



Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Montana Synod Weekly Announcements March 29, 2021

The Synod office will be closed Maunday Thursday and Good Friday

Montana Synod Devotion for the Easter Season is Ready to be Distributed in Your Congregation

Leaders and pastors in the Montana Synod have written reflections for Easter Season Devotions that are now available for congregations to print to distribute to people in congregations or to prepare to share on the Congregations' web site or Facebook page.

The document is available [here as a PDF link](#). It is also available to download on the Montana Synod website. It prints out well as a bifold booklet, IF your printer has that capability. Otherwise, it will print with each page being 8 1/2 x 11 in size.

If you prefer to post each day's devotion on your congregation's Facebook page, you can do that from the Synod's website or share it from the Synod's Facebook page.

Congregations and leaders are encouraged to share this as a way in which the whole Synod is growing together as we are "equipped for ministry."

Please contact Candi in the Synod office if you have questions about how to print the document. Please contact Colter if you have questions about how to share the devotions electronically.

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

Good Friday Worship and Resources

We welcome you to this Good Friday service, shared with you by the bishops of Region 1 of the ELCA. You are encouraged to find a comfortable place to sit, light a candle, warm oil or burn incense. Because this service is pre-recorded, you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you choose. It is our prayer that this time set aside on this holiest of days will remind you not just the price paid for our redemption, but the vastness of the love that was willing to accept that cost. Gather, knowing that others from all over our region gather with you to wait, watch, and pray.

Bishops of Region 1

- 1A: Bishop Shelley Wickstrom, *Alaska Synod*
- 1B: Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, *NW Washington Synod*
- 1C: Bishop Rick Jaech, *SW Washington Synod*
- 1D: Bishop Kristen Kuempel, *NW Intermountain Synod*
- 1E: Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar, *Oregon Synod*
- 1F: Bishop Laurie Jungling, *Montana Synod*

Musicians for this Service

- Rev. Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop for the Montana Synod
- Rev. Kim Peterson, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Choteau MT

[Download the bulletin here](#)

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/BddpDIaLzkY>

Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1buKu3g_IEURQc92kFB5pstKrF6q-u4DZ/view?usp=sharing



United Theological College of the West Indies

Invites applicants for the following short course

Certificate in Gender and Leadership in Church Society

PURPOSE?

This course proposes that leadership competence transcends gender and that people of any gender and sexual orientation together, appropriately qualified and trained can provide quality leadership in church and community towards disciple-making.

The programme is relevant and will challenge participants to interrogate practices and beliefs which exclude women from leadership and encourage them to envision and work towards an alternative reality of a partnership of equals.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Ministerial students preparing for ordination.
- Lay leadership in congregations
- Graduates of UTCWI and other theological institutions - clergy and lay.

Duration of Course: 9 Weeks

Start Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 pm (Jamaican time)

 **APPLY NOW**

CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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WEBSITE - www.utcwi.edu.jm | CONNECT WITH US - @utcwiconnect



Thanks to all who joined the Synod, FLBC, and Christikon for the Stewardship Series! If you missed it, here are links to the recordings of the Zoom presentation"

Recording from March 8th (session 1):

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/BQhld98RaAt_Gr5un6RVDdJ_mtOD4OJp1uQBgKRpvu3y3IPGFKcGUQ3jjQtsoQH1.QJaxb8YLTEWEfReG

Recording from March 15th (session 2)

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/j4NPn3qN3NgByavfv484neaWYXj4qotK3m1mX5Io6WmPYj4Hk7Vi3omjZPd8pMle.VC-oL_7hyw8omX1M

Passcode: tpFY&UX5

Recording from March 22nd (session 3):

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/xC5l4UjBz_84TNW7943upSN38YSRcmaCl7ABrDfXYQWeHgovOMtt3tIGnvXYzlk.IFf_Ljn9EebBJlos

Contact carlee@flbc.net if you would like a PDF of just the slideshow. Thanks!

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.montanasynd.org/nrit.html>

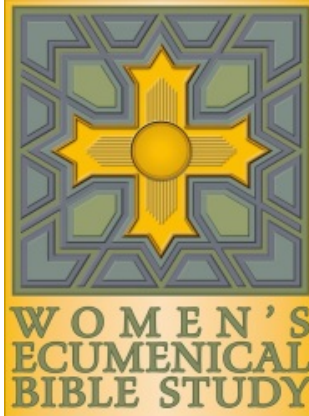
Day 1: \$30 Day 2: \$30 Both days: \$50

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





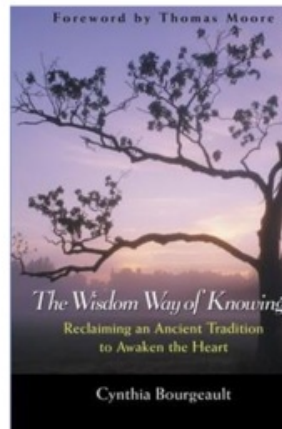
WEBS 2021 SPRING BOOK STUDY W/ SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

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.

BACKPACKING WITH THE BISHOP!

Join FLBC Staff and Bishop Laurie Jungling for a backpacking trip through the Jewel Basin, August 22 - 26. Find more information at <https://flbc.net/backpackingwiththebishop/>



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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 by April 4th!

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 9th, 2021

\$25/adult | \$18/ages 5-14 | Free/4 & under

Celebrate Mother's Day on the lake! 3 settings are available: 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30pm. Contact FLBC to register by May 1st!

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!

Women's Retreat

June 11 - 13, 2021

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

Join us for a weekend of rejuvenation, fellowship and fun! Pastor Miriam Schmidt (Big Sky, MT) will lead us through the theme "Saying No, Saying Yes - A Spiritual Practice"

Christikon Clips



March, 2021

Information for our Congregations

Christikon is an extension your congregation's ministry.

Christikon Benefit Auction is approaching – Our auction will be on facebook beginning April 6th and completing on April 13th.

The link to our page is

<https://www.facebook.com/Christikonbenefitauction>

Share this link with all your friends!

Watch for sneak peeks and plan to join the friendly

bidding to support Christikon'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, re-creation, 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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