

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates & Announcements for September 6, 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: Intentional Interim Pastor Mark Galbraith**
PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS AND AVAILABILITY (BESIDES SUNDAYS):
Office hours: Mon-Thurs 10:00 AM-2:00 PM for all regular office business, and/or appointments, please contact me here at the church office.
Off-campus Mon-Thurs: for those "when-it-just-can't-wait-for-those-office-hours- moments", please email me at: sermonator.july91@gmail.com or text (please identify yourself when you text me) 360-325-3227
Friday and Saturdays: days off, please reserve communication for emergencies only.
- **READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2023:** Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- **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/xSRPxDi7TSI?si=c70qniLzv_iCRB5C
There have been 31 views of this video since Sunday.

Gods Beloved People of St Paul Lutheran Church:

A heartfelt thank you thank you, thank you for all your expressions of support, condolences, care, prayers, and love in the event of my Mum's passing.

It was truly a blessed time to be back home, first of all for already-scheduled Orcas Island time, and also to be back in the bosom of my home area, family, and friends to celebrate, grieve, and remember Mum.

The Committal of Ashes and Celebration of Life Service were well attended, and indeed celebratory. In debriefing with my siblings, we felt that we did well for both mom and dad, in contentment in peace. Like all of us who have lost parents, my family, and I are now into the season of adjusting to this "new normal".

Thank you again for all your support and prayers. It is most appreciated. 🙏🙏

Pastor Mark

🎵 **THE 2023/'24 CHOIR SEASON** begins Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 pm. Come and join us for Wednesday night rehearsals and Sunday morning worship!

- **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST SET TO RESUME**
Greetings men of St. Paul! After a summer hiatus, the weekly men's Bible breakfasts are set to resume on Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 a.m. in the upstairs Fellowship Room # 210. All men are invited to take part in these sessions featuring great food, semi-great coffee, fellowship, prayer, and spiritual renewal through the reading/discussion of scripture. We hope that you will consider joining us--try it, you might love it! If you have questions, contact Don Spritzer, 406 549-5582. We hope to see you there.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Women's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 7th 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! Question? Please contact Betty Rude, 543-3219 or Hazel Sorensen, 728-3278.

THE DIVINE DRAMA IS COMING! ANNOUNCING:

THE DIVINE DRAMA: THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE AND OUR NARRATIVE

- Part 1 is a 16-unit overview of the biblical narrative. Part II is a 14-unit overview of the biblical basis for core Christian teaching,
 - With Advent/Christmas 4-week video teaching focus series "A Clear View of Jesus' Birth", presented by Presbyterian Teaching Elder and Teaching Canon in Residence for The Episcopal Church, The Rev. Dr. Ken Bailey.
- Created by The Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt (Australian Lutheran Pastor), The Divine Drama takes us into the "highlight reel" of the biblical narrative and immerse us into the unity of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. As part of our discernment, *The Divine Drama invites us into God's Mission Goals and dreams for God's people and the world.*
- Materials available via solapublishing.com (\$55.60 plus shipping). Click on the "Crossways tab, then the materials (Student Manual, workbook, and binders are on pages 2 & 4).
- Begins the week of **September 11 and concludes the week of May 20, 2024. There will be 2 sessions offered each week, Monday evenings 7:00-8:30 PM and Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 AM. Participants are welcome to come to either/or, depending on your personal schedule (Or you may come for both, if you are so inclined 😊).**
- Fellowship-n-snacks 30 mins before. Please bring snacks and drinks to share. All welcome, members and non-members, high school age on up.



- **FALL FAITH FESTIVAL!! FUN FOR ALL AGES!!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, right after worship in the church parking lot 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>

- **HABITAT ALL-LUTHERAN BUILD DAY:** Would you like to be involved in an *All Lutheran Build Day* with Habitat for Humanity this fall? Habitat has reserved Friday, October 20, and Saturday, October 21, as build days for Lutheran Churches. There are 3 build shifts:

Morning shift- 9am-12noon

Afternoon shift- 1pm-5 pm

All day shift - 9am- 5 pm

Space is limited to 12 volunteers each day and 6 per shift.

Please call, text, or email me by September 24 if you would like to participate. I will need to know which day and what shift you prefer. We will also need a lunch provided one of those days for approximately 9 people. Thanks for considering this Habitat opportunity!

Cathy Semmelroth, 406-531-2696, cathysemmelroth@gmail.com



- **SAVE THESE DATES: FALL RUMMAGE SALE October 6 and 7.** We will begin accepting items in the Lower Level after worship on Sunday, October 1 and will be setting up and unpacking from 9:00 am Monday October 2 through 3:00 pm Thursday October 5. Please deliver all your sale items to the Lower Level of the church by noon on Thursday the 5th.

