

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates & Announcements for August 16, 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 AUGUST 20, 2023:** Shari Rigg
- **READINGS FOR AUGUST 20, 2023:** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
- **ST. PAUL SERVICES** are broadcast weekly on MCAT: Wednesdays, 4 pm, Spectrum cable channel 189.
- **WATCH A REPLAY OF SUNDAY'S SERVICE:** <https://www.youtube.com/live/mCHF813zA1U?feature=share>  
There have been 33 views of this video since Sunday.

God's beloved people:

The peace of Christ be with you always.

I wish to thank all you, great and holy people of God of St. Paul, from the bottom of my heart, for all your expressions of support, care, love, and prayers in the advent of my mother's passing.

My mother, JoAnn, was 87 1/2 years old at her graduation into life eternal in the Hope of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and hers was a life well and long-lived. I remain grateful that I was able to have special time and holy conversation with her last month when I was back home for birthday week.

I will be gone August 18-25 for my scheduled time on Orcas Island WA at the family beach house. Mom's Celebration of Life service will be at my home church, Grace Lutheran Church, in Blaine WA August 26. I will remain for a few days afterwards for some decompression and bereavement time with my family and friends. I will return before the weekend of September 2.

Shari Rigg will pulpit supply August 20 and Pastor Julie Long will pulpit supply August 27; area colleagues will be available for emergency pastoral needs.

Thank you again for all your support and prayers. It means so much.

- **UGH!! BEWARE! PHISHING EMAILS CLAIMING TO BE FROM PR. MARK ARE BEING CIRCULATED.** Pastor Mark is never going to make a request "I need you to handle discreetly because I'm currently in a prayer session." For your security carefully examine the address of anything claiming to be from the pastor and if you ever have any questions, contact the office. Please delete such messages.
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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#/>



- **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>
- **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 208 (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>
- **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!
- **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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ea9ae2ca2fb6-coffee#/)  
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!!





**ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH**, families from St. Paul and Immanuel gathered together at Splash Montana. After a mere twenty minutes of swimming and sliding, distant thunder could be heard and everyone had to get out of the water for safety. We gathered under the cabana and had time to chat with each other and take this group photo! Even when plans don't go as we hope, it's still good for us to gather together and be reminded of God's Love, our baptism, and our community of faith.

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Get to know your neighbors and support them through the process of accessing housing.





**What is the Housing Advocate Network?**

A group of everyday Missoulians who come alongside our neighbors experiencing homelessness to help navigate our complex housing systems, access resources and understand the root causes of homelessness.

**What do volunteers do?**

We get to know our neighbors experiencing homelessness and support them through the process of accessing housing. Tasks vary but can include looking up rentals, advocating with landlords, filling out apps and just being a friend!

**How do I get started?**

If you are interested in learning more about HAN and how you can support our work call Zeke at 406-207-8228 ext. 5, or email [zeke@micmt.org](mailto:zeke@micmt.org)

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Women's Bible Study will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup> 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! If you have questions, please contact Betty Rude, 543-3219 or Hazel Sorensen, 728-3278.

- **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:** † recovery for Derald; † recovery from surgeries and healing for Rick; † strength and courage for Bettijane; † comfort for Pr. Mark

Galbraith and family as they mourn the death of his mother; † peace and comfort for the family of Darrel Fite as they mourn his death; † all who have lost loved ones in the fire in Maui, and for resources for all who have lost their homes and livelihoods there; † Bill's sister-in-law; † comfort and healing for Frankie's young cousin Asa; † good test results for Janet W.; † Denny's comfort and well-being; † healing for Isaac's eye; † successful treatment and 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 and recovery 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 facing mental illness and for guidance and wisdom for their families; † peace for all who struggle with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † rest and recreation for all health care workers, first responders, and all serving their country in the military; † refugees who must flee 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 hard to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † all the children of God; † a flood 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.stpaulmissoula.org/give](http://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,

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