

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates and Announcements for March 29, 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/upA3ej3E0v0?feature=share>

There have been 55 views of this video since Sunday.

Readings for April 2, 2023, Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11

- **MID- WEEK LENT WORSHIP,** Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Lenten Theme: "Fabrics of Faith" **March 29:** God Order of Service: Holden Evening Prayer

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.



- **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, Allen Sasser-Goehner, Victoria Larson, Daniel Disch, and Julie Long will be sharing their talents as we enter Holy Week with music. Admission: donation of Toilet Paper for use by the Family Housing Center (YWCA).

- **DELICIOUS EASTER BREAKFAST – CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY FUNDRAISER** Sunday, April 9 right after 9am worship **RSVP is required. Deadline to order burritos is April 2. We need people to sign up!!!!** 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>

Congregational Vitality Survey

March 19 through April 2

Lent 2023

An introduction:

The St. Paul Transition Team is asking *us* to participate in a brief survey to help us start conversations about the type of ministry that is most important to our congregation.

The transition team's mission is to guide the congregation on thoughtful discovery about the things that are most important to us as a church body. As we learn more about ourselves, we will be in a better place to look for a new pastor who will walk with us.

About the Survey:

10-15 minutes

36 questions

You do NOT need to sign into **Google** to complete the survey.

All questions have three answer options.

You MUST make a selection for each *question and at the end of survey click **SUBMIT**.

There are some questions you will absolutely not know the answer to. Please just put your perception.

The goal is not to produce correct answers, but to capture how the congregation feels about each prompt.

>>**Online completion is preferred** (This document was emailed from the St. Paul Transition Team gmail address last Monday to members with email access. If you didn't get it, check your spam folder.)

If you have not already answered the survey, please click on link below to open and complete it:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeakxeb-PYbMq55i0LmIFIVXPrhjeVHDJHnmTP1cBCXb2DiQ/viewform> or use your phone or tablet & scan this QR code to open and complete the survey.



>>Paper copies are available at the church if the online form does not work for you. If used, complete and return to the church office, one of transition team members, or the silver box in the back of the sanctuary. We will enter your answers into the computer to be tabulated. We don't need you to sign your name to the document. Thank you for your participation!

In Service Together,
The St. Paul Transition Team

- **TRANSITION TEAM TIDINGS:** As we work through the process of calling a new pastor, we invite you to think, pray, and share ideas about God's ministry here 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)



- **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.

- **MEMORIAL SERVICE for Bev Narum** is set for April 15 at 2:00 pm.
- **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!



- **COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP:** To volunteer to help serve or provide treats for Coffee Hours, scan this QR code with your smartphone or tablet. Thank you!
- **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 spring we will consider how we live in the tension between life & death (April 2) and movement & stillness (April 16), Waters of Life as a reflection on spring runoff (May 7), and Lingering in Light as a reflection on the gift of longer days and transition to summer (May 21).

- **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:** is set for **March 31 and April 1. We will be accepting sale items in the Lower Level until 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 especially on Saturday at noon for clean-up. Questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please call Betty Rude, 406 543-3219.



- **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



- **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*

- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST** meets on Thursday mornings at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Room # 210.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has begun studying "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 2nd and 4th 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. We are truly knotty, come and join in the fun!!

Here is the Zoom link for Bob Quinn Event.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87853619819?pwd=UmVjUTNiNFdOTGFpdkEra3FwNWZGdz09>

Meeting ID: 878 5361 9819

Passcode: 613389

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FAITH AND CLIMATE ACTION MONTANA
PARTNERED WITH HUMANITIES MONTANA
PRESENTS: *Bob Quinn*

Regenerative Organic Farming: Cultivating Practices to Heal Our Land, Our Community, and Our Planet

April 5th 2023

Gallagher Building Room 123 at the University of Montana -6pm
Appetizer Reception to Follow

Scan to attend via zoom!

Bob Quinn is the founder of Montana Flour & Grains, Inc. and introduced the Kamut brand to sell the ancient wheat. He is also the founder of the Oil Barn and Big Sandy Organics. He continues to experiment to improve regenerative organic systems and find better ways to work with dry land agriculture. Bob is the co-author of "Grain by Grain" written with Liz Carlisle, which summarizes the tie between regenerative organic agriculture and the importance of local production of food.

• **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: † comfort for the families who lost loved ones in the school shooting in Nashville; † comfort for family of Cheryl Ashmore; † Comfort for family of Cheryl Ashmore; † good health for our planet; † Glen Johnshoy; † continued recovery for Leif and Lukas, Troy and Freja's babies who are in NICU; † safety for Josh and for Jason during 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; † for people Afghanistan, Syria, and Turkey impacted by earthquakes; † help for young people experiencing mental illness and guidance for their families; † all who struggle with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † respite 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

Talking **TENACIOUS BEASTS**
With Dr. Christopher Preston

April 24, 2023
@ 6 PM
Location:
GoodWorks Place
129 W Alder St.
Missoula, MT

Hosted by Faith and Climate Action Montana

JOIN US

Dr. Preston's new book, *Tenacious Beasts: Wildlife Recoveries That Change How We Think About Animals* investigates a number of species back from the brink of extinction. He meets the scientists, indigenous leaders, and activists responsible for their return and uncovers what these tenacious species have to teach.

For more about *Tenacious Beasts*, scan the QR code:

Christopher J. Preston is a writer and professor based in Missoula, MT. His work at the University of Montana centers on wildlife, technology, and climate change.



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

Look for the list at the back of the church for suggestions to fill the Welcome Baskets