

## Montana Synod Weekly Announcements November 8, 2021

### 2022 Mission Support



As you begin the conversation to prepare your congregation's 2022 budget, Bishop Jungling, members of the Stewardship Task Force, others in the Synod, and DEM Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, have prepared these materials to assist you.

Please share the videos and the documents that have been prepared with your church council and the congregation to share the story that Mission Support makes a difference. (Mission Support is the amount that your congregation gives away to support the work that the whole church is involved in, as well as the ministries in the Montana Synod that are supported from the Synod's budget.)

Click here to access all the 2022 Mission Support Material!

# 2021 Campus Ministry Challenge



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## Cheer on your team and support Montana Campus Ministry!

Take part in a special offering for Campus Ministry on **November 14**.

Put your offering in your favorite team's cup for a friendly competition!

All offerings will be shared equally between UM and MSU minstries. Checks may be made out to Lutheran Campus Ministry or Emmaus Campus Ministry.





Lutheran Campus Ministry at Montana State University





A Virtual Game Night, Silent Auction, and Happy Hour to Benefit Seniors in Need

#### Wine and Menu Available Now!

Includes wine and chef-prepared hors d'oeuvres

Package for 1: \$50

1 bottle of wine and hors d'oeuvres for 1

Package for 2: \$85

2 bottles of wine and hors d'oeuvres for 2

**Package for 10: \$400** 

6 bottles of wine and hors d'oeuvres for 10

#### **Purchase Your Happy Hour Package**

#### Hors d'Oeuvres Include:

Cured Meats: Napoli, Soppressata, Toscano
Assorted Cheese I Cheese Straws I Crackers
Peppadew Peppers I Nicoise Olive I Roasted Artichokes
Honeycrisp Apple I Warm Brie with Maple Cream I Praline Pecans
Smoked Marcona Almonds I Pickled Beets and Asparagus
Goat Cheese with Huckleberry Balsamic
Homemade Mustard I Honeycomb I Lemon Preserves
Goat Cheese, Smoked Trout, and Pickled Red Onion Flatbread
Red Velvet Cake Truffles I Rum Praline Shortbread Bites

#### **Wine Selections:**

Cabernet Sauvignon: 2018 Sean Minor (North Coast, California)

Red Blend: 2018 Occam's Razor (Columbia Valley, Washington)

Pinot Noir: 2019 Planet Oregon (Willamette Valley, Oregon)

Chardonnay: 2019 Raeburn (Russian River Valley, California)

Sauvignon Blanc: 2019 Hill Family Estate (Napa Valley, California)

Email <u>info@immanuelfoundation.org</u> with your wine choices after purchasing your package.

Win up to \$2,500 in Our Raffle! Tickets \$100 Only 150 Available

To purchase, call (406) 858-0144 or (406) 407-5733.

Raffle winners will be announced during the 6pm online program. Winners must call (406) 407-5733 by 8pm to claim prizes.

**More UnGala Information** 

## **YAGM Program Resuming!**

After a two-year pause during the COVID-19 pandemic, the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program is preparing to send volunteers out into the world again! Applications are now open, and you can invite young adults on this journey abroad for the 2022-2023 program vear.

If you know young adults aged 21 to 29, this is the time to reach out. Encourage them to apply for YAGM by the deadline of Feb.1, 2022. (Priority deadline is Jan. 15, 2022.) Talk to them personally about what this opportunity will mean for their faith, identity, career and understanding of God's work in the world. You can share these videos about the YAGM experience.

#### **Download Poster**

YAGM volunteers will begin in August 2022 and will be placed in one of nine country programs. Through YAGM, young adults will learn what it means to serve in a spirit of accompaniment as they walk alongside global church companions. They'll become immersed in a new community and form deep relationships. And they'll confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, gender privilege, economic disparity and globalization, all through the lens of faith. <a href="Learn more at ELCA.org/YAGM"><u>Learn more at ELCA.org/YAGM</u></a>.

No matter what energizes them, they'll find relevant opportunities for professional experience, including:

- Health and human rights: Health care, HIV and AIDS, homelessness, immigration and refugees.
- Education: Fine arts, youth education, childhood education, working with people living with disabilities.
- Environmental justice: Agriculture and farming, development, environment.
- Professional support: Office work, communication, technology, finance.
- Congregational ministry: Children's ministry, Christian education, youth ministry, congregational ministry, camp ministry.

