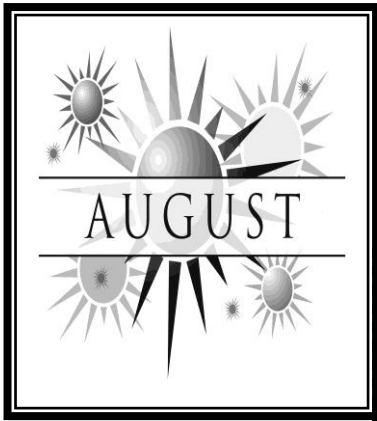




The Epistle



Unity Lutheran Parish ~ August 2026

ULP Worship @PC Fair – 10am Aug. 2nd

ULP Council/Worship @MLC – 9am Aug. 16th

Youth Group @ULP – 6pm Sept. 2nd

From the Pastor

*It is finished
I finished the book.*

A few years ago, Erik Engebretson gave me a baseball book to read. The name of the book is “Our Team: The Epic Story of Four Men and the World Series that Changed Baseball.” That is one long title, but a good read.

History has been rightly talking about 1947, and the year Jackie Robinson was the first black baseball player in a white sport. I believe the world is better because of Branch Rickey, the Brooklyn Dodgers manager. Many books and a few movies were written and made about Jackie Robinson.

“In July 1947, three months after [Jackie Robinson](#) made history with the Brooklyn Dodgers, [Larry] Doby broke the [color barrier](#) in the American League when he signed a contract to play with [Bill Veeck](#)’s Cleveland Indians” (Wikipedia)

The book is about the Cleveland Indians and 1948 when they were the first American League baseball team to sign two black players. Larry Doby and Satchel Paige both contributed to the winning season and the World Series. The great Bob Feller (pitcher) was also a great contributor to the team throughout the season.

It was a book that I took with me on vacation to read. It took a few years but was a good book to read about the beginning of “integrated” Baseball, especially if you are from Cleveland, and a baseball fan.

Just as Jackie Robinson’s story, Larry Doby, and Leroy “Satchel” Paige, it wasn’t easy for any of them.

The world back then was extremely segregated. The world. The world back then.

I know things change, I am so glad that God’s understanding of followers and children of God is different than the world’s view of who is in and who is out.

According to Martin Luther, the three opponents of God are the world, the sinful self, and the devil. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles understood God’s inclusivity.

Galatians 3:26-29

*²⁶“...for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸**There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.** ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.”*

In God’s view, that is “Our Team”, “Our Family”.

Many times, over the years I have been picked on or teased about being from Cleveland, yet, it made me feel good that although the Cleveland Indians weren’t the *first* baseball team to be integrated, they were second to do so with the young Larry Doby and the aging, but great pitcher Satchel Paige. It made me proud.

To live in God’s grace and love is marvelous, but many others may not want it. In the epilogue of the book the writer Luke Epplin writes, “By the time the 1949 season opened, the Indians and [Brooklyn] Dodgers remained the lone integrated major league franchisees.” (pg. 289)

Proclaim God’s love and inclusivity to the world.

Pastor Bob

Confirmation Class News!!!

Malta and Whitewater

Enjoy the summer, we will be back in September.

"See you in September. See you when the summer's through." (Just imagine music notes following. 12 The group who sang it were "The Happenings". (Yes, I'm using it for the summer 12)
Wednesday, September 2, 6:00pm meal (by Nagy's need servers please) and 6:30pm we will start classes again.

Help Wanted – MLC Wednesday night **High School Youth Leaders** (2). Starting Wed. Sept. 2nd - Please contact Parish Office or Pastor Bob.

In Malta, there is a mandatory Parents meeting for those students who are beginning their first or second year of Confirmation on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00pm.

Scripture Discovery

We meet at **10 am on Monday mornings.**

This month we will look at the upcoming Sunday morning readings. Bring a friend.

Please join us; there is always room for one more, invite a friend.

August schedule:

August 3 – Scripture Discovery

August 10 – Scripture Discovery

August 17 – Scripture Discovery

August 24 – Scripture Discovery

August 31 – Scripture Discovery

If there is interest in an evening Bible Study, please let me know.

