



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements October 18, 2021

Recent news from Region 1 Disaster Preparedness



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- [The October Hammer and Dance](#) is out and available for reading. This month's issue offers updates on Afghan resettlement work, Alaska's COVID Crisis and resources for your congregation.
- The next meeting of our Region 1 Disaster Preparedness Congregational Network is Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6 PM PT (5 PM AK & 7 PM MT.) [Registration required](#). Come one come all!
- October 21, 2021 is also [International ShakeOut Day](#). Great ShakeOut earthquake drills are an opportunity to practice how to be safer during earthquakes: "[Drop, Cover and Hold On](#)." ShakeOut also has been [organized](#) to encourage [you, your community, your church, or your organization](#) to update emergency plans and supplies, and to secure your space in order to prevent damage and injuries. Over 24 million people around the world are already registered to participate. How about you?

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Intermountain provides the Montana Synod, ELCA with FREE Advent materials as a thank you for partnering in mission!

"The Synod and its churches have been amazing supporters in ministry together, and we hope

that these materials will be a blessing to pastors and children's volunteers," said Rev. Chris Haughee, Church Relations Director for Intermountain. This article will explain just what those materials are and how you can download them for free.

"Our Watchful Waiting" is Intermountain Ministry's first comprehensive Advent curriculum that will connect the

congregation's children to the lectionary readings that are part of the traditional Advent observance, as well as suggestions for how everyone can get in on the fun!



You can read a little about the [materials here](#), or jump right in and download your free materials below!

[Our Watchful Waiting - Advent Curriculum with CFC 2021](#)

Leading in a Liminal Season with Rev. Susan Beaumont

Event time:

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 - 12:00pm to 1:30pm

Event description:

How do you lead an organization stuck between an ending and a new beginning—when the old way of doing things no longer works but a way forward is not yet clear? Such in-between times are called liminal seasons—threshold times when the continuity of tradition disintegrates and uncertainty about the future fuels doubt and chaos. In a liminal season it simply is not helpful to pretend we understand what needs to happen next. But leaders can still lead.

Liminal seasons call for a different kind of leadership presence, one that connects the soul of leaders with the soul of the institution. Participants at this event will:

- Enter a three-way conversation engaging God, the soul of the leader, and the soul of the institution.
- Examine the leadership challenges and opportunities inherent in liminal seasons.
- Explore three fundamental shifts in orientation that invite a more soulful leadership presence. (From knowing to unknowing, from advocating to attending, from striving to surrender.)
- Understand four bodies of work that help to connect mission, vision and values with the soul of the organization: deepening group discernment, shaping institutional memory, clarifying purpose, and engaging emergence.

Renown consultant and author Susan Beaumont will provide a guide for leading in a liminal season followed by a time of Q&A facilitated by Sarah Drummond, Founding Dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School.

Register for this webinar at [Leading in a Liminal Season with Rev. Susan Beaumont \(link is external\)](#).



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Bonner Invites you to it's
Solar System Dedication Celebration!
Sunday, October 31st 11:00am**

This new solar array will cover 100% of the church building's annual energy usage. It's installation was made possible by the Northwestern Energy E+ Renewable Energy Grant Program. Solar energy is a terrific and easy way for churches and nonprofits to make a difference in a changing climate as well as model energy independence. Come hear more about solar and how it can make a difference in the Bonner community. Tours and informational discussion will follow the dedication ceremony.

Worship and Dedication will be led by Bishop Laurie Jungling, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Montana Synod.

Representatives from SBS Solar, Montana Lutheran Climate Change Task Force, and other community partners will also be present.

Outside ceremony for COVID-19 Safety. Lunch to follow.



A Virtual
Oktoberfest
Online
Fundraiser
for Emmaus Campus Ministry

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Visit charityauction.bid/EmmausOktoberfest
for details!

Join in supporting the mission of Emmaus through
our Virtual Oktoberfest!

Bid on auction items like a river float down the
Blackfoot, a six pack of homebrewed Lutheran Porter,
a beautiful handmade quilt and more.

Your support allows students and the community to
access Emmaus, a safe space for conversation, service,
learning and action.

No tickets required, but donations welcome!
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Christikon Clips November 2021

Our summer calendar is set and on our website (christikon.org). If you have questions about the 2022 season or would like to register, give us a call or do so online. It was a powerful summer of ministry this year, and we look forward to welcoming you to camp in the new year.

The 2021 Annual Meeting is Sunday November



14th. We'll tell stories from the summer and share plans for the 2022 season, construction, and much more.

Due to COVID concerns we will meet online via the Zoom platform, and will send connection instructions to congregations and Delegates in early November.

Because this negates the need for travel, the **meeting will start at 1pm**.

We continue to hold you in prayer as together we navigate these uncertain times. We also trust in, and

give thanks for, a God who promises to never let us go, no matter what life throws our way. May God bless you and yours as we move through fall and towards the holiday season and the new year.

Thank you as always for all the ways you support Christikon.

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