



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements June 12, 2023



ELCA World Hunger

“GOD’S NEW CREATION” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOW AVAILABLE!

Farming communities around the world are important when it comes to ending hunger. They provide the world’s food, but often farmers, especially smallholder farmers, are at high risk for hunger themselves. Working with farmers to improve harvests, save money and prepare for the future can be big steps toward ending hunger around the world.

“God’s New Creation” is about this work together. Each day of Vacation Bible School offers large- and small-group activities, crafts, games, snacks and more. These are designed to be adaptable, so you can adjust the program to meet your needs. Download or order your copy of ELCA World Hunger’s newest VBS curriculum today!

[Read more from ELCA Global Hunger news here!](#)



St. John's United
SO MUCH LIFE TO LIVE



RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

PLEASE JOIN US TO WISH

KARL GUHN

BEST WISHES ON HIS
RETIREMENT

Wednesday, July 5th

11:00am – 12:30pm

Lillis Center • 2429 Mission Way
St. John's United Campus

Refreshments, reminiscing
and fellowship as we celebrate
12 years of dedicated service
to our community.

2023 Farm Bill Reauthorization - Invitation to

Action

Policies impact how we live our lives, and our actions in the public sphere can impact those policies as citizens and concerned Christians on priorities shaped by our values. This year, 2023, the Farm Bill is in a reauthorization process that has far-reaching impact in our communities, locally and globally, now and for generations to come. Consider writing to your federal elected official to express your priorities as that policy takes shape.

[Read the whole Farm Bill primer here!](#)



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



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!



Montana Rural Ministry: Hope and Possibility Led by Dr. Mark Yackel-Juleen

Held in Great Falls on October 11th and 12th.

This retreat will provide a time for rural congregation members to share ideas, ask questions and think through possibilities for smaller congregations. We'd like to invite both pastors and lay people to this ecumenical gathering as a time to envision the future.

Begins after lunch on Oct. 11th and ends at lunchtime on the 12th.

Registration fee is only \$25 and supper will be provided. Participants need to provide their own lodging.

Go to montanasynod.org and click on the "NRIT Store" button below the blue logo to learn more about classes and to register.

Final Countdown to Register for the 2023 Annual Conference of the Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association (LuTMA)

**For all Pastors in permanent or interim calls.
First Time Attendees: \$200.00 rate.**

Registration Closes June 19, 2023

**2023 Annual Conference
Tuesday-Thursday, June 27-29, 2023**

**Maritime Conference Center
692 Maritime Blvd
Linthicum Heights, Maryland**

**Main Presenter
The Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger**
Senior Congregational Strategist
and Associate Professor of Leadership Formation
BA, California State University, Northridge
MDIV, PHD, Fuller Theological Seminary

**Conference Topic:
Transition and Transformation:
Leadership in Deeply Disruptive Cultural Crises.**

Author of these books:
Canoeing the Mountains (2015)
Tempered Resilience (2020)

Leadership for a Time of Pandemic (2020)

Hotel Room Reservations:

Room Reservations at the Maritime Center:

Go to: <https://gettaroom.b4checkin.com/mccbwi/#main>

Click on Group Code at top of the page

Enter the Booking ID# 3474

Select dates for your stay.

This will be a hybrid conference.

(in-person & online)

Visit the LuTMA website

[Link to the LuTMA Website](#)

(Go to tab: Annual Conference)



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.



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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