Sale Hours will be 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday and the BAG SALE will be from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday. We need lots of volunteers to help lighten the load for everyone. **Questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please call Betty Rude, 406 543-3219.**

- **FAITH FAMILY GATHERING (outdoors at the Marks House) Sunday, September 10, 4-6:15**

Faith Family Gatherings are an awesome way to connect with other families and your family. Held once a month on the 2nd Sunday, they include large group worship, peer group time, family time, and dinner. The first one of the year is at the house and apple orchard of the Marks family. Please use the link below to sign up, and if you can, sign up to bring a dessert or side to share. Bring a lawn chair, the address for this gathering is on the signup page:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4aa5ab2da2fa7-immanuel26#/>

- **GROW Kickoff Sunday, September 24, 11:40am**

GROW will be held right after church this fall. After worship, kids and families can head downstairs for coffee hour snacks and fellowship with the congregation. At 11:40am, Janelda will lead the Kid's Choir in rehearsal in the sanctuary, and then we'll head to room 210 (usual GROW room) for stories and crafts/activities. GROW will conclude at 12:45pm. Please RSVP for the weeks your kids will attend GROW:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AE2CA2FB6-grow3>

NOTE OF THANKS: I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who offered prayers, condolences, gifts, and hugs for Darrel and me during his illness and passing.

Special thanks to Pastor Mark, the office and kitchen staff who blessed me, Darrel's family, and friends with services and the wonderful reception. Words are inadequate to say how much we appreciate everyone's kindness.

May God's blessings grace you,

Nona Babcock and family

Darrel's sons: Darrel Jr., Vern, and Devery Fite

Darrel's siblings: Carolyn Majors and Larry Fite, and Darrel's extended family

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!

- **THE WOMEN OF SPIRIT WILL START THE BOOK A BOX OF BUTTERFLIES** by Roma Downey. She was Monica in the TV series "Touched By An Angel". It's an uplifting book filled with comfort, hope, and assurance of God's presence in our lives. We'll begin discussing the book on Monday, Sept. 11th from 6-7:00pm in Rm # 208. We read and discuss about 40 pages each week. All women are welcome.

- **THE 37TH ANNUAL GARY TURBAK BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING STORE** was bigger than ever. More than 300 children got a new top, pants, socks, underwear and shoes from the church in mid August. Many bags of clothes were then taken to refugee children at Soft Landing and to Family Resource Centers in the schools. So, another 200 children may get clothes from the project!

St. Paul members contributed more than \$7,000 and business donated more than \$17,000! That includes an amazing \$7,000 grant from Town Pump! Eight churches collected socks and underwear.

Thank you to more than 30 people who volunteered MANY hours to carry out this event! A special thanks goes to Sheila Gray, Kim Butler, Vicke Schend and Diane Davis for doing most of the shopping. Four employees from Kohl's volunteered for two hours each in helping us set up the store. Thank you to ALL of you for your time, money and prayers. Praise to our Lord for giving us this opportunity to help those in need in our community!

We received beautiful smiles, handshakes, hugs, blessings and happy tears from children, parents, and grandparents. A good time was had by all! *Jan Turbak*

- **WOMEN'S QUILTMaking MEETS THURSDAYS AT 9:00 AM IN THE LOWER LEVEL FELLOWSHIP HALL.** Come and learn what knot to do!!
- **NOTE OF THANKS:** Kathy would like to thank everyone who has offered a prayer for her Aunt Ruth over the last year or so. Aunt Ruth died early on Sept. 2nd and now is at peace.

PRAYERS

This week we pray for: † peace and comfort for Kathy and family mourning the death of Aunt Ruth; † all struggling with water and wind damage after the hurricane in Florida; † healing for Chuck and all others recovering from surgery; † guidance and resources for all helping with relief efforts in Maui; † comfort for all who lost loved ones, homes, and livelihood after the fires in Maui; † Bill's sister-in-law; † healing for Frankie's young cousin Asa † Denny's comfort and well-being; † healing for Isaac's eye; † 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 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 who are facing mental illness and guidance and wisdom for their families; † peace for all who struggle with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † respite for all health care workers, first responders, and all serving their country in the military; † refugees who must flee from their homelands; † peace in countries that have experienced coups, peace in Ukraine; † peace for the dying; † all who are incarcerated; † people to accept truth and cast away misinformation; † peace and comfort for Diane's mother and Bonnie; † all who are challenging to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † an abundance of common sense and compassion. **Amen.**

GIVING

Your support of the ministry of St. Paul is greatly appreciated. A donation can be made on our website at www.stpaulmissoulamt.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

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
is hosting our
2nd ANNUAL
BLOCK PARTY

**September 9, 2023
4:00PM - 7:00PM**

ADMISSION IS FREE!



The entire community is invited to our 2nd Annual Block Party, which will include fun for the whole family! There will be plenty of food, fun, and entertainment for all to enjoy.

- What to Expect:**
- Food
 - Games
 - Music
 - Activities
 - Entertainment
 - Raffles
 - And More!



Enjoy magic from our award-winning magician, Evan Disney!



ALL ARE WELCOME
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