Around the world, host families, churches, workplaces and communities are ready to welcome

Don't wait — spread the word and forward this email now! The deadline to apply is Feb. 1, 2022. Priority will be given to those who apply before Jan. 15, 2022.

### **Gifting and Taxes Webinar**

If you didn't get the chance to join the Gifting and Taxes Webinar hosted by the Immanuel Foundation on you can still view the recording online. Four Panelists present on possible tax advantages when gifting to church and other nonprofit organizations.

To watch the recording visit Immanuel Foundation - Gifting and Taxes.

### MAC needs you!



Faith • Unity • Justice • Compassion

#### Greetings!

I know that you have not heard much from MAC for a few months. MAC President Marc Stewart has been on sabbatical and I have been journeying through major life events (one of which was my ordination - thanks be to God).

The legislative interim session is in full swing. I have been following interim committee meetings and trying to capture some sense of where we are headed. The next legislative session will be upon us before we know it, and I need to know what issues matter to all of you. What challenges are you and your communities facing? What priorities would

you like us to set for the coming session?

I have also been following the work of other organizations: Interfaith Power and Light, Braver Angels, Resetting the Table, Poor People's Campaign, and the Clergy Emergency League - to name a few. There is a lot of work being done to try to improve communications across the ever expanding social divisions; work to raise awareness of painful church practices that limit social justice work by clergy; work to support policies and systemic changes that support "the least of these".

MAC is in a place of discernment. We were established as a 501(c)3 organization, which is wonderful from a tax standpoint, and yet may be limiting from a future directions standpoint. We were also established as a judicatory organization, requiring agreement on positions taken. We know that there is incredible value in being able to represent an agreed-upon position on behalf of a large ecumenical group, however, we also recognize that obtaining that agreement can be time-consuming. We want to continue our education and advocacy work in the best possible way, and we need your help to discern what that is.

As MAC Assistant, and someone passionate about our Matthew 25 mission, I encourage each of you to pray about the future of MAC. Pray - reflect - brainstorm - and PLEASE send me an e-mail. Share your ideas, your frustrations, and your hopes!

MAC needs you!

Thank you,

Rev. Gloria Soja, MAC Assistant

Read more here!

#### The 2022 Summer Camp brochure is available!

View the brochure online here: <a href="https://flbc.net/summer-camp/">https://flbc.net/summer-camp/</a>. Request a hard copy by contacting <a href="mailto:carlee@flbc.net">carlee@flbc.net</a>. Registration for youth camps open December 15th, 2021.

#### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

June 20-29, 2022

There are still spots available for this long awaited journey to the Holy Land! Join FLBC staff and guide, Elias Nawawieh as we experience the Holy Land in a whole new way.

Visit <a href="https://www.eliastours.com/tours/flathead-lutheran-bible-camp-holy-land-trip">https://www.eliastours.com/tours/flathead-lutheran-bible-camp-holy-land-trip</a> to learn more!



**Volunteer and Pastor application/registration is open!** Plan your week at camp as a pastor or adult volunteer. Serve as a resource to our staff and campers, as well as helping FLBC with basic functions like dishes, cleaning, maintenance work, and more, while enjoying time with the FLBC community in God's Great outdoors on Flathead Lake. Don't wait as spots will fill up fast! Information/FAQs as well different application options (printable vs online app) are available at <a href="https://flbc.net/donate-volunteer/#volunteer">https://flbc.net/donate-volunteer</a>/#volunteer

FLBC is also looking to hire a paid Staff Chaplain/Weekend Coordinator for Summer 2022! Contact Margie Fiedler at <a href="margie@flbc.net">margie@flbc.net</a> for more information.

## Upcoming Retreats/Important Dates (learn more at <a href="https://flbc.net/annual-programming/">https://flbc.net/annual-programming/</a>):

- · December 1: Summer 2022 Staff Application Opens!
- · December 3-5, 2021: Advent Retreat
- · December 15, 2021: Registration for Youth Camps open
- · January 14-16, 2022: Jr and Sr High Ski & Snowboard retreat

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