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# Prayers for February 14, 2016 First Sunday in Lent

# Please remember in your prayers this week:

Prayers for the family of Mike Meredith, LPA, in Worland, Wyoming, who passed away this past week.



Prayers for Montana's Tribal Colleges: Stone Child College, Salish Kootenai College, Little Big Horn College, Fort Peck Community College, Chief Dull Knife College, Blackfeet Community College, Aaniiih Nakoda College.

#### From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:

Messiah Lutheran, Billings Trinity Lutheran, Cody, WY American Lutheran, Lavina

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

Southwest California Synod

# Words From the Bishop - "Deepen faith and witness-Prayer"

In Lent I will be writing about faith practices, as a way to address our Synod Benchmark, Deepen Faith and Witness. Dorothy Bass, editor of the now classic book, <u>Practicing our Faith</u>, defines faith practices this way:

"Practices are those shared activities that address fundamental needs of humanity and the rest of creation and that, woven together, form a way of life."

She goes on: "Reflecting on practices as they have been shaped in the context of Christian faith leads us to encounter the possibility of a faithful way of life, one that is both attuned to present-day needs and taught by ancient wisdom."

Prayer is foundational to the life of faith. It is a way that we engage in our ongoing relationship with God. Prayer can be as simple as a spontaneous, "God, help me!" to an elaborate liturgical prayer in a service of worship. Christians pray. So do others of different faiths. Prayer is an intentional placing of oneself into communion with God. Communion with God? That's a pretty audacious assertion, isn't it? But then think back to Sunday morning when many a pastor introduces the Lord's Prayer with "we are bold to say...."

Jesus' disciples knew that part of a life of faith was prayer. They saw Jesus frequently at prayer. And they weren't sure they had the knack of it. So they asked Jesus, "Teach us to pray." And he did. What we call "the Lord's Prayer." I love being in a congregation watching a 3-year- old squirm and wiggle and sigh with great boredom, and then recite the Lord's Prayer perfectly.

Martin Luther stressed the importance of the Lord's Prayer, exhorting families to make sure that every member knew it. In the Large Catechism he wrote:

" That we may know what and how to pray, however, our Lord Christ himself has taught us both the way and the words."

He goes on: "In the second place, what ought to impel and arouse us to pray all the more is the fact that God has made and affirmed a promise: that what we pray is a certain and sure thing."

From the outside, you may not be able to tell the difference between people of faith and others. We may work at the same jobs, give to the same charities, play on the same teams, work together for justice. The difference is internal. We serve others because of our gratitude to God. And we stay connected to God, to our roots through prayer.

Does God always answer our prayers the way we would want? No. We all know that. But prayer is not a "to do" list that we email to God and expect immediate results. Prayer is entering into deep relationship-a relationship that involves listening as well as speaking (or thinking the words silently.)

As we enter Lent, consider deepening your prayer life, as a way to become even more closer connected with the source of your being, Jesus Christ.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

A reminder: Please send in your Rostered Leader reports to the Bishop ASAP. We have had a great response so far, so keep them coming!

# A Growing Community of Women



En tanto que somos una comunidad de mujeres creadas a imagen de Dios, llamadas a convertirnos en discípulas de Jesucristo, y fortalecidas por el Espíritu Santo, nos comprometemos a crecer en la fe, afirmar nuestros dones, apoyarnos las unas a las otras en nuestras respectivas vocaciones, involucrarnos en el ejercicio del ministerio y la acción, y promover la sanación y la integridad en la iglesia, la sociedad y el mundo.

#### As a Community of Women

Created in the image of God

Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit

#### We Commit Ourselves to

Grow in faith

Affirm our gifts

Support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and

promote healing and wholeness

in the church, the society, and the world.

My community of women increased on the visit to Bolivia. This was an experience of a lifetime in many ways: the opportunity to meet with and share experiences with women from one of our companion synods and the opportunity to share this experience with new friends from Montana.

This visit was unique only in that the delegation was comprised of all women. This was at the request of Pastore Presidente Emilio. Our itinerary and agenda were set to maximize meeting with women. We met with women in many different settings: worship, crafts, school and afterschool programs and at a retreat attended by women from all over the country of Bolivia.

