



I am thrilled that the Food Pantry is doing Spring Cleaning Buckets. The commitment that the St Paul's Food Pantry is making to improve the lives of people is impressive. There has been the renovation to the rooms and way that people come in to get items. This has actually decreased the amount of food items that people take due to only taking what they need. Last year there was the commitment to making sure that people would have a special meal for Thanksgiving. One consideration taken into account was the method of heating up food. There are families who come to St Paul's Food Pantry who do not have a stove to heat up or cook food. Then looking at 2024, the Advisory Committee came up with 2 new goals that the Food Pantry wanted to achieve and that was to offer Spring Cleaning Baskets and something that would be needed for Back to School in August.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture and provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budget so they can afford the nutritious food essential to health and well-being. It is based on how many people are in the family and how much is their annual income. And yet this only addresses assistance for food.

One thing that families need is the ability to take care of their place they live and clean. St Paul's Food Pantry Advisory Committee understands that cleaning supplies are one of the things that fall through the crack. They want to do something about it and are therefore collecting items that they can offer to those who come into the Food Pantry.

The Council has scheduled a Spring Cleaning of St Paul after church on Sunday April 7th. St Paul's is blessed to be able to afford the cleaners and have the supplies needs to do this. What blessings and gifts can we share with others? Cleaning supplies for the Spring Cleaning Basket are due on Sunday, April 7th.

Peace & Blessings,
Susan

Our Church Family



Joe, Tara, Theresa, Lillian, Family of Avyaan, Haiti, and Michael. We to lift them up to God to deliver what they need.

We continue to keep in our prayers: Darryl, Wright City Fire Family, Mike & Eileen Teasing, Darlene's Family, those who are traveling, Walter & Janice Burkemper, Ken, Marla, Lori S, Megan, Janet, Carrie T, and Tim.

We lift up in our prayers those who need prayers for their *long-term circumstances*: Carol Jean P, Mary A, Bill D, and David L.

Church Council News

Church council met March 6. All members were present. We voted to hire someone to paint the hallway in the Education Building. We authorized a retreat for Pastor Susan April 7-9 and approved some vacation time.



SPRING CLEANING DAY

HAVING A WORKDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024. IT WILL BE AFTER FELLOWSHIP.

Feel free to wear your work clothes to church, stay and help out with making our church look great.

Do you have ideas for things that need to be done? Let a council member know and we will put it on our list.



to my church family for the gift basket you put together for me after Mom passed away. It was a very difficult time and I greatly appreciate each one of you for helping me through.

Lauretta Thomas



Peoples Bank & Trust recently celebrated a milestone of 100 years in business. In honor of this milestone, employees were given \$100 to share with a local nonprofit organization in the community. Tom Dickmeyer requested his donation be made to St. Paul United Church of Christ Food Pantry. Thank you Tom!

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Our giving last month...

Based on our budget for 2024 our offering each week needs to average \$2176.48

February Attendance:

February 25: 27

March Attendance:

March 3: 21

March 10: 19

March 17: 16

March 24:

March 31:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
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February 25	\$ 290.00	\$ 110.00
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March 3	\$ 1905.00	\$ 95.00
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March 10	\$ 810.00	\$ 240.00
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March 17	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00
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March 24

March 31

Monthly Attendance Average

January: 24

February: 23

March:

April:

May:

June:

July:

August:

September:

October:

November:

December:

Our giving in 2024...

January weekly Average: \$2905.67

February weekly Average: \$1129.50

March weekly Average: \$

April weekly Average: \$

May weekly Average: \$

June weekly Average: \$

July weekly Average: \$

August weekly Average: \$

September weekly Average: \$

October weekly Average: \$

November weekly Average: \$

December weekly Average: \$



Ushers/Greeters

April 7	Richard Warren & Joyce Noble
April 14	Norma & Karol Keeteman
April 21	Darryl & Phyllis Freese
April 28	Sharon Brinkman & Linda Meier

Kaelyn Keeteman	04
Richard Warren	08
Ava Bothe	22
Katrina Gifford	29
Cameron Rolf	30

Acolytes

April 7	Joyce Noble
April 14	
April 21	
April 28	Joyce Noble



Fellowship Hour Servers

April 7
 April 14
 April 21
 April 28

**ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 7, 2024**

Opening Prayer: Jerry

Present: Marla Stewart, Jerry Gifford, Darryl Freese, Karol Keeteman, Carolyn Meier, Joann Jungermann, Treasurer (non-member), and Rev. Susan Shumway

Quorum Count: by Marla, quorum present

Review of Agenda: by Marla. Motion to accept by Jerry, second by Carolyn, and passed.

Treasurer's Report: by Joann. Reviewed. Motion to accept by Karol, second by Carolyn, and passed

Secretary's Report: Minutes reviewed. Jerry made motion to accept, second by Karol and passed.

Pastor's Report: Reviewed. Karol made motion to accept mileage, Darryl second and passed.

