

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates and Announcements for March 1, 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 February, March, and April: Pastor Julie Long, our "Bridge" Pastor.**

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/PX8VHpUkMzM?feature=share>

There have been 58 views of this video since Sunday.

• **Readings for March 5, 2023: Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17**

• **WE CAN ALL HELP PREPARE THE ALTAR AND SANCTUARY FOR LENT:** As we wander in our Lenten Wilderness journey together, you are invited to bring rocks to place in the "wilderness" altar area at the church. These can be prayer rocks, rocks that signify specific cares and burdens you want to lay at the foot of the cross, or just rocks that you want to add to the wilderness space. You can bring them all throughout the season. If you have any questions or need items picked up, please contact Kim Butler or Pastor Julie.

• **MID- WEEK LENT WORSHIP, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Theme: "Fabrics of Faith"**

March 1: Swaddling cloth; **March 8:** Coat of Many Colors; **March 15:** Jesus' Garment; **March 22:** Crucifixion garments; **March 29:** God Order of Service: Holden Evening Prayer

For the March 1 midweek worship "swaddling cloth" theme, Pastor Julie would like to borrow some swaddling cloths to drape around the sanctuary that evening. You may bring them to the church anytime and you will get them back. Thank you!

For the March 8 Midweek Worship "Coat of Many Colors" theme: To enhance the theme for that night, you are invited to bring brightly colored blankets, quilts and afghans to decorate the church. Drop them by anytime or bring them that night. Feel free to wear your own brightly colored clothes that night.

ALSO, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DAILY DEVOTIONAL "40 DAYS OF WILDERNESS WONDER". Several hard copies are available at the church, or we can email the devotional if you wish. Share with friends and neighbors.

• **GROW Wednesday, 5:30pm** Come for dinner, Children's Choir, special activities and then experience the Mid-Week Lent Worship service as a family at 6:30.

• **FREE COFFEE/COCOA AND PASTRIES BEFORE SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!** 1st Thursday at Immanuel (Sentinel). 3rd Thursday at St. Paul (Hellgate).

• **COMBINED LEARNING AND SERVICE DAY** with Lewistown Youth. March 4th. **Scroll to page 3 for details.**

• **FAITH FAMILY GATHERING** Sunday, March 5 at 4pm at Immanuel Large group songs and games, age group time (for adults too), faith activities to do as a family, and tasty dinner! **Please sign up if you plan to attend** and consider bringing a dish to share at dinner: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4aa5ab2da2fa7-immanuel26#/>

• **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!"

• **WOMEN IN MISSION WILL HAVE A SHORT MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND,** right after the Bible study-about 2:10 pm in Room # 210, the Fellowship Room.

• **GIVING REPORTS: FOR 2022 HAVE BEEN MAILED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. (406) 549-4141.**



• **DO YOU PLAY GUITAR OR DRUMS:** Music for the non-traditional services would be greatly enhanced by guitars and percussion. Please contact Jennifer Zellmer-Cuaresma (406-370-8920) or Janelda Barnett (317-213-1677) if playing for the third Sunday of the month sounds interesting to you.

• **WOW! WHAT A TURNOUT FOR LWR!!!** Monday morning about 20 women came to the church basement to assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief! In two hours they put together 169 kits! That is WAY beyond our record of kits assembled in one morning. Thank you SO much for everyone who helped!!

We still have a bunch of supplies, so we'll be scheduling another gathering sometime in March. I'll order diapers and school kit bags; when they arrive, I'll announce the next date for assembly. **ADDITIONAL NEEDS:** We do need dark colored bath towels, combs, nail clippers, and soap to complete another large batch of kits!

Thank you to everyone who came to help, those who purchased supplies and those who donated money for the diapers and bags. To donate money for additional supplies, you may write a check to St. Paul and write LWR Kits in the memo.

God bless you! *Jan Turbak*

- **COFFEE HOUR IS NOW HELD AFTER THE 10 a.m. service.**

You can sign up to bring treats or host the coffee hour either in the Lower-Level Fellowship Hall or (ctrl click) on our new Signup Genius Coffee Hour website.

[St. Paul Coffee Hour](#) or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ea9ae2ca2fb6-coffee#/>



BASKETS OF LOVE: Please scroll

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about the March 1-31 focus on items needed by families as they “graduate” from Family Promise housing into their own homes.

- **WOMEN’S SPRING RETREAT is coming in April: scroll down to page 3 for the flyer with details.**

- **TIME FLIES!!** We are already into the **THIRD** month of a new year! Have you been considering a new way of making your charitable contributions go farther? Even if you haven’t done so, now is a pretty good time to think about contributing to the St. Paul Mission Endowment Fund. Check out the Endowment committee report in the Annual Report for 2022 and see how the Fund reached out to support great causes in 2022!! YOU can be part of this in 2023!!

- **MEN’S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST** meets on Thursday mornings at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Room # 210.