To read more, dick here.

# Message from MAC President

Rev. Valerie Webster

#### Greetings!

As we move into 2016 MAC is excited to make visible our unity in Jesus, by educating and advocating for justice and compassion in our communities and our world.

Thanks to the generosity of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), The MAC Council met for our yearly retreat at Cane Ridge West, January 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Praying together as one and walking together in the freedom and openness of the Holy Spirit, we dreamed and planned for 2016-2017 and beyond.



Faith • Unity • Justice • Compassion

Many worthy initiatives, partnerships, and opportunities beckon MAC. In the newsletters to come you'll hear more about our amazing member volunteers - such as those serving on Commissions and attending legislative hearings - advocating for prisoner reintegration, the abolition of the death penalty, ending child hunger, and much more. You'll also hear about plans our MAC Council and Legislative Committee have for MAC Connect 2016 in October and MAC Day at the Legislature January 2017.

In the meantime, our quarter-time MAC Coordinator, Amy Thomson, is making great use of

every minute to keep MAC a source of ecumenical connection and collaboration. (Check out our website <a href="https://www.macmt.org">www.macmt.org</a> and Facebook page.)

With a grateful heart for all our LORD is doing in and through us, Valerie.

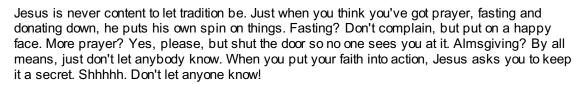
# **ELCA Advocacy** Lent Out Loud: Ash Wednesday

By: The Rev. Amy Reumann, Director, Advocacy

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven (Matthew 6:1)

Fasting, prayer and almostiving are the traditional disciplines of Lent. In the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Jesus addresses these three acts of piety already well known in rabbinic teaching. Two thousand years later they continue to top

the list of Lenten disciplines: refraining from certain food or drink, being more prayerful or making an extra donation to charity.



Read more

# Money Leadership: Your Life with Money

Money - how do we view and use it in our lives? What is the relationship between money and our Christian faith? Do we feel comfortable in our dealings with money, or does the topic make us nervous?

Money Leadership: Your Life with Money - is a sixweek SELECT online learning course that will help us examine the attitudes and behaviors we have about money as Christians - and to become more comfortable and confident in thinking about and discussing this. Pastor George Karres, Director for Evangelical Mission of the Montana Synod, will be the facilitator.

Who should take this course? Pastors, as stewardship leaders in their congregations, will especially benefit from

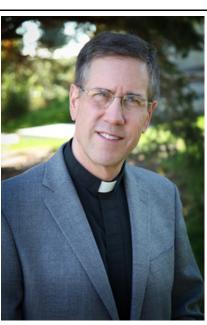
this - but LPAs, congregation treasurers, stewardship committee members, or anyone who would like to grow in their understanding of how Christians are called to view and use money in their lives are also encouraged to participate as well!

The course will be from April 10 - May 21, 2016 (with a pre-course Orientation online or phone meeting on April 7). The registration cost is \$175, but a \$100 rebate will be given to participants upon completion of the course - making the total cost only \$75. Rostered leaders will also receive 18 continuing education credit hours from NRIT. Registration is limited to 12 persons.

For further information, click HERE or contact George Karres at 406-453-1461 or by email at gkarres@montanasynod.org.







How is your congregation doing? Is it thriving and are its members filled with a sense of enthusiasm for doing God's work? Or is it just "going through the motions" as things seem to stay the same or decline?

Perhaps your congregation could benefit from a "Check-up" called a <u>Comprehensive</u>
<u>Ministry Review</u>. This is a process offered by the Montana Synod that examines a congregation's health and ministry from a number of different perspectives - such as its pastor; lay leaders; looking at and listening to the community where it is located and serves; its facilities; history and trends, etc.

This process - led by a "Synod Review Team" consisting of the Director for Evangelical Mission and other MT Synod leaders - can help a congregation to gain new insights and also a renewed understanding of its purpose and mission for the context where it is located.

