



Montana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Equipping for Ministry

Montana Synod Weekly Announcements September 11, 2023

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Young
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Gathering

If your congregation is planning on sending youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, please attend a zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 7 pm. This zoom will be a time for you to ask questions about registration (which opens on Sept. 15), to find out who else is going from the Montana Synod and to talk about traveling together to the gathering.

If you wish to attend the zoom, please contact Pastor Brenda in the Synod office (bfrelsi@montanasynod.org) for an invitation to the zoom.

For additional information about the Youth Gathering [click here!](#)

**Registration is Open for
the
2023-2024 Basic Training
in Transitions (BTT)
Course
Lutheran Transitional
Ministry Association
(LuTMA)**

**For all Pastors who sense a call
to serve as
Intentional Interim Ministers
to help congregations through
pastoral transitions.**

2023-2024 BTT Course
Phase 1: 12 virtual 90 minutes
classes on Thursdays.
Begin Oct 5, 2023 with an
introduction to Google Classroom.
Phase 2: 1 week residential April 8-
12, 2024
(Location to be determined.)

**For more information and
registration:**

Visit the LuTMA
website

[Link to the LuTMA
Website](#)

(Go to tab: Education -
Basic Training)

**IMA-ELCA Webinar on
Transition Consulting
Monday, September 18,
2023
1:00 - 3:00 pm EDT**

*Co-sponsored by the Interim
Ministry Association (ELCA)
and the
Center for Congregational Health.*

Transition Consultants:

Who are They
and How Does a Church Leader
Become One?

LuTMA friends/colleagues are
welcome to join this **free** 2 hour
event.
The Zoom link will be sent to all
registrants within 24 hours of the
event.

For more information and
registration go to:

<https://brushfire.com/healthychurch/transitionconsulting/559223>



Conflict is a normal and sometimes healthy aspect of relationships. As healthy self-differentiated individuals, we will sometimes disagree with those around us. Conflict is a normal part of life; unfortunately, the church is not exempt. This workshop will give participants the knowledge and skills necessary to manage conflicts within their congregations in a healthier manner. Join us and learn to regard conflict not as a negative force, but as a positive opportunity for



You are most heartily invited to join us in-person or online for our Founders' Day Lecture followed by Community Worship on Wednesday, September 20th.

Keynote Lecture - "Night of Weeping v. Morn of Song"

The grandeur that has become the Church gives us ample fodder for conversations about where we have come from and where we are going. The grandeur that is the Church also begs the question, "Are we willing to go?" As well as "how long?" We must discern if our human foundations are dependable and if their cracks have

reconciliation, spiritual growth, and a renewed awareness of God's will for your church.

Brief Overview

Date: September 16th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a few breaks throughout the day

Price: \$99 for the day, which includes a workshop manual mailed to your home address

Location: Online via Zoom

Presenter: Tammy Martens

[Register Here](#)

room for healing and reconstruction or even re-creation. Are these human foundations meant to continue sustaining grandeur, or can they handle the weight of inclusion?

We are in a new age that definitely requires us to remember how to be as close to Mother Earth as possible, the original and Indigenous foundation, so that we might begin to conceive the teachings of "The Church's One Foundation."

Schedule

9:00 am In-Person Gathering at PLTS

10:00 am Lecture Begins In-Person and Online

11:00 am. Community Worship.

Rev. Dr. Moses Penumaka will preside and Rev. Manuel Retamoza will preach.

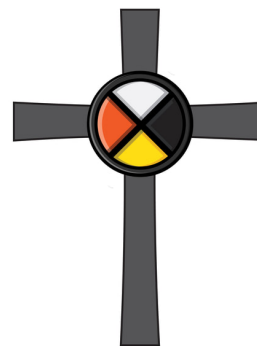
Registration

If you are planning to attend in-person, please register at [this link](#).

If you are planning to attend online, please register at [this link](#).

Continuing to Learn About Indigenous Issues

In the 1960's and 1970's the Lutheran Church was very involved in working with American Indian communities, seeking justice and reconciliation. Through the National Indian Lutheran Board, the Lutheran Church was a partner with many tribal communities and movements.



