

SPLC News & Calendar of Events 09-29-2021

WORSHIP

- **Please Note: Beginning on October 10, 2021, the worship schedule will change to ONE Service per Sunday, in person and livestreamed, at 11:00 am.**
- [Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 3, at 9:00 and 11:00 am, 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!** 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/pPW0MxnQjOU>
There have been 38 views of this video since Sunday.
- **Readings for Sunday, October 3:** Genesis 1; Psalm 8



- **Confluence is starting up** in person (with masks) as a time for contemplation, reflection and grounding. It is open to people of all ages and perspectives. The website is <https://www.confluencemissoula.org/>
Confluence: the moment of meeting and the movement forward.
Confluence is a gathering grounded in Jesus' vision for liberation, and is formed and fed by art, music, poetry, contemplation, and the natural world. Join us on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 7pm in the courtyard of University Congregational Church (405 University Ave). Meets Oct. 19, 3 and 17, Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5, 19
"The Confluence community welcomes with Radical Hospitality: your whole self is welcome here and you are loved for exactly who you are. Join us in creating a place where all people belong, regardless of age, race, passions, cultural background, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, relationship status, physical or mental health, or anything else that too often divides us. We are united in God's love."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Office Hours, St. Paul Lutheran Church:** 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, or by appointment.
- **A Memorial Service for Paul Bjerke** is set for Friday, October 1, at 1:00 pm, at St. Paul.
- **A Memorial Service for Dallas Summerfield** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, at 4:30 pm at St. Paul.
- **The Spirit of the Rockies: UM MOLLI course (over 50)** Thursdays, 09/30/2021 - 11/04/2021, 9:00AM - 10:30AM. Instructors are John Lund, Rai Combs (Tsimshian First Nations), and Celeste Yeager
This course will look at how we understand human relationships to the landscape, animals, ecosystems and the divine around us. We will draw on literature and short stories from the landscape of Western Montana through history, including indigenous tribes, explorers, trappers, early settlers, extraction workers, outdoor enthusiasts, and a variety of contemporary voices. There will be weekly reading assignments with class time reflections, sharing, and analysis. Through this we will consider the starker differences between indigenous and settler voices and stories, as well as the movements between early explorers, extraction workers, and modern environmentalists. We will also look at contemporary stories from many perspectives including our own and consider what might bring healing and hope to our future in this landscape. Sign up through the MOLLI website at <https://www.campusce.net/umtmolli/category/category.aspx>. Questions: please contact John at john.lund@mso.umt.edu or 406-396-4974

- **Career Fair, Thursday, October 7, 2021:** For all Job Seekers! Free admission. Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 North Reserve St. Veterans early admission 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm; General public 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm FREE CAREER FAIR WORKSHOPS, In-person or via Zoom on September 28 2:30 – 4:00 pm or September 30 from 2:30 p 4 pm. Call Job Service to participate! 406 728-7060.
- **Women in Mission will be holding a meeting on October 7th, 2:30 PM** (after the Bible study), in Room # 208, to discuss the upcoming Holiday Bazaar. All interested women are invited and encouraged to attend. Thanks.
- **October is National Physical Therapy Month**, an annual opportunity to raise awareness about the benefits of physical therapy. MAS is partnering with Mary Thane, PT, GCS, CEEAA and Lisa Hamilton PT, DPT, NCPT both Montana State Advocates for the Academy of Geriatrics through [American Physical Therapy Association](https://www.americanphysicaltherapy.org/) to offer a **1-hour, interactive workshop on Zoom titled, *Healthy Bones for Life* on Oct 19th 1-2PM. No cost and pre-registration is required. All ages welcome. Register online at <https://bonehealthmas.eventbrite.com> or call MAS M-F 8am-5pm at (406) 728-7682 to register by phone**
- **Confirmation Mentorship – The Trekker Program**

Confirmation classes are back in swing for the fall and we are happy to have nine students joining us. This year, confirmation students have been asked to invite an adult mentor from outside their family who attends St. Paul to join them. This “trekker” will accompany the student as they walk their journey of faith together. Trekkers will be asked to commit to one year and attend at least one class per month with their student, although attendance each week is preferred. In the coming weeks, you may receive a letter from a confirmation student asking you to step into the role of trekker alongside them. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to form a relationship with our youth. If you have any questions, send Colter an email (colter@stpaulmissoula.org).



- **Trunk or Treat!** Wednesday, October 27th, 5:00 pm in St. Paul Lutheran’s parking lot
Families and children are invited to join in the Halloween fun as they trick or treat and show off their costumes! Participants are highly encouraged to dress up and enjoy some Halloween treats. Decorating your vehicle and bringing candy to share is also welcome, but not required. Contact Colter

Murphy (colter@stpaulmissoula.org) with any questions.

- **Hurricane Relief:** Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to hurricanes that have impacted the United States. 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 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, 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.
- **Women of Spirit book group**, Mondays, 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:** Habitat is really limiting the number of people that can work on the houses because of the virus. At this time, the limit for St. Paul's workday has been reached so no more volunteers are needed! **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who have volunteered to help build or prepare food!
- **WELCA Women’s Fall Retreat at FLBC: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID**
- **Missoula Aging Services is offering the National Council on Aging’s evidence-informed, [Aging Mastery Program](https://www.ncoa.org/aging-mastery-program/) (AMP).** AMP is a fun, innovative, 11-session class aimed at empowering adults age 55 and older to embrace their gift of longevity by spending more time **in ten dimensions including exercise, nutrition & hydration, sleep, medication management, finances, advance planning, community engagement, and healthy relationships.** Central to the Aging Mastery philosophy is the belief that modest lifestyle changes can produce big results in cultivating health and longevity. **Registration is OPEN** for the Fall ’21 session! **Classes are held every Monday from 10 AM – 12 PM in the Missoula Public Library’s Cooper Room B (fourth floor) & virtually using Zoom, starting October 4 and**

ending Monday, December 13th. No cost for Montana residents through generous support from the Jane S. Heman Foundation. Register online or call MAS at (406) 728-7682. Pre-registration is required.

- **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: comfort for the family of Paul Bjerke as they mourn his death; † guidance for oncologists and strength and encouragement for patients who are receiving treatment; † healing and recovery for Joanne Lindstrand, Linda Morris, and Dave Huerta; † comfort for all who mourn; † strength and hope for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti and for all who are affected by hurricanes, wildfires, and drought; safety for wildland firefighters; † patience, healing, and respite for Ian's best friend Alex; † peace and comfort for Linda Aronson & family and for Kristin's aunt, Melba Thomsen and family; † peace for Justin and Dawn; † healing and recovery for Bruce Culler, Ginny, and all who are ill; † comfort for all who are beset with unseen illnesses, depression, anxiety, or financial struggles; † peace for Diane's mother and for Bonnie; † wisdom and safety for Troy and Joshua Hiniker; † comfort for the dying; † safety for all working in healthcare; † for unvaccinated people to be opened to receive coronavirus vaccines and not be misled by false claims; † swift and fair distribution of COVID vaccines to all the world; † all who are in prison; † help for the homeless and hungry; † for an abundance of kindness to engulf the planet. **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