

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates & Announcements for July 26, 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 JULY 30, 2023: Pastor Mark Galbraith**

PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS AND AVAILABILITY (BESIDES SUNDAYS) RESUME JULY 31, 2023

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 JULY 30, 2023:** 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
- **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/Ly3YztQoyQ8?feature=share> There have been 43 views of this video since Sunday.
- **UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE: Ron Mueller, August 4, 12:00**
- **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). If you have questions or are curious about Confluence, Colter is a member of their leadership team and would be excited to talk!
- **SPLASH MONTANA FUN:** We had gallons of fun playing in the water at Splash Montana last week! **There is one more opportunity this summer to go to Splash Montana FOR FREE: August 9. Must RSVP TO colter@stpaulmissoula.org**



- **SORT SOCKS! Sunday, August 13th, 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
- **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
- **WE NEED HELP TO FEED BIKE AND BUILD cross-county cyclists:** St. Paul and St. Anthony churches are planning to host this team of cyclists who use Missoula as a day of "rest" during their cross-country adventure. The 24 participants use their rest days to help build affordable housing, usually for Habitat for Humanity. St. Paul provides meals and St. Anthony provides a place to stay.
The "Bike and Build" group plans to arrive the afternoon of Sunday, July 30, work and play on Monday, July 31, and head west on Tuesday morning, August 1. While here, we will help them stage a Bike Rodeo for children in the church parking lot (see notice below) and celebrate their presence with a supper of fish! There are many ways to help. Please contact me, Phil, at (406 728-8262) or Earl if you would like to be a part of this stop in their journey. *Phil Stauffer*
- **BIKE RODEO Monday, July 31, 7pm Church parking lot**
The young adults from Bike and Build are stopping in Missoula and offering a fun, informative session for kids and families all about bikes and how to ride safely. Bring your bikes, your helmets, and leave some room for ice cream dessert after biking.
Fall Faith Festival



- **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!



Join us in a thought-provoking webinar as authors Wilson Dickinson and Laura Alary engage in a captivating conversation about the power of parenting, storytelling, and children's books in transforming a world grappling with the climate crisis. In "Parenting for a Healed Planet: A Conversation with Wilson Dickinson and Laura Alary" these two inspiring authors delve into the themes of their works, "Singing the Psalms with My Son: Praying and Parenting for a Healed Planet" and "The Dot We Call Home."

Through their unique perspectives, Dickinson and Alary explore how parenting and children's literature can become transformative forces in addressing the urgent challenges we face. They discuss the role of storytelling in cultivating empathy, inspiring action, and fostering a deeper connection with creation.

This webinar is a must-attend event for parents, educators, and anyone passionate about nurturing a generation of change-makers.

Through engaging dialogue and thought-provoking discussions, Dickinson and Alary will inspire you to harness the power of parenting and children's books to create a brighter, more sustainable world. Join them on this journey of exploration, reflection, and action.

Books are available for purchase when you register for the webinar!

Parenting for a Healed Planet:

A Conversation with Wilson Dickinson and Laura Alary

Wednesday, August 9, 6pm EDT

To register, cntrl click on: <https://bit.ly/HealedPlanet>



2023 GARY TURBAK MEMORIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING PROJECT: PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 14, FOR THE 37th!! BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING STORE. WE'LL NEED HELP TO SET UP THE STORE AND ASSIST SHOPPERS WHO WILL BE COMING TO PICK OUT CLOTHES and THE SIGN-UP CHART IS NOW IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY...

Last year was bigger than ever, both for donations *and* recipients of clothes. This year we are again applying for and receiving 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) as soon as possible!

Your help is needed in several ways. Of course, we need money, and it's never too late to donate! ☺ Just write a check to St. Paul Lutheran and write "clothes" in the memo line. Then, check the "Socks and Underwear" notice below for details about our socks and underwear drive. Next, explore the sign-up chart at the back of the church for opportunities to help. (Helping in any way with this event is SO rewarding!) Finally, and most importantly, we need your prayers as we reach out to help the children in need in our community. Thank you. *Jan Turbak*

WANTED: NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR

There is 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 the second week in August. Thank you! *Jan Turbak*



- **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!!

- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST, WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, WOMEN OF SPIRIT** book group and **MENS' QUILTING GROUP** are taking a summer hiatus and will resume in the fall.

- **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: † continued healing and recovery for Darrel Fite; † for successful treatment and complete recovery for Hazel's daughter Kaati and Kristin's cousin Delana; † comfort for those 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; † respite 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 patience for their families; † all who contend with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † rejuvenation for all health care workers, first responders, and all serving their country in the military; † refugees who must escape 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 a challenge to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † an abundance of common sense and 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, 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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