

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates and Announcements for March 15, 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](mailto: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/gkunPsg1J1A?feature=share>

There have been 61 views of this video since Sunday.

**Readings for March 19, 2023:** Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

- **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.

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

**March 15:** Jesus' Garment; **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.

- **UPCOMING MUSIC EVENT:** Plan to attend "Julie Long and Friends Lenten Music Recital", Sunday April 2, 2:00 PM here at St. Paul. Janelda Barnett and others will be sharing their talents as we enter Holy Week with music.

- **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](mailto: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>

- **GROW** Wednesday, 5:30pm Come for dinner, Children's Choir, special activities and then experience the Mid-Week Lent Worship service as a family at 6:30. **(NO GROW on March 22 - Spring Break)**
- **FREE COFFEE/COCOA AND PASTRIES BEFORE SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!** 1st Thursday at Immanuel (Sentinel). 3rd Thursday at St. Paul (Hellgate).
- **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.



- **J.O.Y BUNCH POTLUCK WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 12:00 PM IN ROOM # 210** (the Fellowship Room). Everyone over 55 is invited to attend this potluck lunch.

- **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. Register by **March 20** to get the **EARLY BIRD RATE** Registration and more info at [www.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat](http://www.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat) Questions? Contact Nancy Solum at 406-240-0023 or [WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com) Sponsored by Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) Five Valleys and Great Divide Cluster

- **PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO PAGE 3** for details on "Welcome Baskets" for Family Promise graduates!



- **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 but we need **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** began a new study in March 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 will feature 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** † family and friends of Ron Mueller, grieving his death; † family and friends of Michael Luety mourning his death; † thanksgiving for healing for Richard's brother; † continued recovery for Leif and Lukas, Troy and Freja's babies who are in NICU; † safety for Josh Hiniker and for Dr. Jason Hurd during their deployment; † healing and recovery for Reta, Allen, Kristen, Jalaine, Kate M., Darrel, Karen, Ron, 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; † healing for young people experiencing mental illness and resources for their families; † all who struggle with addiction, anxiety, depression, or PTSD; † health and strength for all health care workers, first responders, and all who are serving their country in the military; † respite for all who have been harmed by extreme weather conditions and resources for all who are responding to these events; † all who grieve; † guidance for all who must escape from danger in 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; † compassion for all who are hard to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † an abundance 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](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,  
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](http://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.



