

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates & Announcements for September 13, 2023

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am (in-person and livestreamed)

- **TO VIEW LIVESTREAMED OR RECORDED SERVICES ONLINE**, go to: <https://www.stpaulmissoulamt.org/watch-live> This page provides a link to the worship service, a link to the bulletin, and a way to make your offering online.
- **OFFICE HOURS, ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, or by appointment by calling (406) 549-4141.
- **PREACHING AND PRESIDING:** Intentional Interim Pastor Mark Galbraith
PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS AND AVAILABILITY (BESIDES SUNDAYS):
Office hours: Mon-Thurs 10:00 AM-2:00 PM for all regular office business, and/or appointments, please contact me here at the church office.
Off-campus Mon-Thurs: for those "when-it-just-can't-wait-for-those-office-hours- moments", please email me at: sermonator.july91@gmail.com or text (please identify yourself when you text me) 360-325-3227
Friday and Saturdays: days off, please reserve communication for emergencies only.
- **READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023:** Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
- **ST. PAUL SERVICES** are broadcast weekly on MCAT: Wednesdays, 4 pm, Spectrum cable channel 189.
- **WATCH A REPLAY OF SUNDAY'S SERVICE AT:**
<https://www.youtube.com/live/zvFgXCnbk8I?si=SRiBDguLsbsAQXED>

There have been 44 views of this video since Sunday.



- **PARKING LOT PARTIAL CLOSURE – THIS SUNDAY**
Please note that on Sunday, September 17th, the Brooks Street entrance to the church parking lot will be closed for setup of the Fall Faith Festival taking place after worship. This will also limit the number of parking spaces in the lot. Thank you for understanding and we hope you join us for the Fall Faith Fest!
- **FALL FAITH FESTIVAL!! FUN FOR ALL AGES, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, right after worship in the church parking**

lot St. Paul's favorite fun event for the entire congregation returns! Plan to attend this community festival, for FOOD, FUN, and GAMES!!



THE 2023/'24 CHOIR SEASON has begun! Please join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm for rehearsals and on Sunday morning for worship!

- **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFASTS:** are held on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. in the upstairs Fellowship Room # 210. All men are invited to take part in these sessions featuring great food, semi-great coffee, fellowship, prayer, and spiritual renewal through the reading/discussion of scripture. We hope that you will consider joining us--try it, you might love it! If you have questions, contact Don Spritzer, 406 549-5582. We hope to see you there.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Women's Bible Study meets on the first and third Thursdays each month at 1 PM in Rm # 210, the Fellowship Room. Our subject is "Great People of the Old Testament." All women are invited to participate. New students are most welcome! Question? Please contact Betty Rude, 543-3219 or Hazel Sorensen, 728-3278.
- **GROW Kickoff Sunday, September 24, 11:40am**

GROW will be held right after church this fall. After worship, kids and families can head downstairs for coffee hour snacks and fellowship with the congregation. At 11:40am, Janelda will lead the Kid's Choir in rehearsal in the sanctuary, and then we'll head to room 210 (usual GROW room) for stories and crafts/activities. GROW will conclude at 12:45pm. Please RSVP for the weeks your kids will attend GROW: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AE2CA2FB6-grow3>



Special Guest!

Gabrielle Irlé will be joining us on September 24th for worship and confirmation gathering to talk about their time in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program and opportunities for other young adults to do the same. Gabrielle is originally from Tacoma, WA and has just returned from a year of service in the United Kingdom!



- **HABITAT ALL-LUTHERAN BUILD DAY:** Would you like to be involved in an *All Lutheran Build Day* with Habitat for Humanity this fall? Habitat has reserved Friday, October 20, and Saturday, October 21, as build days for Lutheran Churches. There are 3 build shifts:

Morning shift- 9am-12noon Afternoon shift- 1pm-5 pm All day shift - 9am- 5 pm

Space is limited to 12 volunteers each day and 6 per shift.

Please call, text, or email me by September 24 if you would like to participate. I will need to know which day and what shift you prefer. We will also need a lunch provided one of those days for approximately 9 people.

