

SPLC News & Calendar of Events 09 08-2021

WORSHIP

- **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.
 - **PrayGround is Open Again!** After careful consideration, the CYF committee chose at their last meeting to reopen the PrayGround during worship. To help kids from different families minimize contact with each other, there will be marked spots on the floor where they can sit and play during worship. All kids will still be required to wear masks.
 - **Watch a replay of this past Sunday's service** here: <https://youtu.be/6VytV3kdbKI> There have been 31 views of this video since Sunday.
- Readings for Sunday, September 12:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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 is open for socially distanced groups. Colter is providing 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.
- **Fall Rummage Sale: Friday 8 am until 3 pm and Saturday Bag Sale 8 am until 12:00 pm; helpers are needed at noon on Saturday to help pack-up and clean-up. People with vans and pickups are needed on Saturday to help haul away leftovers.**

- **Partial Parking Lot Closure** This Sunday, in order to allow for setup for the Fall Faith Festival, part of the parking lot will be closed. The entrance into the parking lot directly from Brooks Street will be closed, as will the portion of the lot closest to this entrance. Parking will be open on the side of lot closest to Rockin Rudy's. Please plan accordingly and thank you for your support of the Fall Faith Festival. We hope you can join us following the 11am service!
- **Fall Faith Festival after the 11am service on September 12th:** The Children, Youth and Family Committee will host St. Paul's annual Fall Faith Festival and invite everyone to join in the fun. Come and enjoy **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, please contact colter@stpaulmissoula.org or volunteer@stpaulmissoula.org.

- **I Can Do That! With the return to two Sunday services on September 12**, there is a need to fill additional openings for Worship Assistants: power pointers, lectors, prayer leaders, and ushers. If you participated in any of these capacities pre-COVID, please consider participating again. Or, if you would like to find out more about what is required for each position, contact Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Tandberg at the church office at 549-4141 or at volunteer@stpaulmissoula.org. You can sign up for any of these Worship Assistant openings by [CLICKING HERE](#).
- **Hurricane Relief:** Hurricane Ida made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 29. Hurricane Ida's 150 mph

winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi. On Sept. 1, the remnants of Hurricane Ida barreled through the Northeast, leaving devastation in their wake. New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey were hit with historic flash flooding and tornadoes touched down in Maryland and New Jersey. Homes and subways filled with water, cars were swept away and the death toll continues to rise.

The impact of Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. With extensive experience in accompanying communities throughout the relief and long-term recovery phases, Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. Immediate needs include basic necessities and temporary housing. Long after the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany communities on the journey of rebuilding their homes and lives. Gifts to "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete. To give: you may write a check to St. Paul Lutheran, designate "Hurricane Response - United States" on the memo line, and drop the check in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you.

- **Men's Bible Study Brunch meets on Thursdays at 12:00 pm in Room # 210**, the Fellowship Room. All men are welcome to join in this brunch study. Questions? Please call Pastor Chris, 549-4141, ext 221.
- **Women's Bible study of the book of Matthew meets each month on the first and third Thursdays, at 1:00 pm in Room # 208.** All women are welcome and encouraged to study and share the gospel of Matthew. We are all learning together. If you have questions, contact Hazel Sorensen at 544-5913 or Betty Rude at 543-3219.
- **Women's Quilt Making, meets 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. Come and have a "knotty" time!
- **Women of Spirit book group** resumes book study on Monday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 pm in Room # 208. (Note the change in location.) Our first book for fall is **GOD HAS A DREAM** by Desmond Tutu. We meet weekly and discuss a couple chapters at a time. All women are welcome; if you have questions, please call Jan Turbak at 251-3649.
- **St. Paul/Habitat for Humanity Build Day in October: PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, for the next St. Paul Habitat Build Day!!** To sign up to build, call Frankie at 549-8210; to volunteer to help with lunch for the crew, please call Betty Rude, 543-3219.
- **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.
- **Confirmation Kickoff** September 19th at 6pm in Room # 210, Fellowship Room
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.
- **Faith and Climate Action Montana and First United Methodist Church Missoula present a Private Video Screening and Five-Panelist Discussion of: "Serenity Prayer for the 21st Century: Pro-Future Love-in-Action"** in person or via ZOOM, Sunday, September 19, 2pm-3:30pm **MISSOULANS STRUGGLE WITH THE GRIEF OF CLIMATE DISASTERS, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD** As consequences of climate collapse mount, many of us face the future with fear, dreading what's likely and feeling helpless in response to it. But it doesn't need to be all doom and gloom; these challenging times also present opportunities for joy and growth. **Serenity Prayer for the 21st Century: Pro-Future Love-in-Action** (25 min) is a visually rich introduction to POST-doom work regarding climate change, ecological overshoot, true vs false sustainability, and biospheric and societal contraction. **Rev. Michael Dowd**, bestselling author, eco-theologian, TEDx speaker, and sustainability activist, presents his heartfelt primer to living life fully and loving the life you live, even in hard times. We invite you remain after the private screening for a discussion between this fascinating spiritual author and speaker and four Montana spiritual/environmental activists. This is a new and unique hybrid event, with panelists assembled in 1st UMC Missoula, Michael Dowd presenting via ZOOM.
FREE! PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED WHERE: Missoula First (1st) United Methodist Church, 300 East Main Street, accessible entrance via Washington Street parking (alley) IN-PERSON REGISTRATION AS HEALTH-DEPT APPROVED: fumcmisoula@gmail.com
ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

- **GROW Kickoff** September 22nd at 5:00pm in Room # 210, Fellowship Room
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.
- **WELCA 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 **We have a member who is driving and can take riders. Call the church for details.**
- **Fall Rummage Sale, September 9 and 10** Sale set-up begins on Thursday, September 9 at 8am. 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!*

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.

- **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: † guidance for physicians and encouraging test results for patients who are awaiting answers to questions about possible treatment; † healing and recovery for Joanne Lindstrand; † comfort for all who mourn especially Lori Nedbalek and the families of Bob Bakke and Dallas Summerfield; † healing and comfort for Dave Huerta; † strength and hope for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti and for all who are affected by Hurricane Ida; † patience, healing, and respite for Ian's best friend Alex; † all lands that are suffering from drought; † all who are affected by wildfires around the globe; safety for wildland firefighters; † peace and comfort for Linda Aronson & family; † 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 unseen challenges: depression, anxiety, or financial instability; † peace for Diane's mother and for Bonnie; † wisdom and safety for Troy and Joshua Hiniker; † all who grieve; † comfort for the dying; † hope for all working in healthcare facilities with surging COVID cases; † people to step up to receive coronavirus vaccines; † swift distribution of COVID vaccines to all the world; † all who are in prison; † shelter and food for the homeless and hungry; † for common sense and kindness to abound. **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