



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements May 16, 2022

**There will be NO in person registrations
at the assembly!**

Only 8 days left to register!

**[Click here to register before the May 24th
registration deadline](#)**

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 Mallowney Lane, Billings, MT - 406-248-7151

Friday offerings will be split between the Lutheran Campus Ministries, Emmaus and MSU.

Saturday offerings will be split between First Call and The Montana Jewish Project.

The Montana Synod Assembly theme this year is, "Equipping for the Gospel" and will be held over two days, June 3-4 at the Billing 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.*

There will be no physical packets to pick up this year! All assembly material will be available online previous to the start of the assembly. If you are a Voting Member at the assembly, make sure to regularly check the [Montana Synod website](#) for up to date information and to bookmark the page on whichever device or browser you'll have with you at the assembly.

If you would like physical copies of the material, make sure to print it out beforehand. Check with your fellow voting members before the assembly to make sure everyone has what they need before making the trip to Billings.

Register for the 2022 Montana Synod Assembly Here

Newsletter Keeping in Mind Global Mission in South America. May 2022



Dear siblings and friends:

The season of Easter is a time to highlight our baptism connected to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter good news transforms our lives, and we receive the gift of new life. Alleluia! Christ is risen! ¡Aleluya, Cristo ha resucitado!

Please, find attached my newsletter "Keeping in Mind Global Mission in South America" – May 2022. The newsletter reports short updates about the global mission in South America. The relationship is at the heart of accompaniment; prayer is its driving force.

I am very grateful for your support and prayers

Peace and grace.

Gustavo

[Download the full newsletter here](#)

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Job Opening in the Montana Synod Office

We are sad to announce that Candi Standall will be resigning to move to Memphis, Tennessee to be closer to family at the end of June.

Therefore we are opening up applications for our Office Administrator position! If interested, please download the full application below and mail to the synod office or email:

cstandall@montanasynod.org

Open Position: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Full-time, hourly + benefits

Interviewing is expected to begin May 2, 2022.

Start date: June 13, 2022 (at the earliest)

Accepting Applications until the position is filled.

Position Description:

The Office Administrator for the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is an integral part of the synod staff team whose primary responsibilities involve the day-to-day activities within an office environment including answering phone calls and email, maintaining paper and on-line filing systems, organizing synod events, maintaining a contacts database and a variety of front office reception tasks.

[Click here to download the full job posting and application information](#)

May Faith and Community Based Services Newsletter

FROM THE FCBS COORDINATOR

Last week at dinner, my 16-year-old son asked me what it is I ACTUALLY do in my new job. Apparently my past responses to his inquiries in which I told him I meet with people across Montana did not satisfy his intrigue. So, this time I took the opportunity to dive further with my response. I gave him an example of meeting with a faith based treatment facility who asked about volunteer opportunities for their residents such as yard work or gardening for elderly. I had another organization articulate a need for faith communities interested in helping with a bedroom update for a newly acquired facility to house survivors

of human trafficking. And in a third community, a pastor asked what messaging he should use in a memorial service for a community member who had completed suicide to avoid blame and encourage those struggling to seek help. In summary, my role is to find out what churches and community organizations need, and then help connect them to the resources they need. This answer must have sufficed, because the next question he asked was if he could go to his friend's house.

Do you have a program or activity you would like to implement, but need resources, ideas or volunteers? Do you have a question about a health related topic impacting your community and need resources? Reach out and let me know how I can help you find and connect with the resources you need to carry out your human service missions.

Finally, please note, all information, resources and links shared in this newsletter and on the website can be copied and used in your own communications with your congregations and organizations. The contents of this publication serve as a tool for each of you to serve the people in your communities.

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[Download the full newsletter here](#)

FLBC Youth Weekend with the Synod Staff

July 15-17, 2022

Leaders: Bishop Laurie Jungling, Pastor Jason Asselstine & FLBC staff

\$75 / person ~ Register by July 1st, 2022!

Missed going to the youth gathering? Join us for a Montana Synod + FLBC retreat. Learn about how BOUNDLESS God is through Bible study with small groups, worship, low ropes, service projects, and much more! Choice options include: high ropes, swimming, pottery, boating, disc golf, escape room, archery and more. Meet youth from around the MT synod and beyond. Led by Bishop Laurie Jungling, Pastor Jason Asselstine, and FLBC staff.

\$75 per person. Camperships are available! This retreat is for High School aged youth (entering 9th grade in Fall 2022 through H.S. class of '22 grads) and chaperones. **Youth must be accompanied by an adult 25+.** We suggest one adult per 8 youth. Housing in cabins and wall tents.

Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15 pm on Friday (check-in is from 5–6pm) and ends around 12PM on Sunday (10am brunch and 11am worship)

Call our office at 406-752-6602 if you have any questions!



Lament & Laughter Kogodus retreat in Missoula

These 20 siblings in Christ took part in a "Lament & Laughter" Kogodus retreat at St. Paul Lutheran

Church in Missoula April 29-30, 2022. They represented 8 different Montana communities: Baker, Great Falls, Helena, Deer Lodge, Lolo, Florence, Hamilton, and Missoula. This gathering included presentations on Lament and Laughter i.e. connecting our losses to the cross and our joys to the resurrection, small and large group sharing, a communion service, a healing service, singing, and joke telling. The participants expressed their appreciation to be able to meet in person with fellow Christians after the long isolation caused by the pandemic.



Two Kogodus retreats are being planned for the fall: one in Hamilton and the other at Montana State Prison outside of Deer Lodge. The MSP retreat will feature a brand-new curriculum, "Blessed to be a Blessing". It will focus on stewardship - especially financial stewardship. Please contact Rev. Greg Karlsgodt for more information if you would like to take part in any Kogodus events. He may be reached at 406-544-1699 or gk@kogodus.org.

The Kogodus Renewal Ministry motto and prayer is "COME, HOLY SPIRIT! REVIVE YOUR CHURCH! BEGIN WITH ME!"

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