



News of the Week November 22, 2023

Prayers of the Week

Please remember in your prayers this week:

For all who travel and gather with family and friends over this Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

For all indigenous nations and peoples. So that they may be healed from their suffering due to the fractured relationships of the past; and that together we may have the courage to pray, advocate, and work towards a world where every person is valued.

For the victims of ongoing war across the world, including people of Israel and Gaza.

From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Culbertson
Zion Lutheran Church, Brockton
First Lutheran Church, Circle

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Southeast Michigan Synod



The Montana Synod office will be closed Wednesday - Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Any emergency communication should be directed to Bishop Jungling.

Words from the Bishop: God's Thanksgiving Dinner



[Click here to listen to Bishop Jungling's Thanksgiving message](#)

Rocky Boy Parsonage Fund

We have discovered that the parsonage at Our Saviour's is unlivable. Even as we search for and encourage a new pastor to consider this exciting call, we need to replace the parsonage.

And so we are asking for your support!

We are challenging the congregations, ministries, and individuals of the Montana/Northern Wyoming Synod and many other supporters across the country to match the original gift of \$34,000, not once or twice but 7 times.

And we'd like to do this by Easter 2024 so that we can get the parsonage placed before potential pastoral candidates become available (weather cooperating).

Why are we doing this? There is great opportunity for new and exciting ministry with, by and for the people of Our Saviour's and the Chippewa and Cree tribes at Rocky Boy. And it is vitally important that whoever serves as the pastoral leader of the congregation actually live on site. For it is only in living with the people that holy relationships of accompaniment can truly grow.

You may give to this special restricted fund that has been established for this campaign in three ways at this time. All monies given to this fund will go toward the new parsonage.

- 1. Send a check to the Montana Synod office made out to the “Montana Synod ELCA” with “Parsonage for Rocky Boy” in the memo line. (1221 24th St S., Great Falls, MT, 59405)**
- 2. Click the “Give” button on the Montana Synod website. In the dropdown box select “Parsonage for Rocky Boy” to give to this special fund. (link to website)**
- 3. Congregations: give using your normal monthly or quarterly giving to the Montana Synod by designating an amount for “Parsonage for Rocky Boy” on your remittance form.**

Thank you for your generous support of one of the oldest ministries in the synod. There may also come a time next spring when volunteer support from individuals and congregations will be needed so please keep that in mind. And of course your prayers are always welcome.

Montana and Northern Wyoming Synod Hunger Fund

At the September Synod Council meeting, a decision was made to establish a "Montana and Northern Wyoming Synod Hunger Fund". The purpose of this fund is to provide money to congregations and ministries in the Synod who are working to feed hungry people in our local communities. The reports from several of these ministries is that they have been seeing an increase in the numbers of people who are requesting food and assistance. The need is great in rural areas as well as in towns and cities across the Synod.

There are several congregations who are actively seeking to help feed the hungry and offer Gospel love. Could you and / or your congregation make a gift to this fund this fall and on a recurring basis? The Montana Synod has generously supported the work of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Can you help to feed people who are hungry here in our Synod, too?

A grant process is being established so that congregations and ministries can apply for funds. Thanks to the work of the Synod Council, seed money of about \$12,000 has been given to this fund. Be watching for information soon about how to apply for a grant from this fund.

As you give to the Montana/N. Wyoming Synod Hunger fund, please mark clearly on checks that it is for the Synod Hunger Fund. You may also give through montanasynod.org on the GIVE button via the dropdown link to the Synod Hunger Fund.

Thank you for your generous care for those in our communities who are in need!

[Montana Synod Hunger Fund Poster Download](#)

Sermon Manuscripts Available

Montana Synod leaders have been providing manuscripts for use in congregations through the Lent and Easter seasons. We are happy to announce that these manuscripts will be provided throughout the entire year! Thank you to the leaders in the Montana Synod who are providing these manuscripts every week. They can be

found and downloaded on the [Montana Synod website here](#).

[Click here to give to the Montana Synod](#)

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