



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements July 17, 2023

Rev. Louise Christensen Memorial Service information

Visitation

Visitation will be on Tuesday July 18, 2023 from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT.

A Friends and Family service will be held Tuesday July 18, 2023 at 5:00 P.M at the Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, MT.

Louise's Memorial Service will be livestreamed [directly on this page](#).

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home of Sidney, MT is assisting the family.

Service

Celebration of Life Services will be Wednesday July 19, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview, MT with Pastor Tim O'Shields officiating.



FAITH OVER FEAR

Welcoming Our Muslim Neighbors

BOZEMAN MONTANA

October 5, 2023

A training and celebratory dinner for people of faith to be allies to our Muslim Neighbors, and others in our communities.



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER, VISIT:
MontanaSynod.org/nrit.html

During this training you will:

- Build stronger local multi-religious networks
- Improve skills and confidence to speak against anti-Muslim/anti-other rhetoric & discrimination
- Increase community discussions to effectively counter anti-Muslim & other discrimination

Participants are eligible for 6 CEUs through NRIT



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER
Standing with American Muslims. Advancing American Ideals.



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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TO
the tAble

BE

MYLE
Young Adult Gathering

The ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering will be held in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024. Prior to the Gatherings, there are 2 other options: MYLE (Multicultural Youth Leadership Event) and the tAble (open to youth who are ages 14-18 or are engaged in a high school youth group or are enrolled in high school or the vocational education equivalent). Priority registration for these events begins

Sept. 15. The ELCA Youth Gathering has three different brackets for registration:

Priority Registration (Sept. 15–Nov. 1, 2023): \$375

Regular Registration (Nov. 2, 2023–Feb. 14, 2024): \$425

Late Registration (Feb. 15–April 15, 2024): \$475

MYLE and the tAble have a registration fee of \$190; however, thanks to a generous donor, that fee will be waived for the first 1,000 people to register for MYLE and the first 200 people to register for the tAble.

A \$150 nonrefundable, per-person deposit is due at time of registration for the Gathering and Young Adult Gathering and must be paid within the registration rate you expect to pay.

Please note that hotel, meals and travel costs are not included in this registration fee. For more information please visit the [Congregational Registration](#) page.

Participants register as congregational groups, with one adult serving as the primary adult leader. The primary adult leader is the organizer for the group, receiving communications from the Gathering about housing, payments and any other relevant information. Once your congregation has registered, please contact Pastor Brenda at bfrelsi@montanasynod.org She will be working to organize transportation for all congregations that wish to travel together (this is not required, but adds to the community building of the experience).

For more information, go to <https://www.elca.church/gathering>



Enhancing Worship with Art: Music, Design, Visual Elements and Themes

Led by Pr. Julie Long

-September 9th, 10:00am to 3:30pm at [New Hope Lutheran in Great Falls](#)

-September 23rd, 10:00am to 3:30pm at [Zion Lutheran in Glendive](#)

-October 7th, 10:00am to 3:30pm at [Northridge Lutheran in Kalispell](#)

\$25

All are welcome to come, learn and share ideas for music, liturgy and enhancing



church spaces to emphasize worship and sermon themes. This workshop will involve singing a variety of songs and liturgies from “Evangelical Lutheran Worship”, “All Creation Sings” as well as from other resources and composers. In addition to music, ideas will be presented using our senses to enhance worship spaces to highlight seasonal and sermon themes included in the Revised Common Lectionary and Narrative Lectionary. Led by retired pastor Julie Long.

Join us at
**ELEA Innovative Leadership Summit:
Developing the Leader Within**
October 27-29, 2023

[Register](#)

ELEA Innovative Leadership Summit is intense training for leaders of ELCA Schools and Learning Centers who are interested in building a network for themselves, developing new skills and innovative strategies, and re-inspiring passion for your mission. *We encourage Pastors and Administrators to attend together and will offer ways to connect if that is not possible.* [View our program guide \(draft\)](#)

Date/Time

Our program will begin on October 27th at 1:00 pm. There will be an early-bird welcome on October 26th for those arriving early. Our program will conclude on October 29th by Noon. Please schedule travel accordingly.

Fees/Admission

This event is offered at a rate of \$375/person. This fee covers a multitude of engaging workshop offerings, Saturday Lunch, and breaks as well as resources, panelist time, and much more. Room rates have been secured at \$119. Once participants are registered we will share the attendee list in case you would like to share a room.



ELEA INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:
DEVELOPING THE LEADER WITHIN
AN INSPIRING LEADERSHIP EVENT

MEET THE SPEAKERS

 JENNIFER SKIBBA Personell	 CODY COTTON Impact	 JANELLE HOOPER Faith	 CHRIS COMELLA Diversity
 MICHAEL ROTTMAN Energy	 CHERYL COLLINS Equity	 DON GILLINGHAM Strategy	

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Grünwald Guild Executive Director Search

With our feet planted firmly on that solid ground, the Board of Directors is walking into the Guild’s future with purpose and direction as it seeks a new Executive Director.

For more information about the role, visit our website’s [employment page](#). or click the button below. Please share the job posting far and wide with your friends and colleagues.

Question can be sent to search@grunewaldguild.com. Interested candidates may submit a letter of introduction and resume to that same email address. As we move into the second half of 2023, the ground beneath the Guild is solid. For that, we are deeply grateful. As Julia and Chance near the end of their interim contracts as Acting Co-Directors and follow their callings far and wide, the Guild sends its deep appreciation and blessing with them.

[Position and Application Info Here](#)



Christikon Clips

July 2023

Information for our Congregations

We are grateful for all the hard work that our Work Weekend crew accomplished! Great group! Check out the pictures on our facebook page. Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/Christikon> Thank you to one and all!

It's not too late to register for camp this summer! Space remains in most youth sessions and in those for families and adults. You can register online at www.christikon.org or call us at the camp office for further information.

Special guest speakers become part of the Christikon life this summer during sessions for adults and families. Continuing Education Retreat (July 31-Aug 5) – we welcome our speakers Dr. Eric Meyer, Kent Claussen Gubrud and Paul Waldum – Go to our website for topics. Mountain Weekend (Aug 4-6) – watch our website for speaker(s) and topics as they become available.. Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us. Check out topic details on the website. www.christikon.org

**Remember to pray for our staff and campers.
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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FLBC Updates

Looking for a fun way to help the camp?? We need wood cutters and splitters Saturday Aug 5th! Help us get through the winter....and to have enough wood for our new Sauna!! Breakfast at 8:15am, lunch and dinner at 5:30. Come for all or part of the day....Bring chainsaws if you have one!!



Summer family weekend July 21-23 with Pastor JP Carlson, MSU Campus Ministry! A great weekend relaxing weekend, of fun, food, water activities, and Bible Study. Do as much or as little as you want! Register with FLBC today!

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