



Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Montana Synod Weekly Announcements February 1, 2021

Happening in the Synod

Worship Service [available here!](#)

Lutheran Campus Ministry students from MSU in Bozeman, MT, have produced a zoom worship service for congregational use. The worship service highlights how we, as God's people, are called to break down barriers in order to love and serve one and all. Please let us know if you utilize this service.

We pray it will be a blessing to you. Thank you for your prayer, financial, and congregational support for LCM at MSU! Questions? Please call Pastor Kathie, ELCA Campus Pastor at MSU-406-890-1299.

[Bulletin Download](#)

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](#), Director for Evangelical Mission, for more information.



Spirit of the Rockies (Fridays in



February Book Study:

One Coin

Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins by Rev.

Emmy Kegler, ELCA

(Sunday nights 7:30-

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 meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?pwd=YlloQVBWUVRdS9ERE9vbk5FcVJLQTo9>

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 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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85943586677?pwd=YlloQVBWUVRdS9ERE9vbk5FcVJLQTo9>



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.montanasynd.org/nrit.html>

Look for a worship service available for Transfiguration Sunday, presented by our Lutheran Camps, coming soon!

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.



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)

Spring Environmental Education Field Day

Saturday, April 10th, 2021 10am - 4pm

\$25 / student / \$12/adult chaperone - includes lunch!

Join us for a day of fun and learning at FLBC! Learn more about the world around you and enjoy the fun activities camp offers at our Environmental Education Field Day.

Visit <https://flbc.net/field-trip/> to learn more and register.

Memorial Day Family Retreat & Work Weekend

May 28-31, 2021

FREE! Registration still required :-)

Come have a fun weekend and help FLBC get ready for summer!

Christikon Clips



February, 2021

Information for our Congregations

Christikon Youth Camp Brochures have been mailed to every young person in your congregation who are completing grades 4-12.

Save by registering before March 15. Additional brochures are available from your church office.

Family.Adult Brochures will be out soon. Watch for yours in the mail or at your church.

Do it online! You can use the Internet to register for all camp sessions at Christikon, or to make a gift, or to find out more about this special ministry. Go to www.christikon.org.

Save the dates: The Annual Christikon Benefit Auction at the Billings Depot is coming on Sunday, April 18th. Watch for updates on our website.

The past year was dominated by pandemic, masks, and uncertainty yet we were thankful for the opportunity to do ministry. We safely held camp sessions, although challenging, all our effort ended up providing a powerful experience for those who attended camp. Our plans for the 2021 season are going forward and we look forward to again welcoming all! Watch for updates on our website.

**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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