



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements August 23, 2021



Leading Holy Conversations amid Polarization: Equipping Followers of Christ to Communicate in Faith- filled Ways. A Class Designed for Church Leaders.



We live in a time when it is nearly impossible to communicate with one another with any depth, a time in which our conversations so easily descend into angry retorts, judgmental suspicion, reactive demonization, and hateful dehumanizing until there seems nothing left to do but retreat into same-thinking groups or go to battle with the so-called “enemy.”

How do we as followers of Christ and leaders in Christ’s Church respond to the challenges that intrude into our congregations and ministries? Do we say nothing? Do we engage in the same divisive rhetoric? Do we leave the church altogether? Or do we seek different approaches designed to lower the anxiety level, build up community, and equip us to love one another into faith-filled communication?

This workshop will offer various tools, guidance, and methods so that you can better lead healthy

and effective conversations in your communities.
Taught by Bishop Laurie Jungling.

Class held via Zoom
Sept. 9th 10am to Noon and 1pm to 3pm.

Register by going to www.montanasynod.org and clicking on the blue NRIT logo.

LPA Class this fall!

A new class of LPAs will be starting up this fall in Great Falls. If you have a candidate in mind from your congregation, or would like more information, please call the Synod office or email Candi!

Singing Plains, Calling Mountains An Original Liturgy from the MT Synod ELCA Changing Climate Task Force

Now available on the MT Synod Website:

Through our baptisms, God brings us into the divine plan for all of creation. We are equipped by the Spirit, then, to care for others and the world that God made. Whole-hearted, intentional stewardship of God's creation is a serious aspect of what it means to be a follower of Christ, doing God's work with our hands.

-Pr. Julia Seymour, Pastor at Big Timber Lutheran Church and member of the MT Synod Changing Climate Task Force

The Changing Climate Task Force is offering a free liturgy that aims to connect people with their natural surroundings and to cherish and care for those places. The series uses lectionary selections to guide users through four weekly themes.

This is a fully built liturgy with sermon guidance, new songs and new prayers that can easily be used during the six-week cycle on bread at the end of August. The liturgy is constructed so that all or parts of it can be adopted by congregations during any other time of the year as well. The full liturgy is a four-week series and includes written introductions to each text to ground them in the broader context of the liturgy.

Worship settings follow the form of the ELW. Pastor Julia Seymour has written original pieces for the liturgy that will serve and accompany the lectionary selections and Jacob Kvale of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp has written original service music. The selections include the Kyrie, Hymn of Praise, Holy Holy Holy, and Lamb of God. The music is written to be accessible in a broad range of settings and includes piano accompaniment and guitar chords. Melodies are simple, repetitive, and easy to learn. These pieces will be consistent across all four weeks of the liturgy in order to build familiarity and comfort.

This free resource is available on the [synod website](#) go to the synod home page and Click on the "Changing Climate Task Force Website."

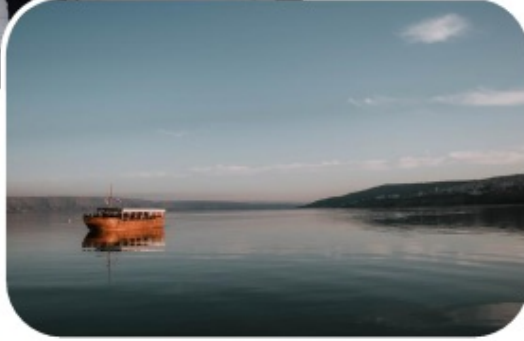


Holy Land Journey

Walk Where Jesus Walked

June 20-29, 2022

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp



FLBC Staff
& Rev. Arne Bergland, retired from
Our Redeemers (Helena)

\$3,290 From Chicago, IL - ORD

Package price includes:

- Roundtrip airfare
- All nights accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Eight days sightseeing in modern, air conditioned private bus
- English speaking, government licensed, Christian tour guide on duty
- And much more!

Places of interest

- ✓ Bethlehem
- ✓ Jerusalem
- ✓ Jericho
- ✓ Nazareth
- ✓ Sea of Galilee

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp
margie@flbc.net
1-406-752-6602

Synod Staff:

Bishop
Laurie Jungling: ljungling@montanasynod.org

Associate to the Bishop
Pastor Jason Asselstine: jasselstine@montanasynod.org

Director for Evangelical Mission

Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger: ppleuzinger@montanasynod.org

Director of Technology and Communications
Colter McCarty: cmccarty@montanasynod.org

Office Manager
Candi Standall: cstandall@montanasynod.org

Director of NRIT
Jenny Kunka: j.kunka@nrit.org

