

St. Paul Lutheran Church Weekly Updates and Announcements for April 19, 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 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/WzvoH0PboWE?feature=share>

There have been 57 views of this video since Sunday.

• **Readings for SUNDAY, April 23:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-23, and Luke 24:13-35

• **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - This Sunday April 23**

Please plan to attend worship this Sunday at 10am as we honor students David and Lainie with Affirmation of Baptism and hear their faith statements. Cake reception to follow during coffee hour.

• **GRADUATE SUNDAY - June 4**

During 10am worship on June 4th, we will honor members of our St Paul family who are high school graduates this year. We will bless them as they go on their way, cake reception after worship.

• **TRANSITION TEAM UPDATES:**

1) PLEASE put April 30 on your calendar: EVERYONE is welcome and encouraged to meet with Pastor Peggy from the Montana Synod on April 30 in the sanctuary after worship to hear the results of the congregational survey, and
2) IF YOU HAVE NOT YET FILLED OUT THE CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY SURVEY, THERE IS STILL TIME!!! Surveys will be accepted until April 24. Paper copies are available on the usher's table at the back of the church.

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)

• **SCAM EMAILS CLAIMING TO BE FROM "PASTOR JULIE LONG" ARE CIRCULATING.** Please look carefully at the email address. Even if the address reads something like churchoffice@gmail.com, it is bogus. Please do not respond to these emails.



• **J.O.Y. BUNCH (JUST OLDER YOUTHERANS) WILL MEET AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL**

19, in the Fellowship Room # 210. All 55+ are invited to enjoy a super potluck meal and superb company!!!

• **OUTDOOR CLEANUP, SATURDAY, APRIL 29.** Starting at 9:30 am!! Treats will be available 😊

bringing your rakes, wheel barrows, and

other outdoor clean-up tools and be sure to dress for the weather. Come one, come all to the one great SPLC Outdoor Clean up!!

• **MISSOULA FLBC WEEK:** Are your children or grandchildren registered a week of summer camp at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this summer? Considering registration but could use financial support? Colter Murphy is trying to help our

families coordinate and possibly arrange a "Missoula week" this summer. Please send him an email with your FLBC plans: colter@stpaulmissoula.org



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. Or control/click on the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EA9AE2CA2FB6-worship> You may also call the church office and we will be happy to assist you in signing up to help in worship!!

• **24 PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED** to help out with Holy Week services. This does not include all those in the Children's Choir, Bell Choir, Women's Singing Group and the St. Paul Choir. St. Paul is truly blessed to have so many people willing to help. Your willingness to volunteer makes St. Paul a strong and vibrant family. We are truly blessed to have you all at St. Paul.

• **WELCOME BASKET THANK YOU!** A huge thank you to those individuals who supported the drive to replenish items needed for Welcome Baskets for individuals and families moving into permanent housing! Supplies are stored and baskets assembled at Revive Church. We certainly appreciate their investment into this project. I hope some of you saw the news piece by Emily Brown of KPAX spotlighting the community's effort to support these families. It takes a village!! Thank you, *Vicke Schend*

• **FREE CONCERT:** Immanuel Lutheran Church is happy to present a FREE CONCERT, The Rescue Tour: An Evening with Dave Anderson and Roger Walck. Sunday, April 23, at 6:30 pm. Come early and enjoy free appetizers and



beverages. These talented musicians hail from the Shepherd of the Valley Retreat Center in the high desert of Arizona. Enjoy an evening of music, singing, and story.



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:

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- **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).

- **GARY TURBAK MEMORIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING PROJECT – 2023** It's already time to think about the **37th Back to School Clothing Project!!** Last year was bigger than ever for donations and recipients of clothes. This year we will again apply for 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).

Your help is needed in several ways. Of course, we need money, and it's not too early to donate! ☺ Just write a check to St. Paul Lutheran and write "clothes" in the memo line. This summer, look for information about the socks and underwear drive and for opportunities to volunteer to help with the event. It is SO rewarding! Most importantly, we need your prayers as we reach out to help children in our community. There will be more information about the clothing project in the newsletter. Thank you. *Jan Turbak*

- **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!

- **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** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 pm in Room # 210, the Fellowship Room to study "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!!

- **OFFICE HOURS, ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, or by appointment by calling (406) 549-4141.

The poster features a vibrant orange and yellow background. At the top, the title "Talking TENACIOUS BEASTS" is written in a playful, hand-drawn font, with "TENACIOUS" in large blue letters and "BEASTS" in red. Below the title, it says "With Dr. Christopher Preston" and includes a photo of Dr. Preston. The event details are listed in a circular orange box: "April 24, 2023 @ 6 PM Location: GoodWorks Place 129 W Alder St. Missoula, MT". A QR code is provided for more information. A small image of a bison is at the bottom right. The text "Hosted by Faith and Climate Action Montana" is also present.

PRAYERS

This week we pray for: † David and Lainie, and their families as they celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at worship on Sunday, that this step in their faith journeys may reinforce the promises made at their baptisms; † for successful surgery and complete, speedy recovery for Kristen's cousin Delana; † comfort for all who have lost loved ones to gun violence; † people to step up to work towards 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; † for all who have been affected by flooding, tornadoes and extraordinary rainstorms; † hope for young people experiencing mental illness and help for their families; † all who face daily struggles 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 Kathy's Aunt Ruth, Diane's mother, and Bonnie; † care for all who are a challenge to love, lonely, unhoused, or hungry; † an abundance of common sense. **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