

# SPLC News & Calendar of Events 08-25-2021

## 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/oEmtoJg2lQQ>  
There have been 40 views of this video since Sunday.

**Readings for Sunday, August 29:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## 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.
- **Act for Creation. Act for Justice. A National Faith Call-In Day for Congressional Climate Action Friday, Aug. 27**  
[Register to participate virtually](#)

Join Creation Justice Ministries for a day of action THIS FRIDAY to ask our congressional leaders to invest in climate action and creation justice. Creation Justice Ministries is joining people of faith from across the country for a National Day of Action to urge Congress to make climate-smart investments in our communities. Now is the time for a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest boldly in climate change mitigation and resilience.

CJM is asking everyone to [register to join us](#) and other faithful climate advocates, for a one-day virtual advocacy action.

- **St. Paul/Habitat for Humanity Build Day is taking place today, August 25:** Thank you to everyone who is building today and to everyone who helped furnish lunch for the crew!
- **Fall Faith Festival:** The Children, Youth and Family Committee will host St. Paul's annual Fall Faith Festival after the 11am service on September 12th. We invite everyone to join in the fun. There will be food, games, prizes, and desserts. This free event will be held outside and is an intergenerational event meant for people of all ages: young folks and the young-at-heart. If you're interested in volunteering or donating a dessert or prize, contact [volunteer@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto:volunteer@stpaulmissoula.org).
- **Clay Studio of Missoula Class** September 17th at 4pm  
Learn how to handbuild your own unique clay creation with the instruction of the experts at Clay Studio of Missoula. This class is intergenerational and open to anyone from St. Paul, but space is limited to 10 participants. If you're interested in attending, contact colter ASAP: [colter@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto:colter@stpaulmissoula.org).
- **Confirmation Kickoff** September 19th at 6pm  
Calling all confirmation students and their parents! This first confirmation class of the year will be a chance to meet Colter, talk about confirmation this year, and learn about what a "Trekker" is. Confirmation is offered for those in 6th-8th grade and will meet most weeks during the school year for faith formation, education, and fellowship.
- **GROW Kickoff** September 22nd at 5:30pm  
GROW is St. Paul's weekly time for kids in grades K-5 to learn about their faith and have fun together. GROW looks similar to what many know as Sunday School, but meets on Wednesday evenings instead. We invite parents to attend our first session to learn more about GROW and sign up to help through the rest of the fall.
- **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](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 Clusters. **If you would like a ride to this event, call the church! We have a member who is driving and can take riders.**
- **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 9 am – 12:00 pm. Sale set-up begins on Wednesday, September 8. We really need more helpers for this event. Please contact Betty Rude, 543-3219, if you can lend a hand.
- **Generosity and Joy for All Seasons, September 26, 10:00 am, in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall (LLFH):**  
Explore ways to engage in charitable giving to support the missions, programs and visions of non-profit organizations near and dear to you and your family. Watch a role play of a conversation between a charitable gift planner and an interested donor. Then enjoy a Q and A to open creative and joy-filled ways to *leave a legacy*. This mini workshop will be led by Doug and Grace Schroeder Scott – Live to Give, LLC. Grace serves as Senior Development Consultant for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Doug founded HeartWise Generosity, LLC and is a highly-committed volunteer for FLBC. The Schroeder Scotts are passionate about philanthropy and love to share the *joys of opening gifts!*
- **Furniture Sale for Children Youth and Family Ministry:** Furniture in the chapel room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.



- **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 for the family of Dallas Summerfield as they mourn his death; † strength and hope for the people of Afghanistan and the people of Haiti; † peace and comfort to surround Bob Bakke and family; † all lands that are suffering from drought; † all who are affected by wildfires around the globe; † patience, healing, and respite for Ian's best friend Alex; † peace and comfort for Linda Aronson & family, as her brother begins 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, and all who are ill; † strength for Jan's brother Joe; † relief for all who face depression, anxiety, financial distress; † peace for Diane's mother and for Bonnie; † wisdom and safety for Troy and Joshua Hiniker; † all who grieve; † comfort for the dying; † hope and respite for all working in healthcare facilities with surging caseloads of COVID patients; † people to step up to receive coronavirus vaccines; † effective distribution of COVID vaccines to all the world; † all who are in prison; † shelter and food for the homeless and hungry; † a flood of common sense and kindness. **Amen**

If you have a prayer request, send us an e-mail at [stpaul@stpaulmissoula.org](mailto: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](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 Peace,

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