**Synod House Sunday: Let’s *Build* this House!**

There are always reasons to put off housework…especially repairs and replacements. In the case of the Synod House, well, most of us don’t see Bishop Crist and our synod staff at their desks in the Sunday School rooms at New Hope Lutheran Church. Many of us weren’t around when the decision was made to build. Many of us don’t understand how much our synod staff actually does for us. So we’re not sure we want to help with the housework. BUT IT’S TIME.

Our synod staff cares for and trains pastors, LPAs, leaders, and congregations; they support our technology, stewardship, youth ministry, missions, and administration; they keep together by connecting us to our neighbors and our national and global church. Our synod staff’s good work affects us daily. THEY NEED A GOOD PLACE TO DO IT.

****SO LET’S DO HOUSEWORK this spring and summer. Because doing things we need to do and doing them together is good for us and for all. Because our Bishop has asked us to, and obedience (unpopular though it is) is also good for us. The Synod House needs our financial support and it needs our time and hands. If you and your congregation can give either or both, please do. It’s time to do housework, with joy, together!

**The Nuts and Bolts Today**

How much the new Synod Office will cost: $1,162,000

How much we still need: $574,000

How much it could cost you: **$71**.**00** from each active ELCA Lutheran in Montana would finish the job!

When does building start: June 6, 2017

Who’s gonna build: YOU could! Sign up to be part of an ELCA Mission Builder’s Team this summer. Contact Pastor Arne Bergland, Our Redeemer’s, Helena, or watch the website. Much of the work will be done by volunteers, saving us LOTS of $$$!

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**YES!**

*I/We want to partner together to build a new Synod House for the collaborative ministries of the Montana Synod! The Synod House means:*

***HOSPITALITY:*** *welcoming all people*

***EARTH-FRIENDLY:*** *“green” space*

***SACRED SPACE:*** *a house of prayer*

***TECH-FRIENDLY:*** *new wiring!!!*

***ADAPTABLE:*** *room to grow*

Name: Address: City/State/ZIP: Phone/Cell: Email:

*Please make checks payable to: Montana Synod, ELCA*

*I/We will support the new Synod House by committing my/our gift to be given as follows:*

I/we will give a one-time gift of $71

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I/we support and have given to the Synod House, and will give an additional gift of

I/we will make a 3-year commitment of to be given \_\_\_monthly \_\_\_ annually \_\_\_ other ( )

*I/we would like more information about how we can support the Synod House project (Mission Builders, employee matched giving, Thrivent Choice Funds Designation, or other ways to give).*