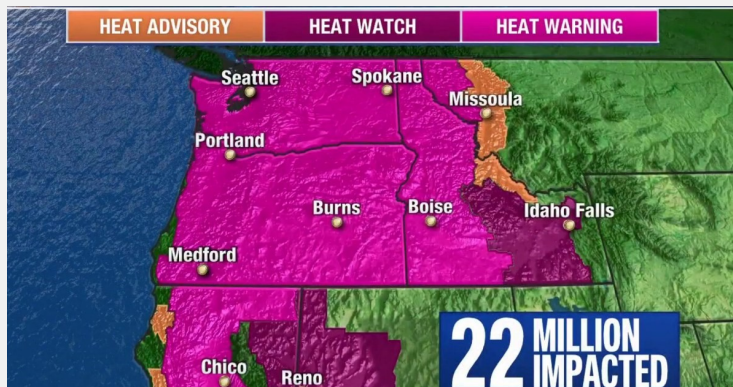




## Montana Synod Weekly Announcements July 19, 2021

### ELCA REGION 1 HAMMER & DANCE



Summer is in full swing and it is HOT! This month's [Hammer and Dance](#) is all about our record breaking June heat waves. Please take care of yourself.

[Read the Hammer and Dance online](#), or [Download your copy](#). Share it with a

friend, your pastor or congregation council. [Invite them to subscribe](#).

Stay cool,

Dave Brauer-Rieke  
Region 1 Disaster Preparedness Project Manager



## ELCA Worship News

### Updated Guidance for Safe Worship Practices

[“Care-filled Worship and Sacramental Life in a Lingering Pandemic”](#) is a comprehensive update from the consultation [on Ecumenical Protocols for Worship, Fellowship, and Sacramental Practices](#). Incorporating the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, this update informs decision making and basic practices of Christian worship and congregational life. The ELCA has been a partner in this consultation throughout the pandemic.



### We Bought the Stuff, Now What?

A Zoom forum to Discuss Technology, Gadgets and Best Practices  
Facilitated by Colter McCarty, Dir. of Technology and  
Communication for the Montana Synod

This interactive forum will provide time for questions as well as a  
space for sharing ideas, concerns and plans for the future.

(Please note, this is not a tech support class.)

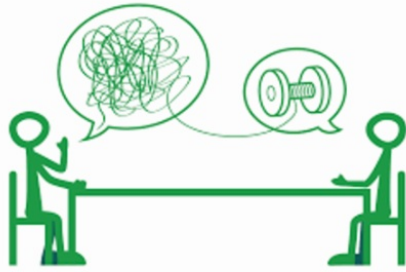
**Tuesday, August 10**

**9:30 am to Noon**

**Free ([Must pre-register on the NRIT page of the synod website.](#))**







### IN WHAT WAYS CAN COACHING HELP ME?

Coaching can be used for a myriad of opportunities, including but not limited to:

. Find out more:

<https://www.montanasynod.org/coaching-in-the-montana-synod.html>

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Personal leadership growth  
Growing as a head of staff  
Leading as an council president or chairperson  
Skillfully dealing with conflict  
Council development  
Empowering evangelism  
Congregational transformation  
Strategic Planning  
Multiplying Leaders  
Building Ministry Teams  
Worship, Stewardship, or Mission Development

### Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Visit [https://flbc.net/annual-](https://flbc.net/annual-programming/)

[programming/](https://flbc.net/annual-programming/) to learn more about our year-round programming and to find information on how to register for each of these retreats.

### BACKPACKING WITH THE BISHOP! -

Register by August 8

August 22-26, 2021

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



### Labor Day Weekend Retreat - Register by August 20

September 3-6, 2021

Join FLBC for this **\*free\*** retreat over Labor Day Weekend! Enjoy good food, fellowship and fun, while helping camp with some work projects!

<https://flbc.net/annual-programming/labor-day-family-camp/>

### Grief Retreat - Register by August 27

September 10-12, 2021

**This retreat is for any adult (18+) who has lost a loved one such as a partner, friend, parent, or child. You are invited to spend a weekend at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp; there will be opportunities for learning and fellowship, and time for peace and quiet.**

<https://flbc.net/annual-programming/grief-retreat/>

## Christikon Clips

July 2021

Information for our Congregations



**To: Campers/Guests registered for Christikon in 2021**

**Fr: Pastor Mark**

**Re: Camp Preparation & Travel**

We're thankful for the progress made in the Covid fight, that we know much more about how it spreads than we did last season, and that all staff received vaccine before arriving for the summer. While we aren't fully back to "normal" conditions, vaccines are widely available for anyone 12 and up in most, if not all, areas of the country. We continue to strongly encourage everyone who can to get the shot before coming to camp.

In consultation with our camp physician and county health director, this is the latest update regarding Covid 19:

**Guest/Group Preparation and Travel:**

- Quarantine unnecessary if all group members fully vaccinated
- For those not vaccinated, we ask them to limit outside contact in the 10 days prior to leaving for Christikon
- We suggest groups limit contact while in route (i.e. rest stops over convenience stores, ordering food to overnight lodging rather than eating out, etc.). Again for groups fully vaccinated, they can travel more freely

While at Christikon, some protocols remain:

- hand washing/sanitizing stations in place before each meal
- cabin bunks remain further apart and all cabins equipped with ventilation fans
- most activities and programming done outdoors
- all will mask when singing at worship
- we'll continue limited our practice of joining hands during meal and worship prayer

**Remember to pray for your congregation's ministry through Christikon** this summer, for the summer staff, and for all who join in the Christikon life.

**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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