



Montana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Equipping for Ministry

Montana Synod Weekly Announcements October 9, 2023

Emmaus Campus Ministry Oktoberfest Party and Fundraiser!

Sunday, October 15th (5-8pm) at the Missoula County Fairgrounds Home Arts Building.

This special evening will include great food, live music by the Bill Kautz Jazz Band, a short program, and both silent and live auctions. We are seeking donations for auction items. Mark your calendar and come help support the Emmaus student community! Cost is \$15/person, \$25/couple, \$40/family.

You can buy tickets at your church, through our website(ecmum.org), or at the door. Please reach out to Eric Huseh with any auction donation items at eric@emmausmontana.org



**LCM
CAMPUS MINISTRY
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESENTS A DINNER/FUNDRAISER FEATURING**

**A TALK ON IMMIGRATION AND FAITH WITH
PROFESSOR HECTOR V. CASTANEDA J.**



**"THE ERRANT
PILGRIMS AND THE
ELUSIVE PROMISED
LAND"**



**OCTOBER 15, 2023
6:00PM
MSU SUB BALLROOM A
PRICE - \$25.00/TICKET
MSU STUDENTS FREE!**



**QUESTIONS?
CONTACT JP CARLSON, JP@LCMBOBCATS.ORG**

**Join us for "Faith, Work, and Economics" starting
Oct 8**

Dear Friends,

We invite you to join us this fall for a remarkable four-part series, sponsored by LSTC Learning Communities, that explores the topic, *Faith, Work, and Economics*. Bishop Emeritus Rev. Wayne N. Miller will lead this dynamic course for four Sundays, beginning October 8 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm CST. Or you can join Wednesday's session beginning October 11 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm CST.

In this course, Rev. Miller, explores the Biblical and confessional underpinnings of the organic relationship between Faith, Work, and Economics as a lens for

understanding ourselves, our world, and the secret of living life well.

Whether bishop, pastor, follower, parishioner, or community member, join us as Rev. Miller takes us on an exploration of our relationship to our work, and guides us as we use faith, work, and economics as a lens for understanding ourselves, our world, and the secret of living life well.

[Register Today!](#)

Invitation for Partners of Rostered Ministers

Spouses & partners of ELCA

Pastors and Deacons are invited to join this free, 12-session, online sacred place to take a deep breath, slow down, and create space to notice God's presence among us. Our goal is to foster community and be refreshed by God and one another. Each week our cohort leader - and fellow pastor's spouse - Susan Berg, will lead us through a curriculum of spiritual practices.

We will meet via Zoom twice-monthly on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, beginning November 13, 7pm-8:30pm. We will skip over a few of the busy weeks - Easter and Christmas for example - and conclude in June.

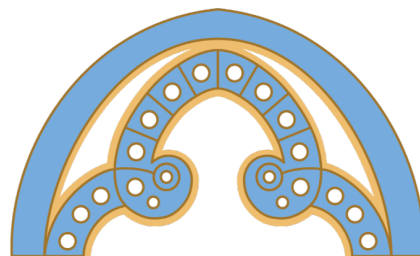
If your partner/spouse has questions - or is interested in participating - please have them reach out to Susan@lutheransnw.org - soon as space is limited to a maximum of twelve participants.

This is a FREE opportunity!

In 2018, California Lutheran University received a nearly \$1 million, five-year grant from the Lilly Endowment to create [Thriving Leadership Formation](#) (TLF) in partnership with its own Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and the 11 ELCA synods of Regions 1 and 2. This FREE spiritual practice cohort is one aspect of their larger grant goal of fostering spiritual and contemplative practices in order to enrich life and ministry, and help the church and its leaders thrive.

OTHER Cohorts

While this small group is specifically for those who are in the unique - and often challenging - role of being partnered with a deacon or pastor, there will be additional cohorts for rostered and lay leaders in our synod forming in the coming weeks - info will be posted here: <https://thrivingleadershipformation.org/cohorts/>



**MONTANA
JEWISH
PROJECT**
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Dear Supporters and Friends of the Montana Jewish Project,

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our Sukkot Celebration on Sunday. As the holiday continues through this week, we hope you find many moments of joy and meaning. One of the requirements of a sukkah is that its roof needs to be somewhat transparent, so that the stars are visible from inside of it. Palm branches or corn stalks are often used to

create the “roof.” This is because the sukkah is meant to be a temporary dwelling, reminiscent of the booths (which is the direct translation of “sukkot”) in which the Israelites resided while wandering the desert. Every year, the sukkah reminds us not to take our comfortable, permanent homes for granted.

These themes from Sukkot have special significance for us. Until this summer, the roof on historic Temple Emanu-El was in a vulnerable state. We couldn't quite see the stars from inside the building, but we learned the 130-year-old tin sheeting was still up there, under five layers of shingles. We now have a sturdy new roof, sheltering and protecting us, symbolizing our commitment to sustaining Jewish life in Montana.

We are incredibly blessed to have a permanent Jewish home in historic Temple Emanu-El, and thankful for the over 2,000 individual donors from around the world who made it possible for MJP to secure this home.