- **WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will begin a new study on Thursday, March 2nd. The new study is entitled "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. The format is the same as the previous studies we have been using but this unit will feature 28 different Old Testament characters. If you are planning to join the study, and we hope you do, please pick up the first lesson after the 16th of February. (Elaine will have it 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! They share stories of their difficult lives and how they were able to find joy amid their suffering. The book study group meets every Monday evening from 6:00-7:00 to discuss small portions of the book. All women are welcome to join us. Call Jan Turbak (406251-3649) with questions.

- **MENS' QUILTING GROUP IS MEETING** on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall.

- **WOMEN’S QUILT MAKING, THURSDAYS AT 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: † thanksgiving for the musical gifts which Betty Museus shared with this congregation and for comfort for those who mourn her death; † comfort for family and friends of Dean Stensland mourning his death; † healing for Molly; † Doug Burreson as he and Melodee navigate the decisions that lie ahead with early Alzheimers; † healing for Kristen, Jalaine, Michael and his family; Kate M., Darrel Fite; Karen, Ron, Peggy, Richard’s brother, Phyllis, Chuck’s sister-in-law Debbie, Beth, and for all caregivers; † Chris as he makes medical decisions; † strength and resources for people in Syria and Turkey impacted by the devastating earthquakes; † comfort and guidance for youth struggling with mental illness; guidance for their families; † peace and strength for all who face a daily battle with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † strength for all first responders and all who are serving their country; † sustenance for all who have been harmed by extreme weather conditions and strength for all who are responding to these events; † all who grieve; † guidance for all who are fleeing from danger in their homelands; † respite for all healthcare workers; † an end to conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine; † peace for the dying; † all who are in prison; † people to be able to discern between truth and lies; † peace and comfort for Vickie and Dave Huerta, Kathy’s Aunt Ruth, Diane’s mother, and Bonnie; † compassion for all who are a challenge to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † all to share love, common sense, and caring. **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

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

HOW TO GIVE

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/quake or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write “QUAKE” in the memo line. Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Write “QUAKE” in the memo line and we will rush a check from the church to Lutheran World Relief.

Until your love reaches every neighbor.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

LWR.ORG/QUAKE

MEETING JESUS IN THE STREETS

SAT. MARCH 4TH, 2023
8AM - 4PM

Join other high school youth for a day of engaging Christ's presence & care for those living on the margins of Missoula.

Agenda:

- 8-9: Breakfast @ Atonement Lutheran
- 9-10:30: Meet with directors of Non-profits providing services for people experiencing homelessness, addiction, and employment services
- 11-12:30: Tour Free Cycles, their mission, and outreach throughout Missoula
- 12:30-2:30: Lunch & "Walking Bible Study"
- 2:30-4: Sock Drive @ Walmart on Reserve for the Poverello Center



Discover purpose, joy and balance by enjoying a weekend away. A retreat set aside to care for yourself within a loving and supportive community of faith.

Joy, Gratitude, Play, Rest: Bringing our Lives Back into Focus

Bringing our fragmented, frenzied daily lives into focus: tangible ways to welcome balance, meaning and joy into our days.

Do you feel exhausted, overwhelmed, burned out? Or maybe just off center or in need of a little extra support? Regardless of our age, our work and stress levels we can all benefit from a listening ear, an authentic supporter, a sounding board and accountability partner. Someone outside our inner circle that can help us see outside of ourselves and to help remind us of our purpose and that we are part of a bigger story. During this weekend through various workshops and activities we will learn techniques in mindfulness, gratitude and intentionality that will bring about a mind shift toward the positive, toward seeing our abundance and toward living out God's calling. We will also use our collective wisdom to support and share with one another tools for the journey.



Meet our presenter Julie Engh Peters - Julie is a relationship and well-being coach. She owns Deep Roots Life Coaching in Missoula, MT. She is also a fruit farmer, a wife and a mom. She loves working with people and helping them to achieve their goals. She also loves spending time with her family and eating yummy fruit.

Sponsored by:
Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)
Five Valleys Women and Great Divide Clusters

All are welcome! Bring a friend, sister, daughter, granddaughter! (14 and up)

QUESTIONS?

Call or email Nancy Solum 1-406-240-0023 or WomensSpringRetreatMT@gmail.com



Baskets of Love

Welcome Baskets

March 1-30, 2023

**Sponsored by Family Promise &
Housing Advocate Network**

Programs of Missoula Interfaith
Collaborative

www.micmt.org/welcome-baskets

As families from Family Promise or individuals from the Housing Advocate Network “graduate” into homes of their own, each receive appropriately sized housewarming gifts of necessary supplies needed to reestablish home life.

In 2021, 20 deliveries were made. In 2022, 48 deliveries were made

Donations of supplies, gas cards, gift cards, or financial donations are needed to restock the shelves. There are many ways to participate. Check with your Family Promise coordinator to see how your congregation may be involved.

Check out the button below to learn more about how you can be involved.

[Learn More](#)

