



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements May 30, 2023

"THERE ARE AN
ESTIMATED 4,200
MISSING AND
MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
CASES THAT HAVE
GONE UNSOLVED." -
BUREAU OF INDIAN
AFFAIRS (BIA)

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#NOMORESTOLENSISTERS

JOIN THE MONTANA SYNOD RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, JUNE 1 AT 8:00 P.M. AT BETHEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH (1009 18TH AVE SW, GREAT FALLS) FOR AN
OUTDOOR CANDLELIGHT VIGIL ACKNOWLEDGING
INDIGENOUS INDIVIDUALS IN OUR STATE WHO ARE EITHER
MISSING, OR HAVE BEEN MURDERED.

The vigil will take place outside, weather permitting. We invite you, if it is convenient or meaningful, to wear red to the event as a call to attention to this important issue in our

local community. If you have any questions, or would like more information pertaining to the event, please contact Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent at pastormelaniegslc@gmail.com.

Trauma & Spiritual Care

Finding God in the broken places in ourselves & others

led by Rev. Matthew Kuempel,
MA, MDiv, LMHC, CMHS

Hosted by Region 1 Bishops



Join rostered leaders from Region 1 in this five-session course on trauma informed care. Utilizing readings, videos, & small & large group discussions, this class will give spiritual caregivers tools to increase their own resilience while caring for others.

Participation in all five sessions is critical because each session will build on the one that came before & will honor the group dynamic that will evolve in times of potential vulnerability as learning takes place.

Sessions will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning June 6 from 12:00-2:30 (Pacific Time) via Zoom. Participants will earn 12.5 CE credits.

SCHEDULE & RESOURCES

- Introduction to Trauma-Informed Care (June 6, 2023)
- Trauma & Me (June 8)
- Trauma & You (June 13)
- Trauma in Congregations (June 15)
- Trauma in Community (June 20)

Cost: \$100

Suggested Reading: *What Happened to You?* by Bruce Perry & Oprah Winfrey

REGISTER HERE

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/7162414>

Register by June 1

The ZOOM link will be emailed to participants on June 2nd



Matthew Kuempel is a licensed mental health counselor with a specialization in child and adolescent mental health. He served congregations in the mid-west, was a jail chaplain, a child and family therapist, & is currently working with incarcerated youth through Lutheran Community Services.



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God's work. Our hands.



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10
2023

This year marks the 10th anniversary of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday! On Sunday, Sept. 10, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. As you explore opportunities to participate in your community, [ELCA.org/DayofService](https://elca.org/DayofService) has the resources you need to plan and promote your day:

- Planning tool kit.
- Worship resources.
- [NEW] Slides for projection screens or online worship.
- Posters, postcards and social media graphics.
- Spanish-language resources.
- Promotional banners.
- Videos.
- Special hymn text, sheet music and recording.

Old Lutheran has T-shirts and other items available for purchase. The deadline for ordering your congregation’s personalized T-shirts is Aug. 18.

Don’t forget to share your congregation’s participation with us! Send stories and photos to LivingLutheran@elca.org so that together we can celebrate what God accomplishes through you.

Participate on social media using [#GodsWorkOurHands](https://twitter.com/GodsWorkOurHands).

If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 10, you are welcome and encouraged to pick an alternate date that suits your schedule.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an extension of the work you do every day to make your community a better place.

Join us in celebrating 10 years on Sept. 10!



Check out the NRIT page of the synod website for:

- Summer/Fall In-person NRIT Events (mark your calendars, more info coming soon.)
- Recommended Online Classes
- Boundaries Training Information

<https://www.montanasynod.org/nrit>



June, 2023

Information for our Congregations

We're excited to welcome our first fulltime Assistant Director, Taryn Hauglie, to the leadership team. She starts June 1, and summer staff report the next day for the start of Staff Training. Our first campers arrive on the 19th.

Family Adult Camps: We welcome Dr. Eric Meyer who is an Associate Professor of the Theology Department at Carroll College to the Continuing Ed Retreat along with Pr. Kent Claussen Gubrud of Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Apple Valley, MN and Paul Waldum instructor at MSU Bozeman and

professional artist from Livingston, MT. Watch for more details coming on our website. Mountain Weekend – watch for more information on our website.

Register at www.christikon.org.

Campers! There is still room in our on-site sessions. Please visit our website to register. www.christikon.org

We have a few trails spots available – call the office for availability. 406-656-1969.

Remember to pray for your congregation's ministry through Christikon this summer, for the summer staff, and for all who join in the Christikon life.

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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FLBC Updates

Make plans to come to FLBC July 2nd 1-9pm for the 80th anniversary birthday party! History, swim, hikes, saunas, picnic, Concert with Just Move (formally AGAPE), worship campfire with singing through the decades!! All are welcome, no need to register, for the day, just come!! (we do have a few spots available for the whole weekend. Please contact the FLBC office to register.



June 9-11 is our annual Women's retreat with Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove, who will be leading the sessions on "Sharing our Faith Story" Fun, laughter, and chocolate and wine! AND Pr. Meggan is the Bishop elect (as of April 29th) for the Northwest Intermountain synod of the ELCA! To register go to our web site, or call our office.

We have room for Staff in Training, June 18-23. for those entering 10th-2023 HS graduates. Come to learn what it means to be on staff, and come back for another week, to BE a staff person! Apply today!!

Summer family weekend July 21-23 with Pastor JP Carlson, MSU Campus Ministry! A great weekend relaxing weekend, of fun, food, water activities, and Bible Study. Do as much or as little as you want! Register with FLBC today!

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