

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
**August 27, 2017**

**The Holy Spirit Equips Us to Serve  
God's Kingdom.**

Prelude

**\*Congregation please stand if able**

**\* The Call to Worship**    *A Modern Affirmation of Faith*    **No. 885**

**\*Hymn**                    *Gather Us In*                    **(TFWS) No. 2236**

\* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Joys and Prayer Concerns of the Congregation  
(Please sign attendance pads located at the end of pew)

Ministry Moment                    Emmaus and UMW                    Paula Vergowven

**The Unison Prayer**

*Gracious God, we come this day, to present our minds and bodies to you as a holy and living sacrifice.*

*We seek the blessings that come from the renewal of our minds.*

*May we discern your will and come to know what is good and acceptable and perfect in your sight. Amen*

Silent Prayer    Morning Prayer    Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response    *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*    **No. 117**  
*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory                    *The Potter's Hand*    Darlene Zschech

\* Doxology (No. 95), Blessing

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*Hymn**                    *The Lily of the Valley*                    **(TFWS) No. 2062**

Scripture                    *Exodus 4:10-16*

Message                    Our Holy Calling                    Rev. Evans C. Bentley

**\*Hymn**                    *Forward Through The Ages*                    **No. 555**

The Light of Christ Leads Us In To the World

Benediction

**\*Congregational Response**    *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

## **St. Paul's Staff**

Pastor: Evans C. Bentley

Office Manager: Susan Paterson

Director of Music: John C. Tyner

Organist: Inger Oswald

Director of Children's Choirs: John Fedosky

Christian Education Director: Alisha Cooley

Youth Leader: Willie Lass

**Greeters:** The Dinwoody Family

**Ushers:** Tom Paterson, Bob Paterson, Will Paterson, Jerry Spence

**Liturgist:** Stephanie Metzger

**Worship Attendance Last Sunday – 115**

### **Budget Information:**

Expenditures:           \$214,973

Income                    \$173,106

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used:   \$41,867

# Walk To Emmaus

**Luke 24: 13**

He asked them “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” Imagine walking along the road to Emmaus and Jesus meets you on the road. The men discover later that the man is Jesus when he reveals himself to them. It is the same way with us; Jesus meets us where we are in all areas of our lives. The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day journey to grow in your faith, grow in God’s grace and love. You are placed in discussion groups, listen to fifteen talks given by lay people and clergy, have fellowship with one another, and experience praise and worship. This is an amazing experience and I encourage you to pray about this journey of faith.

You will need a sponsor, so if you have questions, please talk to Paula Vergowven, Pastor Evans Bentley, Duane Bair, Susan Fleming, Mary Vergowven or Randall Lee. We will also have an Emmaus introduction video set up in the fellowship hall. The Fall Walks are being held at First United Methodist Church of Saline.

Men: October 5-8      Women: October 19-22

**God Loves You and So Do I**

Paula Vergowven

## **This Week at St. Paul’s**

### **Sunday, August 27, 2017**

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a. m. – Social

### **Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

10:00 a.m. – Nominations Meeting

6:00 p.m. – Community Meal

### **Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

Noon – Kiwanis Club

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, August 31, 2017**

10:00 a.m. – Community Singers

### **Sunday, September 3, 2017**

9:30 a.m. – Worship and Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. - Social

## **Announcements**

**Childcare is provided for children**, 4 years old and younger in the nursery on Sundays during worship service.

**The Flowers on the Altar are in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Kelly and Sally Leask.**

The congregation of St. Paul's extends its Christian sympathy to **Theresa Rathbun** whose sister-in-law died on Sunday.

**St. Paul's** is looking for a new **Chimes Choir Leader for our Youth**. They practice on Wednesday evening. Please contact Alisha Cooley or Pastor Bentley.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL leaders wanted!** Do you hear the call? Join our Christian Education ministry by leading children's Sunday school. We are in need of leaders for middle and upper elementary grade classes. We need your help to make disciples of our kids! Please see Alisha Cooley or Pastor Bentley; or email:alisha@cooleyservices.com or call: church office 734-242-3000.

**“Are you looking for a reason to bake?” Be excited, for 2017-2018 there is another confirmation class.** This year it will include 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands. Over the course of the year there will be opportunities to participate, potentially as a guest or even as a mentor. Please consider adopting the group on a Sunday with a snack and or drinks as a show of agape love and support for their efforts and devotion.

**Change in church office hours.** The Pastor Parish Committee voted to change office hours, starting tomorrow, as our office manager Susan Paterson recovers from cancer treatment. The office hours will be 9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. The office is also seeking volunteers to answer the phone and open the door to members, on Monday and Friday, morning or afternoons. Call the office to volunteer.

**St. Paul's Church Conference will be held Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The Pastor Parish Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m.** All members may vote on leadership and plans for the coming year.

**Leadership (Nominations) Committee** will meet in the church library for one hour (or less); Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Bring names of those who you believe need a place of service to our church.

**Mark your calendars! Only 19 more days until the first UMW salad luncheon of 2017.** Please join us on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The cost remains \$6.00. This luncheon will support the Lord's Harvest Pantry and the Grand Rapids Community Center.

**UMYF “Kick Off” POOL PARTY** on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Holli and Jeff Weaver's home at 4100 S. Custer Rd. Pot luck, fun, friends and fellowship. Bring your friends and find out what UMYF is up to this year. For more info call: Willie Lass at 734-735-1669.

**Rally Day is Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. We return to 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship on that day also.**