To learn more about the <u>Comprehensive Ministry Review</u> process and discern whether this might perhaps be for your congregation, contact Pastor George Karres - Director for Evangelical Mission - at 406-453-1461 or by email at <u>gkarres@montanasynod.org</u>.

Roster Transitions are posted here on the website



Wellness Dollars & Personal Wellness Account - ELCA primary Health Benefits

Take your Health Assessment now.

Plan members and spouses with ELCA-Primary health benefits can each earn \$400 wellness dollars in 2016. Depending on your health benefit option and age, wellness dollars you earn are credited either to a personal wellness account, which is legally a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA), or deposited in a health savings account (HSA).

Start here: <a href="https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/SignIn?">https://myportico.porticobenefits.org/SignIn?</a> redirect=https://info.myhealthyliving.mayoclinic.org/55

#### Have You Taken Your Health Assessment?

The start of a new year reminds Portico health plan members and spouses to take their health assessments by logging into their My Portico a

ccounts. Completion of the assessment earns you \$150 in wellness dollars, with the opportunity to earn \$250 more in follow up activities. Taking the assessment also helps the synod reach its 65% participation goal, saving your congregation 1% in health contributions. Take yours today!

# Exploring Transitions: Life's Detours and Roadblocks April 25-27



Led by Tammy Devine & Tom Morgan, with worship/music by Michael Larson

Detour ahead. Road closed. Throughout life's journey, we encounter unexpected turns in direction: Illness, loss of loved ones, change of work and opportunity. A loss of direction is disorienting. Together, we will explore this time of transition.

This is part of the *Transitions Series*: for those who are either nearing or currently living in their *3rd Chapter of Life*. It is one of a 4-parts series of retreats to explore personal life callings,

passions, meaning, and purpose. Each workshop stands alone, so you can join in at any time.

More details, costs and registration page

## Spirit of Hope Nominations

The Spirit of Hope award was established by the Montana Synod Council to recognize individuals and ministries who have exemplified the spirit of hope in their lives.

For Perseverance and Faithfulness in Ministry with the People of the Montana Synod

Please submit a letter nominating a person, group or ministry for the Spirit of Hope award by February 15, 2016. The Montana Synod Council, in its meeting February 26-27, 2016, will select the Spirit of Hope awardee.

Past awardees have included a family who has adopted a dozen special needs children, a congregation whose building burned down on Christmas Eve and rebuilt by the following Easter, Lutheran Disaster Relief fire relief workers, individuals who have battled life-threatening illness, people who have gone above and beyond to serve their community, and more

## **Synod House**

Welcome to 2415 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Great Falls - the home of the Montana Synod.

Come on in and look around. The Bishop's office is to the right while Susan and Colter share the office to the left. And there is the work room with the copy machine and supplies needed to carry out business.

Go down the stairs and you will find the bathrooms (yes, they are down a flight of stairs), and two offices - one for Pastor Jason and Pastor George has a conference room lined with full file cabinets to keep him company.

Oh there are more file cabinets there - the foyer has some and the office shared by Susan and Colter. Full file cabinets everywhere.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need space for our staff to work efficiently and effectively. Your gift to the Synod House Campaign will help us provide space to work - and yes, space for file cabinets.



If your congregation has an extra large print Pulpit/Lectern Bible that could be donated to Immanuel Lutheran in Westby please contact Pastor Stan Hoobing

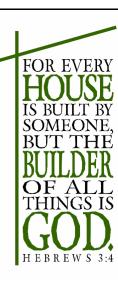
# Previous news and notes:

# Luther Seminary's KAIROS Continuing Ed

These courses offer a wealth of learning opportunities designed for dergy and church leaders of all denominations. Each year a fresh array of courses are made available in ministry areas of preaching, Bible, theology, leadership, vocation and congregational care.

Course offerings in the area of preaching include the Working Preacher Lectionary study series as well as a Narrative Lectionary study series. Join Luther Seminary's Bible instructors and your colleagues to explore the lectionary texts and generate theological insight and preaching ideas.





KAIROS offers leadership classes to help you navigate the

many complex roles and aspects of ministry leaders today. Choose a class to grow your administrative expertise, like the Mini-MBA for Pastors and Church Leaders or Stepping Up to Staffing and Supervision. Learn about The Daring Way TM for Faith Leaders and increase your capacity to be courageous in uncertainty. Discern God's mission in your community through Trust-Building and Collaborative Leadership for Collective Insight.