THE RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE
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Since 2016, the ELCA has re-engaged, first with the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery in 2016, then with the Declaration to American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2021, and now with the Truth and Healing Initiative, coming out of the Office of the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. To learn more about the history and some of the present efforts, go to <https://www.elca.org/indigenous>.

September 30 is National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools. People are encouraged to wear orange, and congregations are encouraged to hang an orange banner on the Sunday nearest to September 30, to

wear orange t-shirts, and to remember the children who were taken from their families. You can order a t-shirt and learn more at <https://www.elca.org/indigenous/boardingschools>. There are a number of opportunities to learn more about Indian Boarding Schools and other ELCA work with American Indian and Alaska Native people.

September 13, 6-7 pm Mountain Time **"A Conversation with Indian Boarding School Survivors"**

September 18, 6-7 pm Mountain Time **"A Conversation with Descendants of Indian Boarding School Survivors."**

September 21, 6-7pm Mountain Time **"The ELCA's Truth Seeking and Truth Telling Initiative"**

September 26, 6-7 pm Mountain Time **"Introduction to the Truth and Healing Movement"**

September 28, 6-7 pm Mountain Time **"Indian 101"**

Information on joining the classes (free) is at <https://www.elca.org/indigenous>.

**Indigenous People's Day is October 9.
November is Native American Awareness Month.**



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

Come, explore, 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 various resources. 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. You are invited to bring resources and ideas to share with others. Continuing Education Credits available for rostered leaders and LPAs.

September 23rd, 10am to 3:30pm at Zion Lutheran in Glendive

October 7th, 10am to 3:30pm at Northridge Lutheran, Kalispell
Cost: \$25

Montana Rural Ministry: Hope and Possibility

Believing that the future of rural ministry is ecumenical and also knowing that there are hopeful possibilities for rural ministry in Montana, we'd like to invite both pastors and lay people to this ecumenical gathering as a time to ask questions and envision the future.

1pm Wednesday, Oct. 11 through noon Thursday, Oct 12
St. John's Lutheran, Great Falls

Cost: \$25 and supper Wednesday night is provided. Participants need to find their own lodging for Wednesday evening.



BOZEMAN MONTANA

October 5, 2023

A training 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.



Montana Synod Hunger Ministry Survey

The Synod staff and Synod Council are considering establishing a "Synod Hunger Ministry Fund" to assist congregations engaged in ministry with and on behalf of the hungry in local communities.

In order to guide the Synod Council in this decision, your input is requested. Please complete this short survey by Sept. 11, 2023.

[Click here to fill out the survey](#)

Practical Tools for the Journey

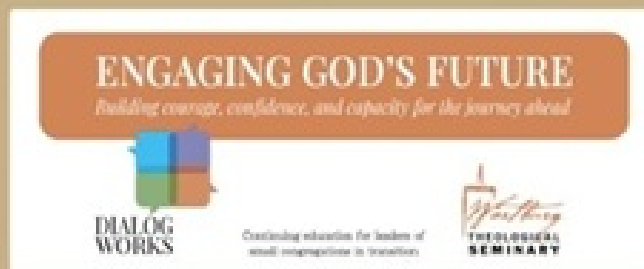
Continuing education for pastoral
leaders serving small congregations
struggling to sustain their ministry

ONLINE COURSE
BEGINS THURSDAY
SEPT. 21, 2023
LIMITED ENROLLMENT

The teaching was done with superior skill and included a gentle nudging of the participants to make sure that everyone online was following along. No matter the capacity in which we serve a church, layperson, council president or pastor, the material was applicable to our calling and life of faith and service.

