

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates and Announcements for March 22, 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 February, March, 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 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/RHEVmY5zRg4?feature=share>

There have been 61 views of this video since Sunday.

- **Readings for March 26, 2023:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

- **MID- WEEK LENT WORSHIP,** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Theme: "Fabrics of Faith"

March 22: Crucifixion garments; **March 29:** God Order of Service: Holden Evening Prayer

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.

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.

- **TRANSITION TEAM TIDINGS:** As we work through the process of calling a new pastor, we invite you to think, pray, and share ideas about our ministry at St Paul...we explore with you our past, present and future as we live out God's call. Take a look at the photo collage in the basement fellowship hall to see "what's been happenin'" at St. Paul. If you have pictures showing what "RENEW, REJOICE, REACHOUT" looks like now, please add them...or send them to me so I can. (Caren Reaves: cjreaves@msn.com)

We ask you to complete the congregational vitality survey that is measuring our perceptions of St Paul ministry...it helps get us talking with each other about how we are called by the Holy Spirit in our congregational life. If you have questions/comments /ideas please let us know>>> 1.Transitional Team comment sheets in the back of sanctuary, 2.email us at stpaultransitionteam@gmail.com or 3. talk with us.

St. Paul's Transition Team: Charla Fontaine, Don Spritzer, Doug Davis, Karen Behan, Laura Curry, Merv Eriksson, Sarah Buszmann, Sharon Wilson, Caren Reaves-chair (406-240-6283)



- **UPCOMING MUSIC EVENT:** Plan to attend "Julie Long and Friends Lenten Music Recital", Sunday April 2, 2:00 PM here in the sanctuary at St. Paul. Janelda Barnett and others will be sharing their talents as we enter Holy Week with music. Admission: Toilet Paper for use by the Family Housing Center (YWCA).

- **EASTER MUMS FUNDRAISER**

Beautiful potted mums for sale to be displayed on Easter to support St. Paul Children, Youth and Family Ministry. \$12 each, check written to "St. Paul CYF", or cash, with note saying "Easter Mums" can be left in the offering, mailed or dropped off at the office. To order, email kmrbutler1@gmail.com or call 360-7612. Give your name, how many, and any name(s) to be honored or remembered. All mums must be picked up on Easter Sunday following worship (it's okay to take yours home after 9am service). **Order deadline is Monday, March 27.**



- **EASTER BREAKFAST – CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY FUNDRAISER** Sunday, April 9 right after 9am worship **RSVP is required.** 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. **RSVP is required. Deadline to order burritos is April 2.** <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>

- **NO GROW on March 22 - Spring Break**
- **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** The very last chance to get your picture in the new pictorial directory is Sunday, 3/26! This is then going to print and will be available for you to pick up in April.
- **SEWING MACHINE NEEDED:** The Women's Quilting Group has worn out a sewing machine and is in need of another one. If you have a portable one in good condition that you are not using, please consider donating it to this special ministry. Please drop off at the church office, or in the LLFH on Thursdays between 9 -11, or call Sharon at 406-251-4224 to arrange for pickup.
- **FAITH FAMILY GATHERING AT IMMANUEL** Sunday, April 2 at 4pm
Large group songs and games, age group time (for adults too), faith activities to do as a family, and tasty dinner! Sign up if you plan to attend and consider bringing a dish to share at dinner:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4aa5ab2da2fa7-immanuel26#/>
- **COLTER'S TIME AWAY:** Colter will be taking time away to visit family and to recover from knee surgery. He will be away from the office and not responding to emails March 20-April 8. Just like someone else we know, he will return on Easter Sunday. He will primarily work from home during the month of April as he continues to recover. Thank you for your prayers for him during his recovery!
- **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:** is set for **March 31 and April 1.** We will begin accepting items in the Lower Level after worship on Sunday, March 26 and will be setting up and unpacking from 9:00 am Monday March 27 through 3:00 pm Thursday March 30. Please deliver all your sale items to the Lower Level of the church by noon on Thursday the 30th. Sale Hours: 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.



Don't miss this! **Tuesday - March 28, 2023**
8pm ET/7 CT/6 MT/ 5 PT /4 AK

[Pollinator Pathways](#)

Rachel Wyffels, the Communication Coordinator of the Northeastern Minnesota Eco-Faith Network, is excited to join us and introduce leaders from around their synod. The Pollinator Project Steering Group will share their story about the pilot project that has taken place over the past year, which has involved 19 congregations in the NE-MN Synod. They will also share what's next, including two synod resolutions for this year and the upcoming multi-synodical EcoFaith Summit. In this Kairos moment of deep ecological crisis, we are called to pollinate an alternative way of being human for the sake of the whole creation. We will break into groups during the second half of the hour to encourage one another to take next steps in our own community.

[Details & Registration Here: https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/event/pathways-to-pollination-march-lrc-connections-call/](https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/event/pathways-to-pollination-march-lrc-connections-call/)

- **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 at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Registration and more info at www.impluchurch.org/womensretreat Questions? Contact Nancy Solum at 406-240-0023 or WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com Sponsored by Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) Five Valleys and Great Divide Cluster



- **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.

- **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS:** we'll be scheduling another morning to assemble kits later this spring and we'll need some **ADDITIONAL supplies to complete those kits: dark colored bath towels, combs, nail clippers, and soap.** Thank you to everyone who has helped assemble kits, 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. Thank you and God bless you! *Jan Turbak*

- **COFFEE HOUR IS NOW HELD AFTER THE 10 a.m. service**
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#/>

- **TIME FLIES!!** 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** has begun a new course of study 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 features 28 different Old Testament characters. 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! 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 2nd and 4th 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: † Glen Johnshoy; † continued recovery for Leif and Lukas, Troy and Freja's babies who are in NICU; † safety for Josh and for Jason during their deployment; † healing and recovery for Reta, Jalaine, Kate M., Darrel, Karen, Peggy, 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 recovering from the earthquakes; † help for young people experiencing mental illness and guidance for their families; † all who contend with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † resilience for all health care workers, first responders, and all who are serving their country in the military; † resources for all who have been harmed by extreme weather conditions; † all who grieve; † relief for all who have had to flee from their homelands; † an end to conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine; † peace for the dying; † all who are in prison; † people to be able to discern between truth and misinformation; † peace and comfort for Vickie and Dave Huerta, Kathy's Aunt Ruth, Diane's mother, and Bonnie; † care for all who are hard to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † a resurgence of 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, 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



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



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.