Explore the KAIROS Catalog online for even more dass options.

Register today for these exciting classes! For more information, visit <a href="www.luthersem.edu/kairos">www.luthersem.edu/kairos</a> or email kairos@luthersem.edu.



# KOGUDUS RETREAT AT ROCKY BOY'S April 14-16, 2016

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and the Bear Paw Cluster extend an invitation to the members and friends of the Montana Synod to take part in a "Lament & Laughter" retreat on the Rocky Boy's Reservation.

We will gather at Our Saviour's Thursday at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and getting acquainted. This Kogudus Renewal Ministry retreat features small group Bible study, creative worship, singing, joke telling, and personal sharing.

Click here for more information and the registration form



## DEPOSITS PASS FIFTY PERCENT MARK FOR BUFFALO HILL TERRACE PROJECT

**KALISPELL, Mont.:** An expansion project announced in August of last year by Immanuel Lutheran Communities in Kalispell is proving quite popular among prospective residents. Currently, more than fifty percent of the future independent living residences at The Villas at Buffalo Hill are claimed by depositors, with work on the project slated to begin in the summer of 2017, with a completion date set for late 2018.

"We knew a growing need existed for high-quality senior living options, and these numbers are a confirmation of that fact," said Jason Cronk, CEO of Immanuel Lutheran Communities. "With the recent approval of the Kalispell City Council to issue revenue bonds for our first phase of construction, we will begin work in the coming weeks, and our depositors will have the opportunity to begin to see their future take shape right before their eyes."

Cronk says the fact that Immanuel Lutheran is the only community in northwest Montana that offers a continuum of care is attractive to area seniors, and the expansion only adds value to an already inviting option.

One of the new depositors is John Cowan, who was considering The Villas at Buffalo Hill when he was involved in a bad fall that injured his hip. He did a few weeks of rehabilitation at the

community and that finalized his decision.

"The whole expansion project is just amazing to me," he said. "Plus, it makes good sense." Sheryl and Wayne Saverud, who are also depositors, say they're not ready to move just yet, but are looking to the future.

""I'm thinking that it would nice to take the energy that we have to get involved with a community like this - to have fun, learn and volunteer - instead of being at home," said Wayne, a former Kalispell city councilman.

The redevelopment will include 35 new independent living residences, 24 assisted living apartment residences for individuals with memory loss, a pool, fitness center, coffee bar and lounge, and much more. Total cost for the project has been estimated at \$45 million.

#### New LPA Class - Fall 2016

#### 2016-2018 Lay Pastoral Associate Class Nominations

Now is the time to consider lifting up individuals with the gifts and skills for the Montana Synod Lay Pastoral Associate program (LPA). The next class will begin in October 2016, but now is the time to be educating those in the congregation about the LPA program, and seeking their commitment.

The congregational meeting is a good opportunity to nominate and support those in your congregation who have the desire and skills to serve as an LPA in the Montana Synod. At this annual meeting the congregation can pray for and, with the guidance of the pastor, recommend individuals to the Bishop for approval.

For more information, go to the <u>Montana Synod website</u> or call Pr. Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop.

# Interested in becoming an LPA?

- 1. Talk to your church pastor. Talk about what it means to fill in for him or her and the traits it takes to provide pastoral leadership (albeit, temporary).
- 2. If your church does not have a pastor, feel free to contact our office. We'll put you in touch with someone who can shed some light on the role of an LPA.
- 3. Have your church pastor contact Bishop Crist or Rev. Jason Asselstine, Assoc. to the Bishop via email or phone call. This contact and conversation will be your pastor's recommendation for your participation in the MT Synod LPA program.

After approval from the Bishop (to enter the program), please ensure you have the following items to our Synod office <u>at least 3 weeks</u> prior to the class start date (our staff admin person will send you the paperwork to begin the process):

- 1. Completed biographical, information sheet.
- 2. Initiation of a required background check
- 3. First year's payment of \$200 via check made out to "MT Synod" with "LPA training program" in the check's memo section. This can also be brought with you to the 1st group retreat.

