Montana Synod Weekly Announcements
April 18, 2022

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

On behalf of my colleagues on the ELCA Worship team, we bring you greetings in this Eastertide. We rejoice in the triumph of life over death and sing praise for the new creation in Christ.

Even when rejoicing, the prayer of God’s people never ceases, especially for all in need. If you are seeking prayers or other resources related to the war in Ukraine, ELCA Worship has published a set of resources to respond to the crisis and are available as a PDF or Word document.

A late-March blog post includes a thanksgiving for baptism and an Eastertide lament by liturgical scholar and writer Gail Ramshaw. These texts hold in tension the joy of the resurrection with the reality of violence and suffering in our world.

Weekly prompts for prayers of intercession on the ELCA Worship blog continue to provide timely prompts for prayer that can be adapted as needed for your context.

We pray and sing, praise and lament, trusting the power of the Risen One with love unbounded. Easter blessings!

In peace,
Deacon Jennifer Baker-Trinity
Program Manager, Worship Resource Development

Chico Update
Friends,

Unfortunately one of our speakers, Karoline Lewis from Luther Seminary reached out over the weekend and has come down with Covid. She is doing OK, but not great, and won't be able to join us. Please keep her in your prayers.

In a quick turn, I am going to offer in-depth conversations called:

**Barely Christian and Deeply Engaged:** Reflections from the edges of Church and conversations about death and new life and our future together.

Led by Pastor John Lund and friends from Emmaus Campus Ministry and the Confluence leadership team in Missoula.

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**The time has come to register for the Montana Synod Assembly!**

**Friday, June 3, 2022 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 4, 2022 ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Billings Hotel and Convention Center - 1223 Mullowney Lane, Billings, MT - 406-248-7151**

The Montana Synod Assembly theme this year is, "Equipping for the Gospel" and will be held over two days, June 3-4 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Please be aware that all attendees are responsible for their own room reservations. Call the hotel at: 406-248-7151 and reference the Montana Synod Assembly.

**Room Block (Expires May 12, 2022)**

We will be having our assembly in person this year! A live stream will be provided but there will be NO online voting. All voting members will need to be present in order to cast their votes.

As per the Assembly Rules:

**Addendum to the 2022 Assembly Rules**

All voting members and visitors will be expected to be fully vaccinated (except for medical reasons) as defined by CDC guidelines at the time of the Synod Assembly. Alternatively, a negative test the day before arrival will be acceptable. Monitoring will be done on the honor system, and each attendee will be trusted to make their own decisions in the spirit of Christ's ongoing call to us to love our neighbor and seek their health and well-being.

**Masks will be optional unless circumstances arise that will again require us to wear masks while gathering. The Yellowstone County Health Department and the CDC guidelines will be consulted for recommendations one week before the date of the assembly and a final determination regarding mask use will be made then.**

**Approved by Synod Council 3/12/2022**

**A few things to remember before registering:**
- Have all information needed to register beforehand including Name, email, physical address, and any meal requirements for each person registering.

- Carefully read all options available before registering, make sure to select the appropriate option for your registration.

- An individual email is required for each person.

- All payments are online only.

- If prompted for a country code at the address portion of the registration, enter the number 1.

- There will be **NO in person registration** at the assembly. All voting members **Must** be registered before the registration cut off date of May 24th.

- There is **no need** to print the tickets generated by Tithely. You will receive your registration packet in person at the assembly.

- Any questions should be directed to Colter McCarty: cmccarty@montanasynod.org

**Register for the 2022 Montana Synod Assembly Here**

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**A Concert for the People of Ukraine**

St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral presents

with Grandstreet Theatre
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
St. John's Lutheran Church

College Theatre (http://carroll.edu/activities.../theatre-productions), and the Montana Jewish Project (montanajewishproject.com).

Proceeds will benefit the People of Ukraine.
General Admission - minimum donation of $25
Tickets available at St. Peter’s Cathedral office and at the door.
A VIP reception will follow each performance. Please join us to meet the talented artists who are generously donating their time and talents.

[Click here for more event registration information](#)

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**Region 1 WELCA Gathering**
**Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp**
Workshop leader – Prairie Rose Seminole

Prairie Rose Seminole (Sahnish/Arikara, Northern Cheyenne) will be leading three workshops on Saturday. Prairie Rose is currently engaged as the Indigenous Fellowship recipient with the National Parks Conservation Association. Along with this fellowship through 2024, she is involved with building Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion curriculum with Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Seminole resides in, and has been involved in the ND political landscape over 20 years and has served in appointed public office - dedicated to building inclusive movement, shifting the balance of power to create real positive change for Indigenous people and communities. Seminole most recently served as the American Indian Alaska Native Program Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Seminole continues to serve within the Church and around the United States as an educator and advocate, deconstructing colonial systems of oppression, and establishing restorative practices building community.

For full event details and registration information click here

Boundaries Workshops (Via Zoom)

Led by Pr. Lynne Ogren
For Montana Synod Pastors and LPAs

May 5th – Foundations of Healthy Boundaries: Healthy boundaries in the life of ministry serve as a gift both to those we serve and to ourselves. This course is intended for people who have not attended a boundaries workshop before. Those needing a refresher are also welcome.

May 12th - Revisiting Healthy Boundaries: This course is for those who have been in
ministry for some time and have attended boundaries workshops in the past. More time will be given to topics and situations from participants' personal experiences.

Choose only one day. Class will be held from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.
3 Contact Hours of Continuing Education.
Cost: $25

Sign up by clicking on the NRIT logo on the Montana Synod home page. Scroll down to find the class you are choosing.

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FLBC is hiring for 2022 Summer Staff!

We are looking for a few more people to be a part of our awesome team of staff to make Summer 2022 amazing! We are looking for faith-filled, hard-working, and kind-hearted individuals to join our team. Visit https://flbc.net/employment/ to learn more and to apply! People ages 16+ are invited to apply for a variety of positions such as camp counselors, support staff, and more! Can you encourage one person you know - in your congregation, community, a neighbor, a friend of a friend - to apply to work at FLBC?
Save the Date - May 5 & 6

We thank YOU for participating in our upcoming virtual fundraising event -

GIVE BIG GALLATIN VALLEY
May 5-6 from 6pm to 6pm

Your gift will empower and equip our students to grow in faith, develop leadership skills, and compassionately engage in the world around them.

We are grateful for your partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ!

LCM Students and Board Members

Lutherans in the news

Billings church sees full Easter service for the first time since the COVID-19
— In Billings there was no shortage of churches holding services on Easter Sunday, but at Atonement Lutheran Church in the Heights the service was packed for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This felt like we’re starting to come back to life again around here. We had the most people we’ve had in this place since 2019 Easter,” said Kristen LaVe, worship director for Atonement Lutheran.

Read the full article here