

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates & Announcements for May 24, 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 May: Pastor Julie Long, our "Bridge" Pastor. General office hours for Pastor Julie:**
Tuesday: 1:00-4:00
Wednesday: 10:00-2:00

For pastoral care emergencies through May 31: Pastor Julie's email is: pastorjulie.msla@gmail.com or call the church, (406) 549-4141 extension 221

- **Here is the schedule of pastors who will be preaching during the month of June:**

June 4 – Jean Larson
June 11 – Greg Karlsgodt
June 18 – Joe Wahlin
June 25 – Dan Dixon

- **Pastoral Care in June: Pastor Dan Dixon will provide Pastoral Care during the month of June.**
- **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/pvJy87fSA6E?feature=share> There have been 52 views of this video since Sunday.
- **READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28, PENTECOST:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23 **Wear red in worship, if possible.**
- **UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:**
-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!

- **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.
- **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
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 18-22, 4:30-7:30pm** at Immanuel Lutheran Church
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 5th 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.Impluchurch.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



- **SPLASH MONTANA X3!!!** Families, kids, youth, all welcome. Free, but must RSVP: 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
- **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:

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• **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** A couple weeks ago a dedicated crew transported 40 boxes of Lutheran World Relief kits and quilts to First Lutheran Church. They loaded the boxes into a semi headed for Minneapolis to the LWR warehouse to be sent wherever in the world they are needed. There were 74 baby care kits, 106 personal care kits, 113 school kits and 58 quilts --- a total of 957 pounds. Thank you to the men and women that helped deliver the supplies, to those who helped put them together, and to those who provided the items in the boxes! Good work, Stewards of St. Paul!!!

• **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.

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• **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 sign you 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#/> or call the office and we'll sign you up to host and/or furnish treats!!

• **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).

• **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** will meet on Thursday, May 25, at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Room # 210. 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 IS TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER** and will resume in the fall.

• **WOMEN OF SPIRIT** book group will resume in the fall.

• **MENS' QUILTING GROUP IS HIBERNATING THROUGH THE SUMMER** and will emerge in the fall.

• **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: † for peace of mind and skillful medical treatment for Betty's nephew Troy; † the family and friends of Shirley Cabot mourning her death; † all who are ill, facing eviction, and have nowhere to go; † for healing for Dave; † successful treatments and complete recovery for Kristen's cousin Delana; † comfort for all who have lost loved ones to gun violence; † stewardship of 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, typhoons, tornadoes or extraordinary snow and rainstorms; † young people experiencing mental illness and their families; † all who grapple with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † protection for all health care workers, first responders, and all serving their country in the military; † all who grieve; † relief for refugees; † an end to conflicts in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine; † peace for the dying; † all who are in prison; † the ability to recognize 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; † an abundance of 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