Still have questions? Call our Synod office at 406-453-1461

## A Chico Heads Up

Sorry for any confusion! The only accommodations that are left at Chico Hot Springs Resort are for 3 partial reservations (meaning for 1 or 2 nights only, not for all three) and two off-site houses (no discount offered by CHSR) that can accommodate 4 to 6 people each. The Resort has provided a list of alternate lodging that they recommend.

Registration materials will come out February 9th (Fat Tuesday) on the Synod website.

Rev. Linda Webster Logistics Chair for the MT Synod Pastors' Conference

Click here for Alternate Lodging Information

# Women's Spring Retreat

April 22-24, 2016 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

SAVE THE DATE! Plan now to attend the WOMEN'S WOMEN'S RETREAT. Motivating speaker, Fun, Fellowship, Service projects, Music, Great food (no cooking!).... Bring your friends, daughters, mothers, granddaughters (14 and up) along for a fun, restful, spirit-filled weekend on beautiful Flathead Lake. Check out <a href="https://www.imluchurch.org/womensretreat">www.imluchurch.org/womensretreat</a> for more details, to get on our mailing list and to register! Hope to see you there. Sponsored by the Five Valleys Women and Great Divide Clusters.



**NRIT News:** 

The following events require pre-registration:

# Faithful Leadership in Small Town and Rural Ministry: Challenge and Promise

# With Dr. Alvin Luedke

Tuesday, March 1st 9:30am - 3:30pm Zion Lutheran, Glendive, MT

This workshop will discuss how we faithfully lead in a missional era. Leading change within community is addressed, as well as identifying assets for this ministry. Our faithful leadership helps us, and those we serve, to discover God's promise of hope.

#### Cost:

\$75 for clergy (JC Scholarship Funds available)

\$50 for New to Ministry, LPA, retired (JC Scholarship Funds available)

\$20 for lay not needing CEUs

Register at www.nrit.org (click on the NRIT logo in the upper left side of page and then scroll

down to the Rural Ministry event to sign up online) or register by emailing Jenny Kunka at j.kunka@nrit.org

Ecumenically appropriate. Please invite your colleagues.

Continuing Education Credits for clergy and LPAs = 5 Contact Hours.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

We know that some churches are not able to provide the recommended amount of continuing education assistance and what is offered doesn't always go far enough. At the same time, we strongly believe in the importance of continuing education for our synod and we support the ELCA expectation of 50 hours of continuing education credits a year.

- Scholarships are now available to cover half the cost of NRIT events.
- Apply online or by leaving a message for Jenny at 406-453-1461.

\*NRIT is grateful for financial gifts in support of this scholarship fund. Designate by writing "Jessica Crist Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

# The Luther 5

Lutherans and Catholics-what's the deal? 499 years ago the Church split-Lutherans went one way, and Catholics another. It was not an amicable parting of the ways. The stakes were high, and the religious issues were all tangled up with political issues. Mutual condemnations flew back and forth. Wars broke out. The lines were drawn between Protestant and Catholic.

And now, the Pope is coming to the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Finnish Lutherans were able to receive communion at the Vatican, and the ELCA Churchwide Assembly will receive a document of agreement between Lutherans and Catholics outline 32 major area of agreement. What's the deal? Go to the Luther 500 page for a downloadable study on Lutherans and Catholics, and share it with your congregation, or with an ecumenical group.

Click here for the full brief

# The Luther 5

The Reformation 500 Task Force is looking for people to serve with our group. The only requirement is an interest in Reformation history and how the church is continually reforming. Many of our meetings are held via Google Hangouts so that very little lengthy travel is necessary, also helping to fulfill the first benchmark of the Montana Synod, "Meet the future boldly." If you would like to join our fun group, please contact Rev. Tonya Eza.

# Help Plant a Tree in Wittenberg

"Even if I knew that the world were to collapse tomorrow, I would still plant my apple tree today." (attributed to Martin Luther)

In anticipation of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, the Lutheran World Federation in sponsoring "500 years of reformation-500 trees for Wittenberg." The Montana Synod has been

asked to participate by donating a tree. A representative our reformation task force, Tonya Eza, will be present for the planting of the Montana Synod tree.

