

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates & Announcements for August 9, 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 AUGUST 13, 2023:** Pastor Mark Galbraith
- **READINGS FOR AUGUST 13, 2023:** 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
- **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/JSYpR7ZsvFY?feature=share>  
There have been 32 views of this video since Sunday.

Hey everyone!

Please join us as Pastor Mark will be presenting an "encore" presentation of the Powerpoint "Interim Ministry Game Plan" this Sunday, August 13, at 12:00 noon, on Zoom only.

The purpose is to give anyone who couldn't attend the inhouse presentation last month the opportunity to experience the presentation this way, or for those who wish to review. The presentation should last no more than 45 minutes. **The Zoom link is below.** See you then!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778567367?pwd=V3VPZkNpK1J3U1hGWDBoaVpiVGMzQT09>

God's beloved people:

The peace of Christ be with you always.

I wish to thank all you, great and holy people of God of St. Paul, from the bottom of my heart for all your expressions of support, care, love, and prayers in the advent of my mother's passing.

My mother, JoAnn, was 87 1/2 years old at her graduation into life eternal in the Hope of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and hers was a life well and long-lived. I remain grateful that I was able to have special time and holy conversation with her last month when I was back home for birthday week.

I will be gone August 18-25 for my scheduled time on Orcas Island WA at the family beach house. Mom's Celebration of Life service will be at my home church, Grace Lutheran Church, in Blaine WA August 26. I will remain for a few days afterwards for some decompression and bereavement time with my family and friends. I will return before the weekend of September 2.

Pastor Julie Long will pulpit supply August 27, and area colleagues will be available for emergency pastoral needs. Thank you again for all your support and prayers. It means so much.

Pastor Mark

**UGH!! BEWARE! PHISHING EMAILS CLAIMING TO BE FROM PR. MARK ARE BEING CIRCULATED.** Pastor Mark is never going to make a request "I need you to handle discreetly because I'm currently in a prayer session." For your security carefully examine the address of anything claiming to be from the pastor and if you ever have any questions, contact the office. Please delete such messages.

**SPLASH MONTANA FUN: TODAY!!!** We had gallons of fun playing in the water at Splash Montana last month. **There is one more opportunity this summer to go to Splash Montana FOR FREE AND IT'S TODAY, AUGUST 9.** If you want to join in the fun, please RSVP before 3 pm to [colter@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto:colter@stpaulmissoula.org) so he can pay for you!!!

**WOOHOO!!!! BIKE RODEO RIDERS, July 31, 2023:**



**SORT SOCKS! Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>,**

**immediately after worship, Lower Level Hall**

Join Colter and Jan Turbak as we sort socks

for the Gary Turbak Memorial back-to-school

clothing drive. Those socks aren't going to sort themselves!

Everyone is encouraged to take part, especially kids and

families. Let Colter know if you can make it:

[colter@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto:colter@stpaulmissoula.org)

**HELP WITH FAMILY PROMISE ROTATION:** Another

opportunity has arrived to serve the residents living in The

Meadowlark -- Family Housing Center during our rotation

Aug. 14 - 20. Volunteers are needed to bring salad, fruit or

dessert, PLUS a few hours of your time to serve dinner.

Some much needed gift or gas cards are another way to assist these families and are cautiously distributed by the Family Promise Director. Are you available to serve this ministry? To sign up, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AE2CA2FB6-family6>

If you have questions, contact Vicke Schend at 390-6074, [vschend@gmail.com](mailto:vschend@gmail.com).



## BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Get to know your neighbors and support them through the process of accessing housing.



### What is the Housing Advocate Network?

A group of everyday Missoulians who come alongside our neighbors experiencing houselessness to help navigate our complex housing systems, access resources and understand the root causes of houselessness.

### What do volunteers do?

We get to know our neighbors experiencing houselessness and support them through the process of accessing housing. Tasks vary but can include looking up rentals, advocating with landlords, filling out apps and just being a friend!