The Rev. Laura Overbo - Course Participant

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER
GATHER-LEARN.DIALOGWORKS.ORG



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

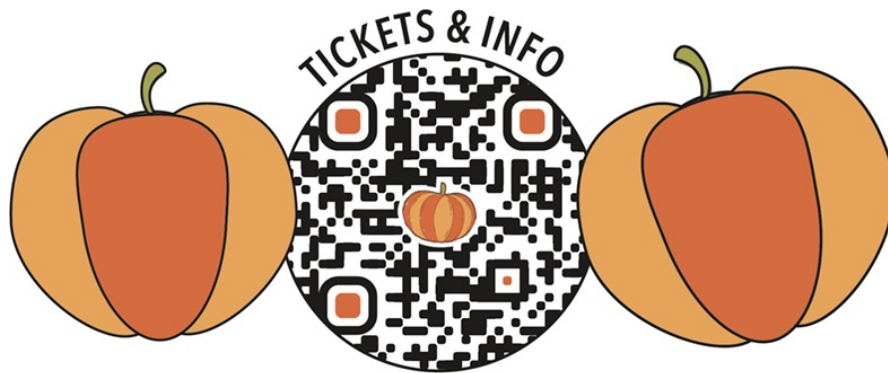


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OCTOBER 27-29, 2023 | CHICAGO, IL | WWW.ELCASCHOOLS.ORG



Harvest Festival and Auction at FLBC

The Annual meeting, of the FLBC Association will be Oct 14th, at 2:30pm! Our meeting will include worship and the installation of Pastors Grant and Amanda Applehans as Co-Associate Directors! Clergy are invited to vest and process.



We still have a few tickets left for the Harvest Festival and auction, Oct 14th! Get yours today....(Colter can you put the QR code in here, or parts of the flyer?) see flyer attached

Donations are needed for the auction. Do you know a business you could ask for a

gift certificate? a fun basket of items? Contact: Events@flbc.net for more information, on how you, your church and your business can help make camp accessible to all. All proceeds go to our annual fund for camperships.

Outreach in your congregation! FLBC is once again offering to come to your congregation to work with youth, or family groups. Once a month is available, October 2023,- April, 2024. Contact Amanda@flbc.net for more information and to sign up!!

Mark your calendars!

Day camp registration opens Oct 10th, first come first serve! Call 406-752-6602 or email Amanda@flbc.net

Staff applications will be open for summer 2024, beginning Nov 1st. Know of someone who might benefit from a summer at FLBC? They will learn leadership skills galore! Minimum age to apply is 18.

Summer registration opens Nov 10th, 2023. Watch for your brochure in snail mail soon. The FLBC web site will be open for registration Nov 10th.

Pastors and volunteers, get your first choice of weeks for summer 2024. Go to www.flbc.net, beginning Nov 10th, for the application! WE are excited for our theme "Created to Be," as the curriculum for 2024. Psalm 139:14

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

Confirmation! FLBC has had some requests for an on-line confirmation class, with 3-4 retreats at FLBC during the year. The class would/could be for students across the synod who Would zoom together for class, and then gather for retreats, and or a week of summer confirmation camp. Would any of you Pastors/LPS's/lay leaders be interested in this for your student(s)?? Would you be willing to help teach? What curriculum would be the most helpful for your congregation? Please contact Associate Director Pastor Amanda Applehans. Amanda@flbc.net

Grief Retreat: October 20-23, with professional counselor and Pastor Keith. For those adults coping with the loss of a friend, or family member. Registration deadline Oct 6th.

The Bible in 24 hours, October 29-31, (Sunday-Tuesday) Come enjoy FLBC in the fall. Relax, hike, sip some wine, and enjoy learning more about the Bible with Dr. Rachel Wrenn, Biblical Studie professor a Trinity Seminary, Columbus, OH.

Young Adults! Plan now to attend the young adult retreat, Dec 27-29 at FLBC. Ski, play, enjoy the new sauna, with a dip in the lake! Join Baird Linke, and the FLBC staff who will lead the sessions, on the theme: "Spiritual Wilderness" \$100 per person; 18-35 year olds. Registration deadline Dec. 13th.

THANK YOU....for all our amazing 57 summer staff, over 50 volunteers, and over 1200 campers who made the summer of 2023 extra special. THANKS be to God

For questions and more details, or if you would like the schedule of these retreats: call FLBC at 406-752-6602. (leave a voice message, as many of our staff work remotely) or email Registraion@flbc.net.

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