

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates & Announcements for May 3, 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.

- **Preaching and Presiding in April and May: Pastor Julie Long, our "Bridge" Pastor.** Pastor Julie's contract has been extended through May 31, 2023.

General office hours for Pastor Julie: Monday: Noon-4:00
Tuesday: 1:00-4:00
Wednesday: 10:00-2:00
Other times by appointment

For pastoral care emergencies: Pastor Julie's email is: pastorjulie.msla@gmail.com or call the church, (406) 549-4141 extension 221.

- **St. Paul services are broadcast weekly on MCAT:** Wednesdays, 4 pm, Spectrum cable channel 189.
- **Watch a replay of Sunday's service here:** <https://www.youtube.com/live/AtZi1aS5f3k?feature=share>
There have been 58 views of this video since Sunday.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 7: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

→ → **PLEASE take time to read the UPDATE FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM which was sent in a separate emailing on Wednesday morning, May 3.**

- **BEWARE: SCAM EMAILS CLAIMING TO BE FROM "PASTOR JULIE LONG" ARE CIRCULATING.** Please look carefully at the email address. Even if the address reads something like churchoffice@gmail.com, it is bogus. Please do not respond to these emails.

- **UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:**

John Lamb, husband of Mardell Pedersen, Committal Service, May 5th, 12:00 pm, Veteran's Cemetery
Marshall Kyle, May 13, 11:00 am
Marie Rogge, May 20, 3:30 pm, Missoula Cemetery, Committal Service
Doris Vandever, June 17, 1:00 pm
Ron Mueller, August 4, 12:00 pm

- **FAITH FAMILY GATHERING AT IMMANUEL: Sunday, May 7 at 4pm**

Dinner, age group activities, family connect time, and more! This is the last of these gatherings until next fall. Please sign up and bring food for dinner if you can: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4aa5ab2da2fa7-immanuel26#/>

- **NATURE HIKE: Sunday, May 28, 1pm Crazy Canyon Trailhead (up Pattee Canyon)**

Join your St. Paul community for a fun, moderate hike up the Crazy Canyon trail. There will likely be wildflowers! Both Colter and his wife Stephanie are eager to share knowledge of western Montana plants and animals. Bring water, sunscreen, good shoes, and binoculars if you have them. All are invited. Please rsvp: colter@stpaulmissoula.org

- **GRADUATE SUNDAY - June 4**

During 10am worship on June 4th, we will honor members of our St Paul family who are high school graduates this year. We will bless them as they go on their way, cake reception after worship.

- **MISSOULA FLBC WEEK:** Are your children or grandchildren registered a week of summer camp at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this summer? Considering registration but could use financial support? Colter Murphy is trying to help our families coordinate and possibly arrange a "Missoula week" this summer. Please send him an email with your FLBC plans: colter@stpaulmissoula.org

- **JOY BUNCH POTLUCK, May 17, 12:00 pm, in Rm # 210, for all who are 55+.** Final gathering of the season.

- **LWR KIT ASSEMBLY HAD SOME GREAT WORKERS!** On May 1st Ingrid Davis, Karen Summerfield, Caren Reaves, Karen Sitte, Lynette Fritz, Gayle Knudsen, Lauren Knudsen, and I assembled 111 kits for Lutheran World Relief! It took only 2 hours. Thank you to everyone who supplied the items and helped assemble them! *Jan Turbak*

- **FAITH AND CLIMATE ACTION MONTANA, ALL NATIONS HEALTH CENTER, AND COMMON GOOD MISSOULA PRESENT CSKT TRIBAL CHAIRMAN TOM MCDONALD CULTIVATING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES: THE CSKT VISION OF LAND, WILDLIFE, WATERSHEDS, AND FORESTS FOR THE FUTURE** Wednesday, May 17th Presenting at 12noon (lunch provided) and 6pm at the Headwaters Foundation and Confluence Center (119 W Main St)

Tom McDonald has worked for the CSKT Natural Resources Department since 1982 in various roles, including as a fisheries biologist, hydrologist technician, wildlife recreation program manager and wildlife program second division manager. He has served as the CSKT tribal chairman since January of 2022. This event is also co-sponsored by a grant from Humanities Montana.

Zoom option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87853619819?pwd=UmVjUTNiNFdOTGFpdkEra3FwNWZGdz09>

Meeting ID: 878 5361 9819



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: Scan this QR code with your smartphone or tablet to sign up to read prayers, be a lector, usher, or PowerPoint in worship. Or control/click on the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AE2CA2FB6-worship> You may also call the church office and we will be happy to assist you in signing up to help in worship!!



