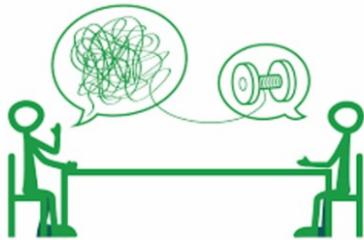




Montana Synod Weekly Announcements March 21, 2022

Coach's Corner



Coaching has a long history, rooted in high-performance fields such as athletics and arts. Today, *many* professionals, including business, non-profit, and government leaders, work with a coach.

Ministry leaders haven't always had the same support—until *now*.

A coach *provides a safe place* to discuss any kind of issue—personal, calls, or congregational.

A coach can help *gain awareness* beyond what seems obvious. When we are in emotional places we can't always see alternative solutions.

A coach can work with you to *gain deeper insights* into conflicts and other stressful situations.

As a professional bring your best to the situations you face.

Confidentiality is assured.

Find out more:

<https://www.montanasynod.org/coaching-in-the-montana-synod.html>

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Montana Jewish Project presents:

Passover and Easter: An
Imaginative Journey
Montana Jews and Christians in
Conversation

Rabbi Mark Kula
currently serves Jewish
communities around the West.

Rev. Jessica Crist
retired Bishop of the Montana
Synod of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America.

Sunday, April 3,
2022
4-5pm MT

Virtual on zoom
Register at:
<https://bit.ly/PassoverMJP>



Paul's letter to the Philippians calls on us to reflect on the transformational power of Jesus Christ. We have the greatest delight in hearing stories about Christ's transformations in the lives of our guys and the staff at Montana State Prison, and, also, in the lives of our supporters. Through these stories Paul reminds us we are the undeserving recipients of Christ's actions, citizens of heaven through the transforming power of Jesus Christ in our life. During these days of Lent, share your story of Christ's transforming love and power with a friend, a neighbor, or someone open to listening. What is your story or stories of transformation through the power of Jesus Christ?

The above is an adaptation of a daily devotion found in the 2022 Lenten Devotional, "My Song is Love Unknown," written by faculty at Luther Seminary. As I read it, it reminded me of Freedom in Christ's mission statement: Transforming lives at Montana State Prison through the power and presence of Jesus Christ. For eleven years we have been privileged to walk beside our guys and help guide them in their faith journey. And you, our supporters, have been with us every step of the way! Thank you for being here for us and for the guys.

During this Lent season, we would like to invite congregations to join us in the faith journey walk by having a special "Freedom in Christ" day and pass the collection plate to allow us to continue walk with our guys and create more stories. We can join in via Zoom to be present to share stories and answer

questions about the ministry.

During Lent, our board members will be calling our donors, mainly to just say hi and thank you for your support. As you know, we've been undergoing a major review and reorganization process for the last year. We'd like to ask you to join us in the process and answer a few questions during the phone call to allow us to get to know you better. The questions will also give you the opportunity to be open and honest with us on how you think we are doing. We know we have much to improve upon and your thoughts can really help us.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts. You all mean the world to this ministry and our guys. If you have any questions, or just want to visit, you can contact me at 406.559.6800 or bea@ficprisonministry.com. You can reach Pastor Rob at pastorrob@ficprisonministry.com.

Bea Rosenleaf, Executive Director

Report to the Bishop Reminder

Pastoral leaders! Please remember to fill out your report to the Bishop!
You can [find the form here](#)



“LAMENT & LAUGHTER” A RETREAT BY KOGUDUS RENEWAL MINISTRY

Are you in need of some R & R...a welcome break from being cooped up, socially isolated, and restricted from the past two years of the pandemic? A “Lament & Laughter” retreat may be just what the Great Physician is offering you! Please join us for a refreshing and spiritually invigorating Friday evening and Saturday get-away April 29 and 30 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Missoula. There will be small group Bible study, singing, sharing, worshipping, and joke telling. Kogudus Renewal Ministry is the sponsor. The word, “Kogudus”, means Christian fellowship; and that is what people experience at our events. Friendships are fostered; and the love of Christ is celebrated.

“Lament & Laughter” connects the basic human need to lament (i.e. to mourn losses) with another human need to rejoice (i.e. to express thanks and praise for blessings). The theme verse is “Weep with those who weep, rejoice with those who rejoice” (Romans 12:15). When we feel free to share our sorrows and our joys with fellow Christians, friendships are deepened and our bond in Christ is strengthened. When our losses are viewed in light of Christ’s suffering and death on the cross, they can take on deeper meaning and purpose. When our joys are connected to our Lord’s resurrection from the dead, they can become even more significant as well!

Please invite a friend to join you. Register below and email or snail-mail to Rev. Greg Karlsgott, 2622 Grassland Dr., Missoula, MT or gk@kogudus.org. You may reach me by phone at 406-544-1699 for more details. The retreat will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, begin again at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, and end

that evening at 7:00. You may also visit this website for more information regarding Kogudus Renewal Ministry and its history: www.kogudus.org.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Greg Karlsgodt
Executive Director of Kogudus Renewal Ministry

[Click here to download the registration form](#)



Time to register for the Chico Hot Springs Pastoral Conference!

[Click here](#) to go to the registration page and to find out speaker and registration info, as well as instructions on how to make sure you have a room at Chico!

You will need to reserve your room at Chico separately from the conference registration!
Room reservations can be [made here](#).

Nadia Bolz-Weber Lecture

April 6, 2022, 7pm
Petro Hall of the MSUB Student Union Building
Billings, MT

Sponsored by United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings, MSUB Women and Gender Studies, and the Rocky Mountain College's Wheatley Lectures, the Rev. Bolz-Weber will present on her book *Shameless: A Sexual Reformation* which reminds us that sexual flourishing can and should be for all genders, all bodies, and all humans. Methodist Bishop Karen Oliveto will be hosting a conversation with Rev. Bolz-Weber following the presentation and a Q&A will follow along with a book signing. Copies of *Shameless* will be sold by the MSUB Bookstore. Tickets to the event are free.

Please register here: https://billingsgrace.breezechms.com/form/nadiabolz-weberlecture?fbclid=IwAR3vrw-r3b2njCdh2AqeB8cd_mzV4TJJoMuMooPTJvkASCiyh63j34if64Bo

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Christikon Benefit Auction

*"The Ministry
Speaks For Itself"*

Sunday, April 24th 4-7pm
The Billings Depot

Live Auction begins at 5:30pm
\$20 admission - Tickets at the door

Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by
TopNotch Catering
Beer and wine available for purchase

Proceeds support
the outdoor youth ministries of
Christikon Bible Camp

Go to www.christikon.org for details.

Online auction begins April 22nd and closes at the end of live auction on April 24th



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St. John's United Family Services invites families to learn more about adoption and our program eligibility.



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