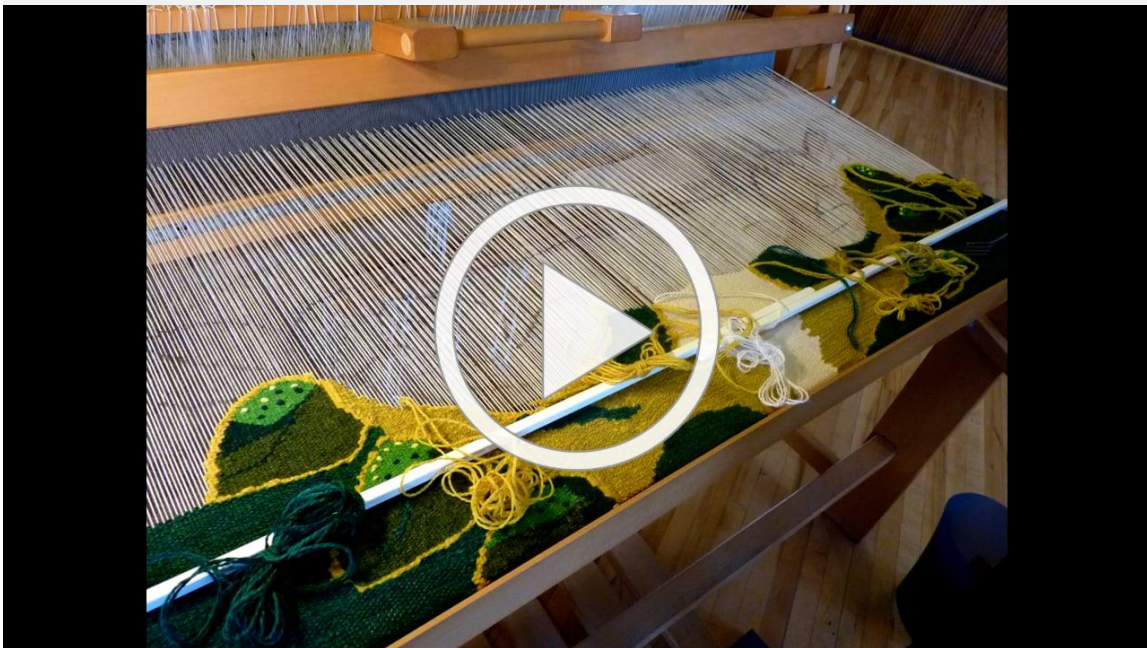




Montana Synod Weekly Announcements November 22, 2021

The Synod Office will be closed in
observation of Thanksgiving, November
25th-26th.

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.

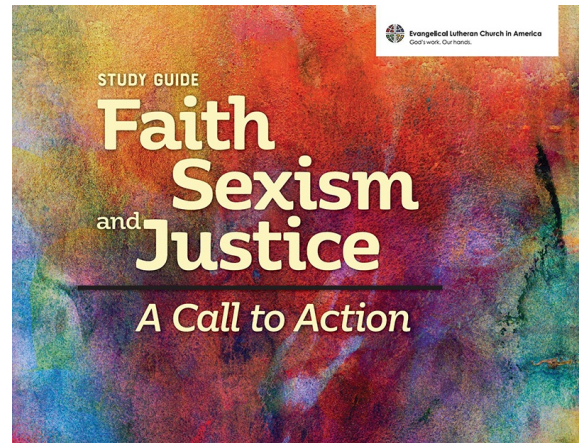
Please share the videos and the documents that have been prepared with your church council and the congregation to share the story that Mission Support makes a difference. (Mission Support is the amount that your congregation gives away to support the work that the whole church is involved in, as well 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!](#)

“Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action” study guide

A study guide is now available for the ELCA’s newest social statement, Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action.

The [guide](#) features six flexible sessions that can be customized for in-person gatherings or virtual meetings. Each session incorporates prayers, videos, engaging activities, Scripture study and invitations to live out the call to gender justice in the world. As Lutherans, we are called to serve the neighbor and affirm the diversity of God’s creation.



Grounded in faith and love, we work for a gender justice that flows from the heart of Lutheran theology and cultivates abundant life for all people. [Download the study guide.](#)



NRIT Digital Class: Leading Holy Conversations amid Polarization: Equipping Followers of Christ to Communicate in Faith-filled Ways



Purchase this class and download to use at any time and to watch in any time increment. This is an excellent class for individual continuing education for leaders and would also make for a quality adult education as well.

[We live in a time when it is nearly impossible to communicate with one another with any depth. Our conversations, whether in person or on social media, can descend into angry retorts,](#)

[judgmental suspicion, reactive demonization, and hateful dehumanizing until there seems nothing left to do but retreat into same-thinking groups or go to battle with the so-called “enemy.”](#)

How do we as followers of Christ and leaders in Christ’s Church respond to such challenges that intrude into our congregations and ministries? Do we say nothing and try keep everyone happy? Do we engage in the same divisive rhetoric? Do we leave the church altogether? Or do we seek different approaches designed to lower the anxiety level, build up community, and equip us to love one another into faith-filled communication? This workshop will offer various tools, guidance, and methods so that you can better lead healthy and effective conversations in your communities.

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