



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements March 20, 2023



Emmaus Job Opening

Emmaus Campus Ministry at the University of Montana seeks to call our next pastor! Join us at this unique and vibrant campus ministry where we seek to live our faith through service to others, open and honest dialogue, spiritual grounding, and collaborative peace and justice work. We journey with students as they encounter questions, doubts, and joys during a transformational season in life.

We are accepting applications for a rostered minister, with the position starting as early as August 2023. A successful candidate will lead all aspects of our campus ministry, and also manage three residential houses with up to 15 residents as well as recruit student participants from the larger campus community.

[Click here for the full job posting!](#)

Digital Ministry Grants available from the ELCA

Is your congregation or community doing something innovative in the digital sphere when it comes to engaging your community and spreading the Gospel? Are you desiring to take your online ministry to the next level, and have a sense of how to get there? This year a Digital Ministry Grant is available for communities making inroads on the digital byways and highways. Present an idea of what you would do with extra funding to spread the Gospel in the digital sphere, encourage congregational and community participation online, or invest in hardware or software to expand your ministry's reach.

Contact Director for Evangelical Mission [Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger](#) with questions and ideas, and let's see what God is doing in this online space of the God's world!

Reports to the Bishop

If you are on the Retired Roster or an LPA please click the links below in order to submit your report to the Bishop. Thank you for your ministry in whatever form it takes!

[Retired Pastor](#)

[Lay Pastoral Associate](#)

Palm/Passion Service available

Along with our weekly Lenten sermon offerings provided by leaders around the Synod, Pastor Phil Wold has provided a Palm/Passion Sunday service for those planning ahead! [The links are available here](#). Thank you Pastor Phil!

Chico Pastoral Conference

Last day for room discount!



A note from Registrar Pr. Marlow Carrels:

Hello friends, registration for Chico will close on March 31st, BUT Chico is only offering their 35% discount through the 20th so reserve those rooms now! Also, scholarships are available if needed, please contact Marlow Carrels directly for those at mcarrels@gmail.com.

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

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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Basic Training in Transitions for Intentional Interim Ministry

Offered by LuTMA *right after Easter*

Phase 1 - Virtual (13 online sessions)

April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, July 6, 13, 20

Phase 2 - Residential (October 2--6) Highland Lake, NY

Cost: \$1,600 (\$400 scholarships available)

Detailed information and registration at:
[LuTMA Website](#)

Registration is still open

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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.

Check out some of the excellent continuing education opportunities happening around the ELCA.

Go the NRIT page to see just a few coming classes, and to learn how to sign up.

[NRIT \(montanasynod.org\)](http://montanasynod.org)



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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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!

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