Prayer for our Pastor: by Marla

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Worship-Carolyn- will meet on 3/6. Good Friday, Maundy Thursday services will be held jointly with Friedens, Moscow Mills
2. Grounds committee-Darryl-Nothing to report
3. Christian Nurturing-Marla-meets Sunday
4. Stewardship-Carolyn- meets 2/18; \$195 made at Soup lunch
5. Finance-Marla-Nothing to report
6. Search committee-Marla-has been meeting
7. Sony Schacher Legacy-jerry (Ad-Hoc Committee)-nothing to report
8. Boy Scouts-Jerry-winter campout planned
9. Food Pantry-Karol-had meeting want to collect cleaning supplies, and school supplies for August; someone needs Certified Training

Old/Unfinished business

1. Membership Committee- meets today
2. Parsonage-Shown; entered leasing agreement with Prestige Management
3. Signs- ongoing research

New Business

1. Laretta Thomas resigning from Council and replaced by Darryl Freese
2. Election of council officers- will remain the same as suggested by Jerry
3. Spring Work day-we will have after church on April 7 and people may wear work clothes to church
4. Sidewalk Safety/Snow removal - Joe and Jerry will check even if under 2 inches, for ice on sidewalks
5. Community Partners of Eastern Lincoln County we will join this group

Next Meeting

1. March 6, 1:00pm
2. Opening Prayer: Carolyn

Entertain Motion to Close: Karol made motion, second by Darryl and passed.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by:
Carolyn M. Meier, Secretary

Any questions on above, please feel free to contact council member

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Pastor's Report: Reviewed. No mileage

Prayer for our Pastor: by Marla

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 1 Worship-Carolyn- Met on 3/6. Good Friday, Maundy Thursday services will be held jointly with Friedens, Moscow Mills; Time TBD. Communion servers stopped using gloves to serve bread
2. Grounds committee-Darryl-working on new window covers for stained glass. Farmer can get rid of dead tree in field
3. Christian Nurturing-Marla-Easter breakfast will be served, Empty Tomb project, Renovating library
4. Stewardship-Carolyn- April offering OCWM
5. Finance-Marla-Nothing to report
6. Search committee-Marla-has been meeting
7. Sony Schacher Legacy-jerry (Ad-Hoc Committee)-nothing to report; March 16 is Pinewood Derby
8. Boy Scouts-Jerry-winter campout done. Summer camping in Farmington
9. Food Pantry-Karol-had meeting want to collect cleaning supplies, and school supplies for August.

Old/Unfinished business

1. Membership Committee- on going
2. Parsonage-Marla took pictures of marks on wall, etc.
3. Signs- ongoing research for 4x6 sign
4. Spring Work Day set up for 4/7
5. Community Partners of Eastern Lincoln County: Glenda sent info so we can join.

New Business

1. Cleaning Lady Resigns: we will ask congregation to do areas until we find another housekeeper
2. Paint Hallways in Christian Ed Building: Mark Grutenmeyer, who previously painted areas in Ed Building will be asked. Karol made motion, seconded by Carolyn and passed.

Next Meeting

1. April 10, 1:00pm
2. Opening Prayer: Darryl

Entertain Motion to Close: Karol made motion, seconded by Carolyn and passed
Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by:
Carolyn M. Meier, Secretary

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The lilies and geraniums which decorate our Sanctuary this Easter were given by the following people:

Ron and Lynn Dutton in memory of parents, family and friends.

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Gerald Hackmann in memory of Diana Hackmann.

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Carolyn Meier in memory of Raymond, Corene and Raymond Jr.

Larry and Joyce Noble in memory of our family.

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Kids, Grandkids, and Great-Great Grandkids in memory of Joyce Thomas.

Marla Stewart in memory of Dale and Wanda Stewart.

Julie and Daryl Rhodes in memory of Robert and Erleen Ostmann.

Carolyn and Eric Token in memory of Robert and Erleen Ostmann.

The following people made contributions to the Being-a-Neighbor Fund in lieu of flowers:

Darryl and Phyllis Freese in memory of our family.

Jerry and Pat Gifford in memory of our ancestors who kept the faith.



Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

The Food Pantry would like to help people celebrate Cinco de Mayo by offering authentic food.

We are hoping to have a good selection of foods that would help make a nice meal. If you would like to bring in some of these items by late April, it would really help.

Tortillas – corn or flour

Refried beans

Taco seasoning packets

Salsa

Sour cream

Shredded cheese

Taco sauce

Rice

We will also hand out recipes, so if you have a favorite, please share!

April Stewardship

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

Changing Lives: That's Our Church's Wider Mission

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) funds the work we do in our United Church of Christ Conferences as well as in the national and global church. OCWM funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep local UCC churches strong and effective.

OCWM helps provide pastoral placement and education for church leaders, worship materials and theological interpretation, resources and training for stewardship and fundraising.

By giving to OWCM ...

We support, encourage and uplift local churches where lives are being changed through worship, education, fellowship, mission, and justice advocacy.

We identify, recruit, educate and support leaders who inspire others.

We support churches and plant new churches as vital places of worship, learning, and justice advocacy.

We change lives through our global partnerships, missionaries and advocacy.

Please give to help the United Church of Christ spread God's word.

The Stewardship Committee

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	4	5	6
7 Spring Cleaning Day	8	8	10 Council 1:00pm Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	11	12	13
	Pastor Susan attending Person in Ministry Retreat					
14	15	16	17 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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Sunday

Book/Bible Study (Sept. thru May).....9:15am

Worship.....10:30am

Coffee and Fellowship.....11:30am

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Member.....Darryl Freese. 636-566-8525

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