You are invited to participate by helping to raise the \$500. that the tree will cost. You could:

Dedicate a Lenten offering.
Do a special appeal on Earth Day, April 20.
Use it as a Sunday School, youth group, Bible Study group project.
Do a special offering.

Send checks to Montana Synod with "Wittenberg tree" in the memo line.

In conjunction with the Montana Synod's third strategic benchmark, "Deepen faith and witness," the 2016 Synod Assembly and Theological Conference theme will be the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Yes, it's a year early, but this is part of how we meet the future boldly, so that when 2017 comes along, we will all be prepared! In conjunction with the Synod Assembly, the Reformation 500 Task Force is sponsoring a Reformation stole and banner contest. We invite the member congregations of the Montana Synod to bring original stoles and/or banners with them to the Synod Assembly in June. Following are the rules that we ask you to follow:

If you are making a stole:

- Stoles must be able to be worn while presiding over worship, and should be able to withstand 10 worship services (feel free to experiment with materials!).
- Stoles should be between 3" and 6" wide at the shoulder, and between 48" and 54" long.
  - o Be sure also to consider weight of stole and range of motion for the pastor in your design.

Stoles need to be appropriate for a liturgically red service

- o Red doesn't need to be the only color in the stole, but it should play a prominent role in the color palette of the stole.
- The stole should be your own original design it is fine to use established patterns (provided they are not copy-written) as long as they are put together in your own way.

#### If you are submitting a banner:

- Banners should be appropriate for display in a worship context
  - o The size of the banner should be able to fit comfortably within the dimensions of your sanctuary.
- Banners should be of an original design. You may use established patterns (provided they are not copy-written) as long as they are put together in your own way.

Please bring the stoles and banners with you to the Synod Assembly, and they will be displayed in a place where everyone can see. Assembly attendees will vote on their favorites.

Questions? Please contact Rev. Tonya Eza, chair of the Reformation 500 Task Force, or any of the other members of the group.

# Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

# Retreats, Events, and Updates:

For additional information about these great upcoming retreats and events, check out our website at www.flbc.net! Also, watch for our 2016 Summer Brochure around Christmas! Be sure to register

early for your first choice of weeks and programs!



March 13: Outdoor Ministry Sunday

Celebrate camp on Sunday, March 13th at your congregation (or pick a Sunday that works for

you)! CLICK HERE for more information!

March 18-19: Middle School Retreat

A one-night overnight retreat to bring your youth group to camp, filled with fun, games, Bible study, craziness, and an introduction to our 2016 summer theme, "Living Like Jesus." CLICK

HERE for more information!

March 18-20: Cross Country Ski Retreat

Whether you are brand new to cross country skiing or an expert, this retreat is for you!

Participants must be 13 years of age or older. CLICK HERE for more information!

Rev. Nathan Clements, Associate Director Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp 603 S Main St Kalispell, MT 59901 (406) 890-5104 (cell)

## Upcoming Events, etc.

#### **February**

1 NRIT Midwinter Theological Conference 12-14 Synod Youth Snow Event



Please put these important dates on your calendar:

2016 Montana Synod Assembly and Theological Conference: June 2-5, 2016, Holiday Inn Grand, Billings

**2016 Bishop's Convocation**, October 14, 2016, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Helena, Montana **2016 First Call Theological Education**: November 7-9, 2016, Great Falls

2017 Montana Synod Assembly: June 1-4, 2017, Best Western Heritage Inn, Great Falls

2017 First Call Theological Education: November 6-8, 2017, Great Falls

Find upcoming issues of The Parish Paper here

To see what's coming up on the Montana Synod Calendar, go here

To download or view our Clergy Roster, Congregational and LPA Directories, find them here

Roster Transitions are updated mid-month and may be found here

### **Amazon Smile**

Shop at <a href="http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3514273">http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3514273</a> in support of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.



This e-letter is intended to convey information from synod staff, ministries and congregations, and we reserve the right to edit all submissions. All items must be received by the Monday before publication on Wednesday. Send submissions to Colter McCarty.

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