### How do I get started?

If you are interested in learning more about HAN and how you can support our work call Zeke at 406-207-8228 ext. 5, or email [zeke@micmt.org](mailto:zeke@micmt.org)

- **HIGH SCHOOL SILVERWOOD THEME PARK TRIP** **Wednesday, August 16,** 8:30am Meet in the St. Paul parking lot Experience the thrills and fun of Silverwood! We will leave in the morning and return late in the evening. Trip cost is \$80, scholarships available upon request. Parent chaperones/drivers who volunteer go for free! Please RSVP: [colter@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto:colter@stpaulmissoula.org)
- **FALL FAITH FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH,** right after **worship** Mark your calendars... St. Paul's favorite fun event for the entire congregation returns! Plan to attend this community festival, and prayerfully consider contributing your time, money, or unused Thrivent Action Grant toward the effort. Sign up using

this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AE2CA2FB6-fall1>

**LOCAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND:** A large number of recent requests for emergency assistance has put a noticeable dent in the Emergency 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 a night's lodging, gas, or food. This is for immediate assistance only and those making these requests are directed to other resources for further assistance. Thanks for your generosity!



**37<sup>TH</sup> GARY TURBAK MEMORIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING STORE: MONDAY, AUGUST 14, WE NEED HELP TO SET UP THE STORE at 9:00 am AND ASSIST SHOPPERS WHO WILL BE COMING in after 1 pm TO PICK OUT CLOTHES. THE SIGN-UP CHART IS IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY....** We need your prayers, too, as we reach out to help hundreds of children in need in our community. Thank you.

### WANTED: NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR

There is still a large box at the back of the church for packages of new socks and underwear for kids in Missoula who come to the Gary Turbak Memorial Back to School Clothing Store. The box will be there until August 13. (Please note the notice on page 1 of these updates re: *Sock Sorting on the 13<sup>th</sup>* after worship 😊) Thank you! *Jan Turbak*



### FINAL BIKE AND BUILD NOTE:

August 1, 2023

This morning, our crew of six hosts and cooks said farewell to the last group of bicyclists as they headed out to cross Lolo Pass. It will be a 100-mile day for them to reach a Wilderness Camp in Idaho.

Earl Owens and I truly appreciate the donated food and the outgoing welcome that many of you provided while the cyclists were here. A spirit of community was created!

Sadly, it has been confirmed to me, that this will be the last year that "Bike and Build" will operate in our area. Over the years, and again this year, they have contributed to many worthwhile efforts to build houses for Habitat for Humanity and support Free Cycles. Their generous outpouring of labor in our town fulfilled their mission and built up our town. They will be missed

God Bless!

*Phil Stauffer*

- **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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ea9ae2ca2fb6-coffee#/)

Or cntrl click to go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ea9ae2ca2fb6-coffee#/> or call the office and we'll sign you up to host and/or furnish treats!!



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Women's Bible Study will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in Rm # 210, the Fellowship Room. We will continue the study "Great People of the Old Testament." The first session will be a review and a time to

share thoughts related to the first 6 lessons. All women are invited to participate. New students are most welcome! If you have questions, please contact Betty Rude, 543-3219 or Hazel Sorensen, 728-3278.

- **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:** † comfort for Pr. Mark Galbraith and family as they mourn the death of his mother; † peace and comfort for Nona Babcock and all the loved ones of Darrel Fite as they mourn his death; † Bill's sister-in-law; † comfort and healing for Frankie's young cousin Asa; † good test results for Janet W.; † Denny's comfort and well-being; † healing for Isaac's eye; † successful treatment and 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 and recovery for Kate M., Peggy, and Chuck's sister-in-law Debbie; † patience for all caregivers; † all who are struggling through heat waves, wildland fires, flooding, tornadoes or extraordinary rainstorms; † young people facing mental illness and for guidance and wisdom for their families; † peace for all who struggle with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † rest and recreation for all health care workers, first responders, and all serving their country in the military; † refugees who must flee from their homelands; † peace in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine; † peace for the dying; † all who are incarcerated; † people to embrace truth and discard misinformation; † peace and comfort for Kathy's Aunt Ruth, Diane's mother, and Bonnie; † all who are hard to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † those who disagree to realize we are all children of God; † a flood of human kindness. **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](http://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  
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