Thanks for considering this Habitat opportunity! *Cathy Semmelroth*, 406-531-2696, cathysemmelroth@gmail.com



- **SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE FALL RUMMAGE SALE: October 6 and 7.** We will begin accepting items in the Lower Level after worship on Sunday, October 1 and will be setting up and unpacking from 9:00 am Monday October 2 through 3:00 pm Thursday October 5. Please deliver all your sale items to the Lower Level of the church by noon on Thursday the 5th.

Sale Hours will be 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday and the BAG SALE will be from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday. We need lots of volunteers to help lighten the load for everyone.

Questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please call Betty Rude, 406 543-3219.

- **THE WOMEN OF SPIRIT** are reading *A BOX OF BUTTERFLIES* by Roma Downey. She was Monica in the TV series "Touched By An Angel". It's an uplifting book filled with comfort, hope, and assurance of God's presence in our lives. We'll begin discussing the book on Monday, Sept. 11th from 6-7:00pm in Rm # 208. We read and discuss about 40 pages each week. All women are welcome.

THE DIVINE DRAMA IS COMING!

ANNOUNCING: THE DIVINE DRAMA: THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE AND OUR NARRATIVE

- Part 1 is a 16-unit overview of the biblical narrative. Part II is a 14-unit overview of the biblical basis for core Christian teaching,
 - With Advent/Christmas 4-week video teaching focus series "A Clear View of Jesus' Birth", presented by Presbyterian Teaching Elder and Teaching Canon in Residence for The Episcopal Church, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bailey.
- Created by The Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt (Australian Lutheran Pastor), The Divine Drama takes us into the "highlight reel" of the biblical narrative and immerse us into the unity of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. *As part of our discernment, The Divine Drama invites us into God's Mission Goals and dreams for God's people and the world.*
- Materials available via solapublishing.com (\$55.60 plus shipping). Click on the "Crossways tab, then the materials (Student Manual, workbook, and binders are on pages 2 & 4).
- Began the week of **September 11 and concludes the week of May 20, 2024. There will be 2 sessions offered each week, Monday evenings 7:00-8:30 PM and Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 AM. Participants are welcome to come to either/or, depending on your personal schedule (Or you may come for both, if you are so inclined 😊).**
- Fellowship-n-snacks 30 mins before. Please bring snacks and drinks to share. All welcome, members and non-members, high school age on up.

- **WOMEN'S QUILTMaking MEETS THURSDAYS AT 9:00 AM** in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall. Come and learn what knot to do!!

PRAYERS

This week we pray for: † all who have been affected by the earthquake in Morocco and flooding in Libya; † all struggling with water and wind damage after the hurricane in Florida and Georgia; † healing for Chuck and all others recovering from surgery; † all who lost loved ones, homes, and livelihood in the fires in Maui; † Bill's sister-in-law; † healing for Frankie's cousin Asa; † good results for Janet W.; † Denny's comfort and well-being; † complete recovery for Hazel's daughter Kaati and Kristin's cousin Delana; † comfort for all who have lost loved ones to gun violence; † people of all ages to embrace a deeper connection to creation; † safety for Josh during deployment; † healing for Kate M., Peggy, and Chuck's sister-in-law Debbie; † all who are struggling through heat waves, wildland fires, tornadoes or extraordinary rainstorms; † young people struggling with mental illness and for guidance and wisdom for their families; † peace for all who struggle with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † respite for all health care workers, first responders, and all serving their country in the military; † refugees who must flee from their homelands; † peace in countries that have experienced coups, peace in Ukraine; † peace for the dying; † all who are incarcerated; † people to recognize truth and reject misinformation; † peace and comfort for Diane's mother and Bonnie; † all who are challenging to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † an uptick in common sense and compassion. **Amen.**

GIVING

Your support of the ministry of St. Paul is greatly appreciated. A donation can be made on our website at www.stpaulmissoulamt.org/give, by choosing "Give" in the church app, or by mailing a check to the church office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

God's Healing Hope and Peace,

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