



Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Montana Synod Weekly Announcements March 22, 2021

Attention: Pastors and Church staff:

A Devotional for the Easter season which will include reflections from the Bishop and Synod staff, Pastors and LPAs will be available to download and print out for individual use, for members in congregations, or for download to include in social media, by Tuesday of Holy Week (Mar. 30th). Make plans now about how you will share these reflections with your congregation. The daily devotion will also be posted on the Synod's Facebook page – please considering sharing from that, too. This will be a way for all in the Montana Synod to join together, reflecting on God's grace and love revealed to us in the risen Savior.

[2021 Montana Synod Assembly Registration](#)

Registration will close April 15th

"Equipping Ministry for Change"

...Equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

Ephesians 4:12

The 2021 Montana Synod Assembly will be held as a virtual meeting June 4-5.

Tutorials will be available to help voting members with participation.

Please only register if you are a voting member nominated by your congregation!

[Click here for the Assembly registration link!](#)

Multiple voting members can be registered at the same time when you click on the form. Please note, there will be no physical registration or physical payment allowed this year. Please insure that each individual voting member has their own unique email address and has the ability to

check it regularly.

There will be no visitor registrations this year; the assembly will be streamed on Youtube, so any non-voting individuals can watch there.

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If you have any questions about the registration process email:
cmccarty@montanasynod.org



Take A First Step in Growing Generosity! From FLBC and Christikon

Is your congregation experiencing growth, stability, or decline in generosity? Are you wondering who will lead generosity in the next generation? Have you considered or implemented new strategies over the last year? Do you need inspiration for inspiring generosity in the years ahead?

You are invited to a **free**, three-part, online education series provided by Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and Christikon in partnership with the Montana Synod. All are welcome! A great opportunity for stewardship committees, Pastors, SAMS, and all interested adults!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87658985117?pwd=eWooY3ZaNkdZRdVaRkZjRDRKZ1NYZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 5898 5117

Passcode: 986922

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Inspiring Generosity Today

Monday March 8th, 4:30-5:30 PM

Why Do People Give? Trends and Driving Forces in U.S. Generosity

[**Watch the first session here!**](#)

Monday March 15th, 4:30-5:30 PM Zoom

Annual Stewardship: Planning for and creating annual stewardship efforts that grow generosity

Monday March 22nd, 4:30-5:30 PM Zoom

Stewardship For All Seasons: Exploring the other seasons of stewardship in the life of congregations their impact on giving

These sessions are designed for congregational leaders, rostered and lay. They will build upon each other, but recording will be available if you are not able to attend all sessions.

Region 1 Boundaries Training

May 18 & 20, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

Presented online via Zoom

Rostered leaders serving in the synods of Region 1 are invited to participate in boundaries training, led by Pastor Grant Barnett Christenson and Pastor Lynne Ogren of the Montana Synod. The topics covered use FaithTrust Institute's 201 course materials.



Day One sets the foundation of good boundaries with three sessions:

The Joy of Boundaries

Power and Vulnerability

Living with Healthy Boundaries: Self-Care

Day two will look more specifically at concerns related to:

Living with Healthy Boundaries: Internet Technology

Living with Healthy Boundaries: Social Media

Register for one or both days through Northern Rockies Institute of Theology of the Montana

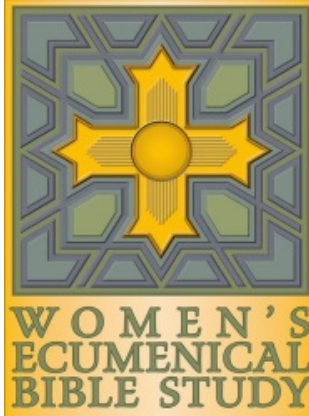
Synod at <https://www.montanasynod.org/nrit.html>

Day 1: \$30 Day 2: \$30 Both days: \$50

3 Contact hours of continuing education per day. (6 hours for both days)

For questions on registration, contact Jenny Kunka, Director of NRIT: j.kunka@nrit.org

For questions on course content, contact Lynne Ogren: lynneogren@gmail.com or Grant Barnett Christenson: grant@ctkbozeman.org



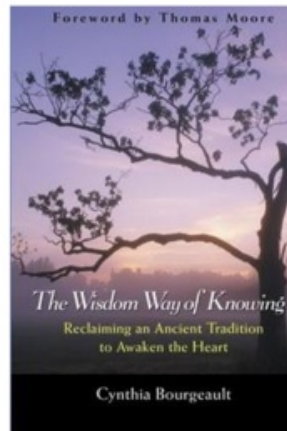
WEBS 2021 SPRING BOOK STUDY W/ SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Cynthia Bourgeault's
The Wisdom Way of Knowing:
Reclaiming an Ancient Tradition to Awaken the Heart

April 5 - May 24, 2021

Mondays: 9:30-10:45 a.m. via Zoom

For Zoom link email
contact: Rev. Valerie Webster, facilitator
vwebster587@gmail.com



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.

Keep your eyes open for more information coming to you soon about FLBC's backpacking trip with Bishop Jungling, taking place August 22-26, 2021!

We hope to see you online at the free, online educational series on "Inspiring Generosity Today!" March 8th, March 15th, and March 22nd. [Click here to learn more](#)



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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) Register online or by contacting the FLBC office.

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



March, 2021

Information for our Congregations

Christikon is an extension your congregation's ministry.

Bus Attendants needed for 2021 – Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with youth on their way to Christikon? Yes?

Please call Kerry in the office at 406-656-1969 or email at secretary@christikon.org for details. It

pays a daily rate as well!

We are grateful for a successful season in 2020 and registration is open for 2021.

We are thankful for the chance to have camp again this summer!

Don't miss out on the Early Registration Discount for youth campers: Register by April 1st and save \$25 in any youth session. If you don't have the camp brochure mailed to you, pick one up at the church, or register online.

Adults and families: In lieu of brochures this year check out the special focus for each of the family/adult weekends next summer at Christikon: work projects, faith formation, and Bible study will be woven together with worship, meal fellowship, recreation, folk dancing, former staff reunion and much more. Check out camping for adults and families online at www.christikon.org.

**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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