

SPLC News & Calendar of Events 08-18-2021

WORSHIP

- **10:00 am worship through September 5**, in-person and livestreamed. **Starting September 12**, worship will be in-person at 9:00 am and in-person and livestreamed at 11:00 am. To view livestreamed or recorded services online, go to: <https://www.stpaulmissoulamt.org/watch-live> This page provides a link to the worship service along with a link to the bulletin and a way to make your offering online.
- **Weekly MCAT broadcasts:** SPLC services are broadcast on Wednesdays at 4 pm on MCAT, Spectrum cable channel 189.
- **Children's Ministry and Worship:** We are currently asking all worship attendees, including children, to wear a mask through the entire service. Additionally, in an effort to minimize contact between kids, we have temporarily closed the PrayGround at the front of the sanctuary. We still welcome families to attend worship with their children, and Colter will continue to give his Children's Message as part of worship. A coloring page and a children's bulletin will be offered each Sunday in the back of the sanctuary for kids, and parents are encouraged to bring coloring implements (crayons and markers) from home. Small bags of crayons are available as well, and we ask that you take them home with you if you use them.
- **Watch a replay of this past Sunday's service** here: <https://youtu.be/3loMD1guitE>
There have been 33 views of this video since Sunday.

Readings for Sunday, August 22: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

COVID GUIDELINES UPDATE:

While we continue to have in-person worship, we are now implementing the following COVID guidelines due to the recent surge in Delta variant cases:

- Wearing of masks in worship
- Use of hand sanitizer upon entering church
- Engage in physical distancing
- Hymns sung by designated singers; congregation, hum or sing softly
- No physical sharing of the peace
- Discontinue the coffee hour fellowship - fellowship outside as desired
- When communion is offered, please pick up wafer and juice packet at the back of the church as you arrive and take the packet with you to your pew
- PrayGround will be closed but Colter will still provide Children's Messages
- Please stay at home if you are sick

Jesus taught that love of God and love of every neighbor are two inseparable aspects of one great commandment for the people of God (Matthew 22:35-40). For the sake of the common good, we will have to consider the health and the vaccination status of people who gather and worship at St. Paul. We lament the pain and difficulty of these limitations, and we look forward to the day when we no longer have to wear masks and maintain physical distance from those outside our immediate households.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Office Hours, St. Paul Lutheran Church:** 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, or by appointment.
- **Haiti Crisis:** On August 14, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti. Over 1,400 people were killed, and thousands more were injured. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to meet relief needs, including food, nonfood items and temporary shelter. Other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. Your gifts will support earthquake survivors. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake until the response is complete. To help support relief efforts, you may write a check to St. Paul Lutheran, designate "Haiti Crisis" on the memo line, and drop the check in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you.
- **St. Paul/Habitat for Humanity Build Day: August 25, 2021** is the scheduled day for St. Paul volunteers to work on building new homes with Habitat for Humanity of Missoula. Three homes are in the building process in East Missoula.

We need your help. Let's do our share! Please call Frankie at 549-8210 to volunteer on the building site. If you can help provide lunch for the workers, please contact Betty Rude, 543-3219. Thank you.

CHURCH YARD SALES:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Friday, August 20 – 9 AM to 7 PM and Saturday, August 21 – 8 AM to 3 PM

