



Montana Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Equipping for Ministry

## News of the Week December 27, 2023

# Prayers of the Week

For all those in Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Eritrea. All those who are experiencing violence or threats of violence.

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

**From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:**

First English Lutheran Church, Billings  
Shields River Lutheran Church, Wilsall

Southwestern Minnesota Synod  
Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod





Happy New  
Year to the  
Montana and  
Northern  
Wyoming Synod!

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless.

Love be our song and love our prayer  
and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share

and bring us at last into glory.

*ELW 242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*



## **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

# The Montana Synod Office will be closed and Synod staff off

**Dec. 29 - Jan. 1, in observance of New  
Years. We will be returning to the office  
on Tuesday, the 2nd of January.**

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

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