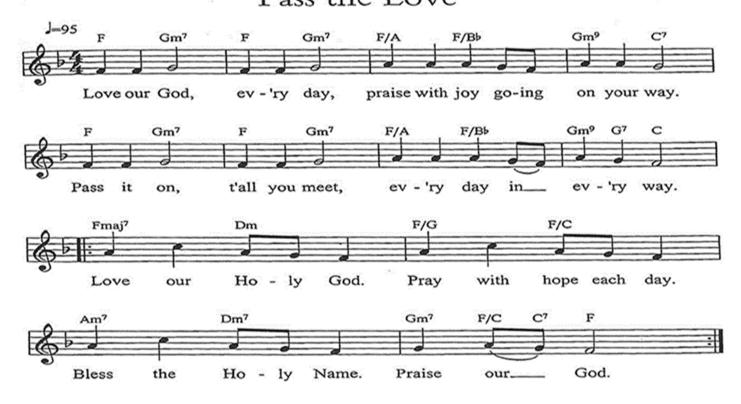
*HYMN OF SENDING They'll Know We Are Christians No. 595

They'll Know We Are Christians 595



*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Pass the Love Pass the Love



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another!

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Stan and Dorothy Hertenstein by June Oaks.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Carol Mohrman (North door), Lois Dicke (South door), and Anna Hoelscher (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- May 28 | Worship Online-240, In-Person-62

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

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.

Elmwood Worship-Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to assist Rev. Locke with this wonderful service. Please meet him by 1:45pm at Elmwood.

Art Camp Festival 2023- will be Thursday, June 8th from 5-8pm at the St. Paul Community Playground. We hope to see you there! Theme: Happy Birthday, St. Paul!

Fishing with Friends- Join us to o-FISH-ally celebrate summer with fellowship, fishing, sun, and swimming on June 14th from 9-11am at the Knost's residence. All are welcome! Light lunch will be provided.

Widow and Widower Luncheon-The next Widow & Widower's Luncheon will be Wed, June 14, 11:30am – 12:30pm. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

Miniature Golf- All are welcome to join us for a morning of miniature golf at the K.C. Geiger Park on June 28th from 10:30-11:30am. Cost: \$1/child and \$2/adult. Feel free to bring a lunch to enjoy at the park afterwards!

2023 Altar Flower Chart has an open date: 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.

June Monthly Mission: Community Backpack+ Program

The Community Backpack+ Program has been designated a Community Project Fund of the New Bremen Foundation. Through the program, they were able to provide backpacks and school supplies to 27 students in 2022. They also donated \$1500 to the NB Schools to help pay unpaid school fees. Two-hundred dollars each were donated to NB, Minster, and New Knoxville schools for their "No Shame Lunch Funds", a guaranteeing that no student goes without a full lunch.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Community Backpack+ Program.

-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- Conditioner, Deodorant (Women's), Baby Lotion,

Kleenex, Cotton Balls, Vaseline, Sunscreen. 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 irpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

Calendar-Week of June 4, 2023

Sunday	10:15am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
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		In Person & via Facebook Live
	11:30am	Mission Team Meeting
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	2:00pm	Worship at Elmwood
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:00pm-8:00pm	Art Camp
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 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)

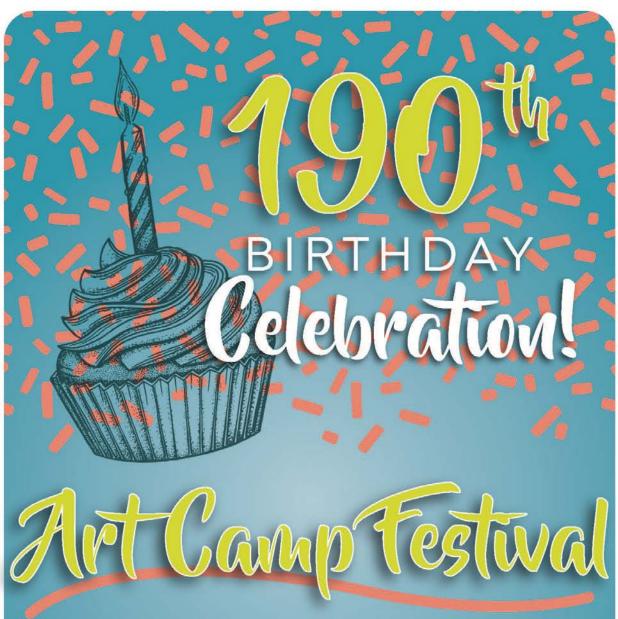
Once a text amount is sent:

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.



Our Church Directory needs updated pictures and information! Please complete the Pictorial Directory Information form online (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 by June 5. We will call you to set up a definite photo appointment.



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!