Thursday, August 13, we will have a **Malta Lutheran Worship Ministry** meeting. Standard Lutheran meeting time of 7:00pm.

Sunday, August 30 blue & white Stewardship Kick-off! Sign-up to share your Time & Talents. MLC entry table.

Pastor Bob

Prayer Time throughout the month

Pray for Peace

Pray for rain

Pray we listen to Jesus and love our neighbor

Pray for the world leaders.

Challenge for us all – to live out God's love for the world.



Secretary Note: August already...more summer fun before school please! Enjoy it, SO

Do you have a September birthday to add?

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!



9 – Elaine Enerson

10 – Julie Simser

17 – Mariah Marino

20 – Nolan Moore

23 – Carol Schumacher

28 – Tom Schumacher

Newsletter Lifeline: Monday, Aug. 24th for Sept.



PRA YING FOR AMERICA

Monthly community prayer gathering first Friday of each month, 7:00am at Malta Event Center (old armory).

Coffee & donuts. Everyone is Welcome!

Come join us Friday, August 7th.



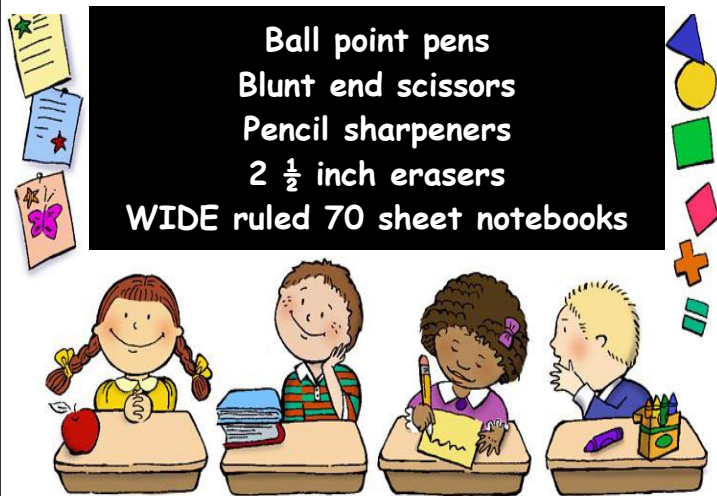
Correspondence – Welcome Home!

Patty Young and Pat Murdock are back home at P.C. Extended Care and notes of joy may be sent to them at PO Box 640, Malta, MT 59538. Or if you're in town stop by and have a visit.

Welcome Home Ladies!

SCHOOL KIT SUPPLY TIME!

Please leave items needed in front entry tub. Money donations please memo or give to Jan K. or Norma K.



2026 FLBC

Basketball Camp June 28 - July 3

Basketball camp combines the wonderful experiences of camp with growth in basketball skills! Campers will practice each morning under the guidance of a coach and our staff. All skill levels are welcome! Campers will stay in cabins at camp and be transported to a gym nearby. Pictured below Silo Marino, Counselor Carlos Sanchez, Ben Hould and Nolan Moore. Mariah & Scarlett Marino are in bottom pic.



Cabin #9



First craft project with Carlos.



Montana Waterfall & Smiles!

2026 4th of July Trafton Picnic



A few new faces joined in on the fun this year. Pictured above Dori & John Swokoski, Lana Ulrich, Raymond Johnson betwix Dale Enerson and Ted Kelly and special guest the grasslands researcher from North Carolina, Harry visits with Dave Miller. It was a beautiful afternoon and much celebrated 250th!



We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU! To Thrivent and Brenda Clark for supplying the T-shirts and a donor gift card. WELCA for gift of money and MLC for money and supporting the Vacation Bible School and bringing Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp counselors to Malta. All SMILES!!! (napkins from Sharon Miller)



Sunday, July 12th at MLC held several different emotions from Roeyn Smith, Renlee Smith and Chloe Webb during Children's Time from LMA Rick Mikkelsen. Grandma Nancy Murdock accompanies granddaughter Chloe Webb singing "This Little Light of Mine" a peppy version we all enjoyed!

**Back to School for Malta and Whitewater on Wed. August 19th.
Hope you all had a great summer!
ULP Youth Groups start Wed. September 2nd. See you then!**