



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements March 13, 2023



Lutheran School of
Theology at Chicago

CALLED INTO THE WORLD



Challenges And Opportunities of
Online Worship Webinar
Thursday, March 9, or Thursday,
March 23, from 6–8 pm

In this online discussion, panelists will address the most crucial theological, ecclesial, and ethical issues for leaders to consider as they evaluate Eucharist practices developed during the pandemic. Join Rev. Erik Christensen, pastor to the community & director of strategic initiatives at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and Rev. Dr. Jan Schnell, assistant professor of liturgics at Wartburg Theological Seminary, for a conversation focusing on the challenges and opportunities of online worship with



Philanthropy Workshop with Mike
Ward:
Creating a Culture of Generosity
When the World Keeps Shouting
Scarcity
Friday, March 10, 9:00-11:00 am

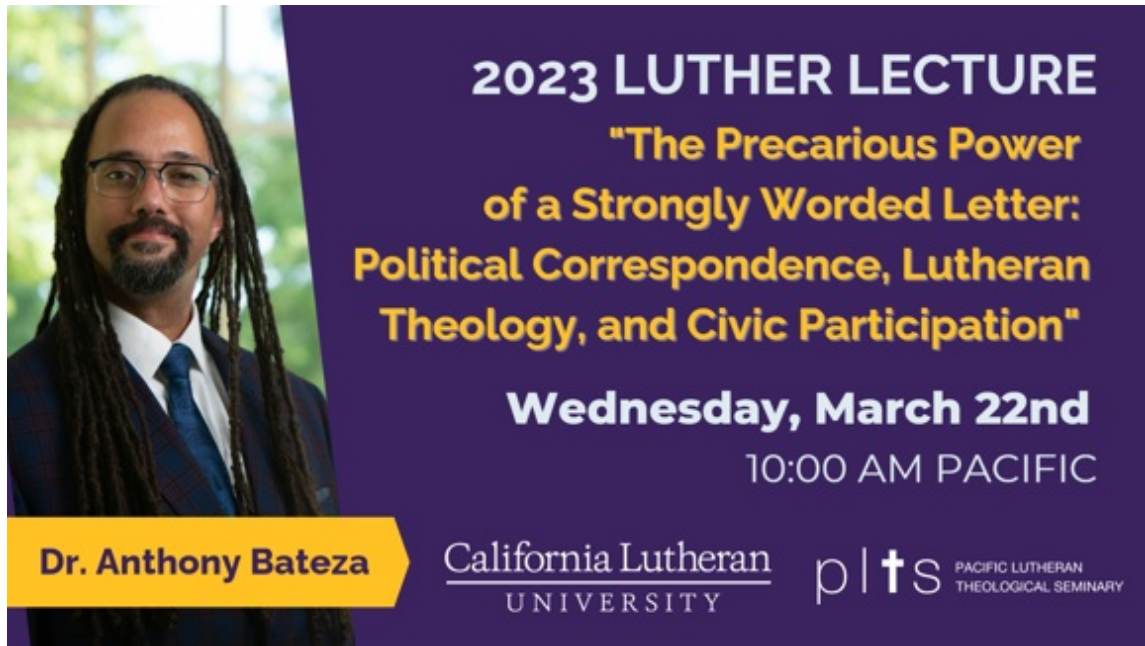
Inflation, economic downturn, layoffs, and political polarization convey messages of scarcity that intercept what we know as truth: God provides to us in abundance. The question is, how does the church tell a different story? Join Mike Ward, author of *Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity and Managing Partner of GSB Fundraising,*

hosts.

[Register Here](#)

for a workshop and discussion about generosity and how to craft the best story that leads people to charity.

[Register Here](#)

The poster is for the 2023 Luther Lecture. On the left is a portrait of Dr. Anthony Bateza, a man with long dreadlocks and glasses, wearing a suit and tie. The background of the poster is dark purple. The text is in white and yellow. The title is "2023 LUTHER LECTURE" in white, followed by the subtitle "The Precarious Power of a Strongly Worded Letter: Political Correspondence, Lutheran Theology, and Civic Participation" in yellow. The date and time are "Wednesday, March 22nd" and "10:00 AM PACIFIC" in white. At the bottom, there is a yellow arrow pointing right with "Dr. Anthony Bateza" in white. To the right of the arrow are the logos for California Lutheran University and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (plts).

In the face of social challenges and mounting injustices, we are sometimes encouraged to write a letter. Whether this is an opinion piece for a local newspaper or a policy recommendation for our local representative, the assumption is that putting words on a page will contribute to making the world a better place. In this talk Dr. Bateza will examine some of the presumptions behind this advice and our practices, connecting contemporary challenges we face with Martin Luther's own use of political correspondence. Questions about our competence and commitments, the reasons behind our writing and our standing to offer our options, will be central as we evaluate our motives and those of others. Ultimately, Dr. Bateza will argue that a Lutheran approach to complexities of good works and the sacraments provide valuable lessons and cautionary warnings as we take our stands and post our ideas for the world.