St. Ann's Catholic Church

Saturday, August 21 – 8 AM to 3 PM Polish Sausages & Sauerkraut 11 AM to 3 PM

Corner of Highway 200 and Highway 10 East Bonner MT

- **FALL FAITH FESTIVAL: September 12th** after church in the parking lot
Games, delicious food, prizes, desserts and more! This year's Fall Faith Festival is in the works, and we want to invite you to join in the fun. You are welcome to come and bring your family and friends. We are also looking for donations of desserts, gift cards, and volunteers to help during the event. If you are able to make a donation, or volunteer your time, please contact colter@stpaulmissoula.org.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Women's Bible study of the book of Matthew will begin Thursday, September 2, at 1:00 pm in Room # 208. The study will continue on the first and third Thursdays of each month. All women are welcome and encouraged to study and share the gospel of Matthew. We are all learning together. If you have questions, visit with other women who have attended this study or contact Hazel Sorensen at 544-5913 or Betty Rude at 543-3219. No sign-up is necessary but it would be helpful to know how many lesson sheets to prepare. Thanks.
- **WELCA Women's Fall Retreat:** Register by **September 7** to get the **EARLY BIRD RATE** for the **WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT**, October 15-17, 2021, at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Motivating Speaker, Fun, Fellowship, Service Projects, and Music, Great Food (no cooking)! Bring a friend along! Registration and details 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 Clusters.
- **Fall Rummage Sale! Save the Dates, September 9 and 10**
The Fall Rummage Sale is set for Friday, September 10, from 8 am until 3 pm and Saturday, September 11, from 8 am until noon if we feel we can safely manage the Health Department guidelines. Please be patient. Rummage items may be brought to the Lower Level Fellowship Hall of the church beginning Sunday, September 5, after the worship service and on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am - 5 pm. Sale set-up begins on Wednesday, September 8. We really appreciate your rummage and your support. Thanks!
- **Furniture Sale for Children Youth and Family Ministry:** Furniture in the chapel room on the 3rd floor has been marked for sale, and the money raised will go to Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. All furniture will be "you-haul" and Colter can help provide some muscle if needed. Contact Colter to view the furniture, make a donation offer, and arrange pickup: colter@stpaulmissoula.org.

FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP: UPCOMING FLBC RETREATS & EVENTS

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> for information about our year-round programming and registration for each of these retreats.

- **LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT - Register by August 20**
September 3-6, 2021 Join FLBC for this *free* retreat over Labor Day Weekend! Enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun, while helping camp with some work projects!
- **GRIEF RETREAT - Register by August 27**
September 10-12, 2021 This retreat is for any adult (18+) who has lost a loved one such as a partner, friend, parent, or child. You are invited to spend a weekend at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. There will be opportunities for learning and fellowship, and time for peace and quiet. CEU credits are available through the NRIT. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/grief-retreat/>
- **FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL & AUCTION October 9th, 2021**
Help FLBC raise funds to ensure no one is turned away due to inability to pay through camperships! This special event also coincides with the FLBC Annual Meeting (taking place at 2:30 pm on Saturday, 10/9). <https://one.bidpal.net/flbcauction/welcome>
- **CRAZY ABOUT QUILTING & CRAFTING RETREAT - Register by October 21, 2021**



November 4-7, 2021 Bring your quilt and craft projects and work alongside friends old and new on the west shore of Flathead Lake. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/quiltcraft-retreat/>

- **ADVENT "PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS" RETREAT** - Register by November 19, 2021

December 3-5, 2021 Prepare for the Christmas season by taking intentional time to slow down and enjoy the season. Make awesome crafts, cut your own Christmas tree, and soak in time for worship and prayer this Advent.

<https://flbc.net/annual-programming/advent-retreat/>

- **Please contact the church office if you have a particular need**, as we have members who are interested in helping, and we can match needs with volunteers. Don't be shy. Help us be the church by assisting you!!

PRAYERS

This week we pray for: † Peace and comfort to surround Bob Bakke and family; † strength and hope for the people of Afghanistan and the people of Haiti; † all who are affected by wildfires around the globe; † all lands that are suffering from drought; † patience in healing and respite for Ian's best friend Alex; † peace and comfort for Linda Aronson & family, as Linda's brother, Kurt, enters the final stages of Alzheimer's disease; † peace and comfort for Kristin's aunt, Melba Thomsen and family; † peace for Justin and Dawn; † healing and recovery for Bruce Culler Ginny, Gene Alex, Dallas, Derald, and all who are ill; † strength for Jan's brother Joe; † consolation for all who face depression, anxiety, financial distress; † comfort for Diane's mother and for Bonnie; † wisdom and safety for Troy and Joshua Hiniker; † all who grieve; † comfort for the dying; † hope and relief for all working in healthcare facilities with surging caseloads of COVID patients; † people to step up to receive coronavirus vaccines; † distribution of COVID vaccines to all the world; † all who are in prison; † shelter and food for the homeless and hungry; † an outbreak kindness. **Amen**

If you have a prayer request, send us an e-mail at stpaul@stpaulmissoula.org, leave us a message at the church office at (406) 549-4141, or fill out a prayer request card at <https://www.stpaulmissoulamt.org/submit-a-prayer-request>.

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 Peace,

Pastor Chris & the St. Paul Staff (406) 549-4141