



Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Montana Synod Weekly Announcements January 25, 2021

Happening in the Synod

To: Congregational Treasurers and Presidents,

Thank you for your faithful effort in sending Mission Support checks for the work of the Montana Synod and the ELCA. Just a reminder that the Fiscal year ends on Jan. 31, 2021.

Your checks received by Feb. 1 will be credited to the 2020 fiscal year!

ELCA Level 1 Coach Training

The ELCA Coaching network has announced dates for Level 1 Coach Training for spring of '21. If you are interested in learning more about coach training, please check out the website: elcacoaching.org If you are interested in being trained, please contact [Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger](mailto:peggy.paugh@elca.org), Director for Evangelical Mission, for more information.



Spirit of the Rockies (Fridays in February from 2-3pm): A literature and short story review workshop looking at the ways that people have understood their relationships with the land, animals, other people and the divine within our regional landscape from a wide array of cultural and historical perspectives. Led by Pastor John Lund, Rai Combs, and Celeste Yeager. Open to all ages and perspectives and friends of Emmaus. This workshop will include a reading packet for all participants (free) and will meet Fridays from 2-3pm in February. Starts February 5th. Contact John john.lund@mso.umt.edu to get the readings. Join the Zoom



February Book Study: One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins by Rev. Emmy Kegler, ELCA (Sunday nights 7:30-8:30pm through

February). "Emmy Kegler has a complicated relationship with the Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her—both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out—appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise." Starts

meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?pwd=YlloQVBWUVRdS9ERE9vbk5FcVJLQT09)
[LQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?pwd=YlloQVBWUVRdS9ERE9vbk5FcVJLQT09)

Feb. 7th. Emmaus has extra books to give away. Please contact Pr. John to get a free copy. John.lund@mso.umt.edu. Join Zoom Meeting:
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Upcoming NRIT Events:

Vital Congregations: What are they and how do they do it?

Feb. 11, 10 to noon

Most people in a congregation wonder at some point how their congregation is doing and how it could be a center for God's mission. What are the signs of life and health in congregations? This can be an anxiety producing question. We worry sometimes about "survival". We yearn and grieve for days that are past and wonder about what God might be doing in the days to come. There are layers of grief, but there are also signs of hope and life and dare we even say, new life, in congregations today!

Free Class.

Click here for more details and to register: <https://www.montanasyhod.org/nrit.html>

Look for a worship service available for Transfiguration Sunday, presented by our Lutheran Camps, the first week of February!

Summer 2021 Staff Application Open! We are excited to assemble a team of talented, dedicated, and overall wonderful people to provide a summer of awesome ministry in 2021! Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/> to learn more and to apply.

Summer 2021 Volunteer Application is now open to ALL adults (Montana residents and out-of-state volunteers). Help us make it a great summer! <https://flbc.net/donate-volunteer/#volunteer>

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round



programming and to find additional COVID-19 related information.

Winter Environmental Education Field Day *□

January 23, 2021

\$25/person

Join FLBC for a day of fun and learning! Call 406-752-6602 to register.

Tea Party - "It's all about God's love!"

February 13, 2021 2-4pm

\$10/person

Grandparents, guardians, parents, bring your kiddos to a Valentine's Day "Tea Party!" All ages are welcome; our programming will focus on children ages 4-10.

Day Camp Workshops

March 6 in Great Falls

March 13 @ FLBC

\$10/person (lunch included! Overnight housing at FLBC available if needed)

Join us for a workshop exploring FLBC's Day Camp program, where camp comes to you! Gather to learn more about hosting a Day Camp team, preview the Bible study curriculum, or get more information about potentially hosting a Day Camp in the future!

Adult Spirituality Retreat - "Shepherd Me, O God"

April 18 - 20, 2021 (Sun - Tues)

\$165/person (\$125 for Monday only)

Join Pastor Brenda Satrum at FLBC for time with your Shepherd, as we dwell with God in Word, prayer, silence, and song. (CEU Credits available)

Christikon Clips



January, 2021

Information for our Congregations

Watch this month for Christikon brochures on opportunities for youth. It's not too early to start thinking about this summer. Youth brochures will be mailed to every young person in grades 4-12 in our congregations this month. Those brochures will detail some very special deals for registering early for camp. We hope to serve even more people from our member congregations in 2021! Early registrations have been very strong so get registered earlier than later!

Save the date: Christikon Benefit Auction is scheduled for April 18th.

Too few of our nation's young people (not to mention adults) have significant outdoor experience. Christikon combines spirited outdoor experience with a community experience that helps open people to the life of faith. Think about joining the Christikon life this coming summer. It can do a world of good...

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

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