

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates & Announcements for May 17, 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](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/G1kcfyNgQi4?feature=share>

There have been 47 views of this video since Sunday.

• **READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 21, Ascension of Our Lord:** Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53 (Common English Bible Translation)

• **UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:**

**-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**

• **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.



• **PLEASE SAVE MAY 28 FOR A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR:** All are invited to come to the coffee hour after the May 28 service to thank Pastor Julie for her 4 months of ministry with us and send her off with many smiles. There will be a basket for individual cards of appreciation.

• **HOUSING NEEDED:** Our new Transition Pastor needs housing for his time with us and we would like to reach out to the congregation for help. He is looking for a 2-bedroom condo or apartment with 1-2

baths. He would like his place to have laundry facilities, a garage, and would prefer a fireplace. We are hoping to stay at \$2500/month including utility expenses. Please notify the church office if you can help with this request. Thank you!

• **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 17<sup>th</sup> Presenting at 12 noon (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

• **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](mailto: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.

• **FAMILY BISON RANGE TRIP Sunday, June 11th, 12pm** Meet in St. Paul parking lot

Meet after church on Sunday and take a trip with Colter north to the National Bison Range! Opportunities to see wildlife including bison, elk, deer, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, bears, and more for youth of all ages and parents. Bring your lunch, water, sunscreen and binoculars with you. We will be back in Missoula by 5pm. May drive own vehicle or ride in St. Paul van (limited space). Please RSVP: [colter@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto:colter@stpaulmissoula.org)

• **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 18-22, 4:30-7:30pm** at Immanuel Lutheran Church

The Missoula-area ELCA churches are collaborating this summer to offer an evening VBS at Immanuel. This year's theme is **SonRise: National Park!** Kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate, and older youth and adults are encouraged to volunteer. Suggested donation of \$25 per kid or \$60 per family but not required. Visit this link to sign up your camper or sign up as a volunteer:

[www.imluchurch.org/vbs](http://www.imluchurch.org/vbs)

• **MISSOULA FLBC WEEK:** Are your children or grandchildren registered for 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](mailto:colter@stpaulmissoula.org)





- **SPLASH MONTANA X 3!!!** Families, kids, youth, all welcome. Free, but must RSVP: [colter@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto:colter@stpaulmissoula.org) **June 26 4-7pm; July 12 4-7pm; and August 9 4-7pm**

- **FAMILY GARNET GHOST TOWN TRIP** Sunday, July 23rd, 12pm Meet in the St. Paul parking lot Explore this historic Montana mining town, now abandoned but well-preserved. Youth of all ages and parents invited. Bring your lunch, water and sunscreen, and be prepared for some walking/hiking. We will be back in Missoula by 6pm. May drive own vehicle or ride in St. Paul van (limited space). Please RSVP: [colter@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto:colter@stpaulmissoula.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)

- **CARING FOR CREATION: Composting**

Spring is a great time to start a compost pile. Set one up in your own backyard or find out if this community has a curbside composting program. Learn more about Jeff Chu's "theology of compost" on the Evolving Faith Podcast. Find more theological and educational resources at [creationjustice.org/endangered](http://creationjustice.org/endangered)



Scan 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 sign you up to help in worship!!

- **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** this QR code with your



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

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- **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 month we will consider Linger 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 37<sup>th</sup> 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** will meet on Thursday mornings at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Room # 210 through May 25. Then they will take a summer break and resume on Thursday, September 7. Questions? Please contact Don Spritzer (406) 549-5582.

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **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:** † the family and friends of Shirley Cabot mourning her death; † all who are ill and facing eviction; † for healing for Dave; † for successful treatments and complete recovery for Kristen's cousin Delana; † comfort for all who have lost loved ones to gun violence and to vehicular homicide; † everyone 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, 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 are struggling with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † thanksgiving 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 flee from their

homelands; † an end to conflicts in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine; † peace for the dying; † all who are incarcerated; † the ability to recognize truth and discard misinformation; † peace and comfort for Kathy's Aunt Ruth, Diane's mother, and Bonnie; † all who are a challenge to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † an outpouring of kindness, caring, and 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](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