Registration:

[If you are planning to attend in-person, please register at this link.](#)

[If you are planning to attend online, please register at this link.](#)

Schedule

9:30 AM - Gathering and light refreshments

10:00 AM - Lecture begins

Vocational Panel

EXPLORE MINISTRY PATHWAYS BEYOND
TRADITIONAL PASTORAL MINISTRY



Deacon Nick Bates
Hunger for Justice



Kinnon Falk
Kindred Kitchen



Deacon Ross Murray
GLAAD, The Naming Project



Deacon Erin Power
Eastern ND Synod

Chico Pastoral Conference Registration now open!

The Pastoral Leader Conference at
Chico will be April 11-14 (Tuesday -
Friday).



To reserve a room contact Chicodirectly and state you want a room with the “Pastor’s
Conference.”

If you have any questions about registration feel free to contact Marlow Carrels at
mcarrels@gmail.com.

[Click here to register](#)

Sermon Manuscripts Will Be Available to Use in

Congregations Who Do Not Have a Called Pastor

As a pilot project in the Lenten and Easter seasons, several pastors (including rostered Synod Staff) have agreed to provide a Sermon Manuscript for each of the Sundays in Lent and Easter. The Sermon manuscript is a gift to the LPAs and worship leaders/leaders in congregations who serve in the places where there is no pastor. Please follow the link to find the sermon each week and use it as it is needed. This is one more way in which the Montana Synod leaders are providing resources to strengthen us. The Manuscripts will be found on the Synod's website and the Manuscript for the upcoming Sunday will be posted by 12 noon on Saturdays. (Maybe before, but at least by 12 noon on Saturdays for the upcoming Sunday. The Sermons will be based on the Revised Common Lectionary.)

LPAs, please feel free to use this resource made possible by the generosity of the pastors in the Synod if it is needed. Pastors, if you would like to be added to the list to provide a Manuscript, please contact me. (It is good order to credit who wrote the sermon and where they serve.)

We are stronger together as the Montana Synod and this is one way that all of us can be a part of equipping one another for the ministry of the Gospel.

Please contact me if you have questions about this in general or contact Colter at cmccarty@montanasynod.org about any technical aspect of this.

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Hetzel Grant Applications now open!

The applications are [available to download here](#). Please read carefully as we have made some changes.

Early Bird discount ends at 11:59 pm, April 1, for youth summer week long camp! Join us for a great summer!

Summer staff needed! It's going to be an awesome summer! Minimum age 18! Here is a link to our staff application: <https://flbc.net/work-at-flbc/>

Will you be near or around the Flathead this spring or summer? Join us! MARK your calendar!



Easter sunrise service on the lake, April 9, 7am

May 14th, Mother's Day Brunch..(often called the best brunch in the valley) 3 seatings, call for reservations. 406-752-6602

May 26-29 - Memorial day work weekend..."A taste of camp" FREE...but must register, so we have enough smore making ingredients!

June 10th - Partners luncheon for all our amazing donors!

June 9-11 - Women's retreat on Storytelling with Dr. Meggan Manlove
Every Sunday from June 18th through July 30th-Worship with us in the Cockrell center at 11am, and join us for brunch at 10am; Boat, drive, or jog on in!

Passion Play each Thursday around 9pm from June 22- August 3rd, in our outdoor amphitheater!

July 1-Free picnic, concert with JUST MOVE..(formally AGAPE) and campfire fun to celebrate FLBC's 80th birthday!!!

Volunteers needed every week this summer! Apply today! www.flbc.net

Our mission: To experience Christ's grace, through meaningful relationships, shared adventure, and purposeful service!



March, 2023

Information for our Congregations

Christikon is an extension your congregation's ministry.

Bus Attendants needed for 2023– Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with youth on their way to Christikon? Yes? Please call Kerry in the office at 406-656-1969 or email at secretary@christikon.org for details. It pays a daily rate as well!

Don't miss out on the Early Registration Discount for youth campers: Register by April 1st and save \$25 in any youth session. If you don't have the camp brochure mailed to you, pick one up at the church, or register online.

Adults and families: Check out the special focus for each of the family/adult weekends next summer at Christikon: work projects, faith formation, and Bible study will be woven together with worship, meal fellowship, re-creation, folk dancing and much more. Check out camping for adults and families online at www.christikon.org.

Annual Benefit Auction is on April 30th at the Billings Depot. We are looking for items for the auction such as: fishing trip, weekend getaway, dinner out, themed baskets. Have an idea? Let us know! Watch for more details as they become available on our website.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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