

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates and Announcements for March 8, 2023

## WORSHIP

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

**Daylight Savings begins on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am. Spring Forward!**

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Please join us for worship on March 12. The Bishop of the Montana Synod, Pastor Laurie Jungling, will be preaching at St. Paul and holding a Question and Answer Session in the sanctuary after the service.**

- 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](mailto: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/Q8c9K9svjKE?feature=share>

There have been 47 views of this video since Sunday.

- **Readings for March 12, 2023:** Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
- **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 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 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.

- **EASTER BREAKFAST – CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY FUNDRAISER** Sunday, April 9 right after 9am worship  
Menu: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit Salad, Orange Juice or Coffee. Burritos will contain pork, eggs, cheese, and potatoes. Veggie burritos will contain eggs, cheese, potatoes, fried bell peppers and onions. Please indicate any allergies or if you want a veggie burrito. To-go or dine-in. \$15 per person, check or cash only. Please pay in advance, if possible, write check to "St. Paul CYF" and put "Easter Breakfast" in the memo line. If you cannot use the signup link, you may call Elaine at the church office to sign up.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AE2CA2FB6-2023>

- **EASTER BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED** Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9  
Would you like to help cook food, serve food, or clean dishes as part of the Easter Breakfast fundraiser? This year, extra help is needed. Colter will be recovering from knee surgery and unable to perform his usual tasks in the kitchen. Sign up by clicking this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AE2CA2FB6-20231>

- **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).**

- **MARCH 14, 6:00 PM AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.** Come and hear Daniel Spencer: Deep Time Climate Change and Mass Extinctions, How Thinking Like a Geologist can help us understand the Past, Present, and Future.

Hosted by Faith and Climate Action Montana



- **WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, J.O.Y. (Just Older Youtherans!) BUNCH POTLUCK, 12:00 PM IN ROOM # 210 (the Fellowship Room).** Everyone over 55 is invited to attend this potluck lunch.

- **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'S SPRING RETREAT** April 21-23, 2023 at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. It's a great time for fun and fellowship and rest and rejuvenation. More information about the retreat can be found

at <https://imluchurch.org/womensretreat/> Scholarships are available. If you don't need a scholarship, you can register online at <https://womensretreat.regfox.com/2023-womens-spring-retreat>

• **PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO PAGE 4** for details on "Welcome Baskets" for Family Promise graduates!



• **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!!!** Last Monday, 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 supplies needed: 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*

• **A PARISHIONER IS LOOKING FOR HOUSING:** If anyone in the congregation has any prospects or suggestions that they could forward on to me I would greatly appreciate it. I do have a cat and I am looking for possibly a 2 bedroom that isn't too pricey. Please contact: Joely (406) 360-8344.

• **THERE WILL NOT BE A COFFEE HOUR ON MARCH 12.**

• **COFFEE HOUR IS NOW HELD AFTER THE 10 a.m. service** (except on March 12).

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#/>

• **!! 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** † family and friends of Michael Luety mourning his death; † healing and recovery for Reta; † for continued recovery for Leif and Lukas, Troy and Freja's babies who are in NICU; † safety for Josh Hiniker and for Dr. Jason Hurd during their deployment; † recovery from surgery for Allen; † healing for Kristen, Jalaine, 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; † hope for youth struggling with mental illness; guidance for their families; † peace and strength for all who are struggling with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † sustain all health care workers, first responders, and all who are serving their country in the military; † respite for all who have been harmed by extreme weather conditions and resources for all who are responding to these events; † all who grieve; † guidance for all who must escape from danger in their homelands; † a lasting peace 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](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 (406) 549-4141





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Contact Abigail at [faithandclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:faithandclimateaction@gmail.com) With  
Questions!

# Daniel Spencer

*Deep Time, Climate Change and Mass  
Extinctions: How Thinking Like a Geologist  
Can Help Us Understand the Past, Present,  
and Future*



Join Us On March 14, 2023- 6PM  
First United Methodist Church (The Sanctuary)



## **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](http://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](#)

Look for the list at the back of the church for suggestions to fill these Welcome Baskets.