• **COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP:** To volunteer to help serve or provide treats for Coffee Hours, scan this QR code with your smartphone or tablet. You can sign up to bring treats or host the coffee hour either on the whiteboard in the Lower-Level Fellowship Hall or (cntrl click) on our Signup Genius Coffee Hour website:

[St. Paul Coffee Hour](#)

Or cntrl click to go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ea9ae2ca2fb6-coffee#/>

- **CONFLUENCE** is a creative and contemplative community grounded in Jesus' vision for liberation; being fed and formed through art, music, poetry, contemplation, and the natural world. Join us on 1st & 3rd Sunday nights at 5pm at UCC Missoula (405 University Ave)! This spring we will consider how we live in the tension between life & death (April 2) and movement & stillness (April 16), Waters of Life as a reflection on spring runoff (May 7), and Lingering in Light as a reflection on the gift of longer days and transition to summer (May 21).
- **GARY TURBAK MEMORIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING PROJECT – 2023** It's already time to think about the **37th Back to School Clothing Project!!** Last year was bigger than ever for donations and recipients of clothes. This year we will again apply for grants from the United Way and many Missoula businesses; if you have or know of a business or foundation that may want to donate to this project, please contact me (406-251-3649).
Your help is needed in several ways. Of course, we need money, and it's not too early to donate! ☺ Just write a check to St. Paul Lutheran and write "clothes" in the memo line. This summer, look for information about the socks and underwear drive and for opportunities to volunteer to help with the event. It is SO rewarding! Most importantly, we need your prayers as we reach out to help children in our community. There will be more information about the clothing project in the June newsletter. Thank you. *Jan Turbak*
- **LOCAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND** Everyone is invited to donate to this fund which is used to help those who come to the church office in emergent need of one night's lodging, gas or food. This is for immediate assistance only and they are directed to other resources for additional assistance. Thanks for your generosity!
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST** meets on Thursday mornings at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Room # 210. Questions? Please contact Don Spritzer (406) 549-5582.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 pm in Room # 210, the Fellowship Room to study "Great People of the Old Testament". We encourage all women to participate because we believe this will give participants a better understanding of the history, laws, and traditions of the Jewish people. If you are planning to join the study, and we hope you do, please pick up the first lesson at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Rude, 406 543-3219 or Hazel Sorensen, 406 544-5913.
- **THE WOMEN OF SPIRIT book group** is reading THE BOOK OF JOY by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. The group meets every Monday evening from 6:00-7:00 to discuss small portions of the book. All women are welcome! Call Jan Turbak (406 251-3649) with questions.
- **MENS' QUILTING GROUP MEETS** on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall.
- **WOMEN'S QUILT MAKING, MEETS THURSDAYS, 9:00 AM IN THE LOWER LEVEL FELLOWSHIP HALL.** All women are invited to come and help tie quilts. No experience is necessary. We are truly knotty, come and join in the fun!!
- **OFFICE HOURS, ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, or by appointment by calling (406) 549-4141.

PRAYERS

This week we pray for: † praise and thanksgiving for the answered prayers for recovery for Leif and Lukas, † for Dave while in hospital and when he's discharged; † for speedy recovery for Kristen's cousin Delana; † comfort for all who have lost loved ones to gun violence; † people to step up to care for our planet; † safety for Josh and for Jason during deployment; † healing and recovery for Reta, Jalaine, Kate M., Darrel, Karen, Peggy, Phyllis, Chuck's sister-in-law Debbie, Beth, and for all caregivers; † for all who are recovering from flooding, tornadoes or extraordinary snow and rainstorms; † young people experiencing mental illness and their families; † all who grapple daily with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † rest for all health care workers, first responders, and all who are serving their country in the military; † all who grieve; † relief for all who have had to escape from their homelands; † an end to conflicts in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine; † peace for the dying; † all who are in prison; † the ability to discern between fact and misinformation; † peace and comfort for Kathy's Aunt Ruth, Diane's mother, and Bonnie; † all who are hard to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † an epidemic common sense. **Amen.**

GIVING

Your support of the ministry of St. Paul is greatly appreciated. A donation can be made on our website at www.stpaulmissoula.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,

St. Paul Staff (406) 549-4141