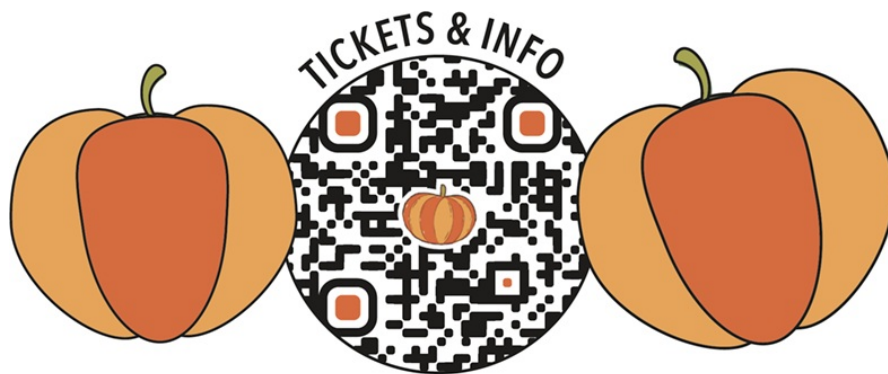
We have raised about half of the \$100,000 we need to successfully complete our “Raise the Roof” campaign – our effort to pay for the roof and other related expenses – by October 15. If you are able, please give what you can to help us maintain this home now – and for generations to come.

Gratefully,
Rebecca Stanfel
Director and Board President, MJP

[Click here to donate!](#)

Or send a check to:

The Montana Jewish Project
P.O. Box 491
Helena, MT 59624



Harvest Festival and Auction at FLBC

The Annual meeting, of the FLBC Association will be Oct 14th, at 2:30pm. Our meeting will include worship and the installation of Pastors Grant and Amanda Applehans as Co-Associate Directors!

Clergy are invited to vest and process.



Tickets are sold out for the Harvest Festival , but you can still support FLBC

by heading to our online auction and bidding on the great silent auction items there! All proceeds go to our annual fund for camperships to help make camp accessible to all. The online auction will be open until October 15, 2023.

Outreach in your congregation! FLBC is once again offering to come to your congregation to work with youth, or family groups. Once a month is available, October 2023,- April, 2024. Contact Amanda@flbc.net for more information and to sign up!!

Mark your calendars!

Day camp registration opens Oct 10th, first come first serve! Call 406-752-6602 or email Amanda@flbc.net

Staff applications will be open for summer 2024, beginning Nov 1st. Know of someone who might benefit from a summer at FLBC? They will learn leadership skills galore! Minimum age to apply is 18.

Summer registration opens Nov 10th, 2023. Watch for your brochure in snail mail soon. The FLBC web site will be open for registration Nov 10th.

Pastors and volunteers, get your first choice of weeks for summer 2024. Go to www.flbc.net, beginning Nov 10th, for the application! WE are excited for our theme "Created to Be," as the curriculum for 2024. Psalm 139:14

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

Confirmation! FLBC has had some requests for an on-line confirmation class, with 3-4 retreats at FLBC during the year. The class would/could be for students across the synod who Would zoom together for class, and then gather for retreats, and or a week of summer confirmation camp. Would any of you Pastors/LPS's/lay leaders be interested in this for your student(s)?? Would you be willing to help teach? What curriculum would be the most helpful for your congregation? Please contact Associate Director Pastor Amanda Applehans. Amanda@flbc.net

Grief Retreat: October 20-23, with professional counselor and Pastor Keith. For those adults coping with the loss of a friend, or family member. Registration deadline Oct 6th.

The Bible in 24 hours, October 29-31, (Sunday-Tuesday) Come enjoy FLBC in the fall. Relax, hike, sip some wine, and enjoy learning more about the Bible with Dr. Rachel Wrenn, Biblical Studie professor a Trinity Seminary, Columbus, OH.

Young Adults! Plan now to attend the young adult retreat, Dec 27-29 at FLBC. Ski, play, enjoy the new sauna, with a dip in the lake! Join Baird Linke, and the FLBC staff who will lead the sessions, on the theme: "Spiritual Wilderness" \$100 per person; 18-35 year olds. Registration deadline Dec. 13th.

THANK YOU....for all our amazing 57 summer staff, over 50 volunteers, and over 1200 campers who made the summer of 2023 extra special. THANKS be to God

For questions and more details, or if you would like the schedule of these retreats: call FLBC at 406-752-6602. (leave a voice message, as many of our staff work remotely) or email Registraion@flbc.net.

October 2023

Information for our Congregations

2024 Calendar! The calendar and sessions listing are on our website (www.christikon.org). It's not too soon to start



planning for next summer's trip to camp, and we're already accepting reservations! We anticipate a full season and encourage registering sooner than later.

Fall Retreats: We have retreats scheduled through mid-October. Start planning now to bring your group and enjoy fall in the mountains in 2024!

We're thankful for all your prayers this past summer, for the summer staff, for this ministry and for all who have joined in the Christikon life. 2023 held many opportunities for ministry, connections, and time in intentional Christian community. We are grateful.

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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