



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements September 20, 2021



Drawn to the Word: The Integration of the Visual Arts in Your Ministry

with Artist and Pastor Paul Oman

In this hands-on workshop, you will both see the Word come to life before your eyes on large-scale canvas as Paul paints and teaches, and you will go home with many applicable “take-aways” for your ministry.

In a relaxed studio-like format, you will experience first-hand how art can serve as a “bridge” for faith and meaning between ages, generations, cultures, languages, members and non-members, actives and in-actives, denominations, education levels, and more. Paul will share insights of recent brain research, how it functions in the church, and how we can engage our people at deeper and more meaningful levels with the thoughtful use of visuals.



No artistic ability or experience is needed to attend! Along with healthy laughter and great conversation, this will be a day to remember. Join us for this life and ministry-changing experience.

October 5th from 10am to 12:30pm

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Great Falls, MT

\$10 (Please invite interested lay people! Continuing ed credits available for pastors, SAMs and LPAs)

Hammer and Dance - Branching Out



Fall is here. School is in session (maybe sort of.) Congregations are re-engaging mission in fits and starts as COVID continues to complicate life. Blessings to you! This month's [Hammer and Dance](#) looks at Afghanistan, the start up of our new Region 1 Preparedness Network, and more.. Enjoy our September issue.

[Read the Hammer and Dance online](#), or [Download your copy](#). Share it with a friend, your pastor or congregation council. [Invite them to subscribe](#).

Be well, give thanks, and love your neighbor!

Dave Brauer-Rieke

Region 1 Disaster Preparedness Project Manager



Christikon Clips September, 2021

Information for our Congregations

Our 70th season is completed! Our exceptional staff has headed back to their lives outside of camp, the campers are back at school, and we begin the planning for 2022. It has been a blessed adventure!

We hosted campers from Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Washington,

Wisconsin, Wyoming, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oregon, DC, Nebraska, Utah, and Montana. Wonderful opportunity to connect with people from these out of state congregations and forge long lasting friendships sharing the Christikon experience.

Our special guest speakers, Dr. Aana Vigen and Dr. Hans Wiersma led our CE Retreat and Mountain Weekend sessions.

Fall Retreats: We have retreats scheduled into the middle of October with a few dates still available. Bring your group and enjoy fall in the mountains!

Capital Campaign: We are looking at the Adult Housing/Boys Dorm next! **If you have not received a Capital Campaign packet, please contact the office and one will be sent to you.**

We are grateful for your prayers for Christikon this summer, for the summer staff as they are called back into the world newly equipped to share their mountaintop experiences, and for all who have joined in the Christikon life. We ask for your continued prayers and support.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

**The October 1-2 LPA Spirituality Retreat in Great Falls
has been postponed until further notice due to the
significant increase in Covid cases in Montana.**

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