



Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Montana Synod Weekly Announcements April 19, 2021



ELCA World Hunger

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ELCA World Hunger's Daily Bread Matching Grants support congregations and their partners as they work

toward a just world where all are fed. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations with feeding ministries are eligible to participate. In this round, approximately 50 grants are available to eligible ministries.

If your congregation sponsors a feeding ministry, please reach out to Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, Director for Evangelical Mission for the Montana Synod for assistance to apply for the Daily Bread Matching Grant.

The Grant process opens on April 26th, and is only open until May 7th, so timing is important. If your application is approved, you will be able to invite your congregation, networks and friends to donate to kickstart your campaign, and the funds you raise will be matched by ELCA World Hunger with a grant of \$500.



To Pastors and Leaders in Congregations:

Please consider how your congregation might reach out to people who are not connected to you congregation as you shift into the post-covid time. Grant applications will be submitted beginning April 21st. If you have questions about an idea, please reach out to Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, at pplleuzinger@montanasynod.org for encouragement and support!

Dear friends in ministry,

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, you have served your communities with compassion and creativity, even as physical distancing changed the way we worship and meet. With vaccinations becoming available to more of the population, we look forward to gathering with our congregations in physical spaces again

soon. What might the Spirit have in store?

Beginning April 21, your congregation is invited to apply for an [Open Doors](#) grant to support your ministries as we resume in-person worship and gatherings.

- How can we meet new people, especially as we crave community following a time of unprecedented isolation?
- How might we stay connected with people who have not visited our church buildings but joined us online?
- As we adjust to post-pandemic life, how can we create new ideas to meet the changing needs of our communities?

Have an idea? Grant applications will open on April 21 at [ELCA.org/OpenDoors](https://www.elca.org/OpenDoors).

Any ELCA congregation can apply for grant funding with a specific and actionable idea for how its ministry might enable members to meet new people while regathering in community as COVID-19 considerations allow.

As we resume in-person gatherings we are not simply reclaiming our physical worship space. We are being reclaimed by God and one another in the Spirit as we return to physical community. As people freed by the gift of God's love and grace, how might we share that gift with others who might need it, too? Open doors invite us in to gather, and open doors send us out to meet our neighbors.

[Learn More](#)

Singing Plains, Calling Mountains

An Original Liturgy from the MT Synod Changing Climate Task Force



Dearest Colleagues, are you tired of teaching all about bread? Remember, this is Year B and we who follow the RCI have 6 weeks on bread toward the end of August. What if the Climate Change Task Force gave you a fully built liturgy, sermons (or sermon guidance), videos, new songs, and new prayers all geared toward Creation Care that you could sub – in during that 6 week cycle? During this workshop, the Task Force will provide an introduction to the new liturgy, have a text study on the chosen scriptures, and provide an update on what the Task Force is currently doing.

Date: April 29

Time: 5-8pm MST.

Cost: \$25 (includes access to the liturgy after the class)

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



Christikon Auction Goes Online

April 6-13 on Facebook

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

Like our page and share it with your friends! Watch for sneak peeks!

The annual **Christikon Benefit Auction – Quilts, Vacation Get-aways, and a Whole Lot More** begins on Tuesday April 6th and runs through April 13th. Items are some of the finest artistry including a variety of hand-made quilts, art work, gift baskets, Big

Sky Condo, Murray Hotel Weekend, Big Sky Golf, jewelry and so much more. The auction will most definitely look different this year so join us on facebook and support Christikon's ministry and enjoy the friendly competitive bidding.

Youth Campers: Our Early Registration Discount has been extended to April 15th!
You've got time to get registered!

Christikon is celebrating its 70th year! Don't forget to register for one of our many sessions available this summer! **How about Work Weekend?** Bring your family and enjoy camp/fellowship and more while helping to prepare camp for the season! We look forward to welcoming you to camp! Go to www.christikon.org and find your session!

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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