



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements December 18, 2023

By the grace of God & the call of the Church

Melanie Jo Forrey

*will be ordained to the Ministry of Word & Sacrament
in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2024
6:00PM EST
@
ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH
314 E INDIANA AVENUE
PERRYSBURG, OH 43551

Your prayers and presence are welcome and requested!
Clergy are invited to vest and process—white is the color of the day.
Please join us for a reception following the service.
Livestreaming YouTube link available at www.zoarlutheran.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

The theme for the 2024 [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#) will be “You Shall Love the Lord Your God ... and Your Neighbor As Yourself” (Luke 10:27). Resources for the week, January 18-25, 2024 or whenever you choose, have been jointly prepared and published by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches’ Commission on Faith and Order, and they can be downloaded [here](#).



NRIT Retreat at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp,
3pm January 29th – 9am January 31st

**Words of Wonder:
Using Writing to Nurture our
Relationships with the Bible, our
Congregations, and God.**

This retreat offers a combination of presentation, small group activity, quiet time for writing and contemplation. (And did we mention that there is a sauna?)

Led by Dr. Kaethe Schwehn, author and professor at St. Olaf College
Cost: \$265 includes class, food and lodging
Registration Deadline: January 15



Zoom: Thursday, Jan 25th and Thursday, Feb 1 from 1pm to 2:30pm both days

**NRIT Facilitated Video and Group Discussion:
Presiding Bishops Elizabeth Eaton and Michael Curry
Respond to Christian Nationalism**

Using materials from "Christians Against Christian Nationalism," an organization endorsed by both ELCA Bishop Eaton and Episcopal Bishop Curry, participants will discuss how our Lutheran and Episcopal beliefs contrast with Christian Nationalist views.

Cost \$20 for both days

(*Note corrected date. First class will be held January 25th, not January 24th.)

**Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp
Happenings**

FLBC has **some openings for
year-round staff!** We are seeking
a **Maintenance Coordinator**

and an **Office Administrator**. If you are interested, please go to FLBC.net to find position descriptions and instructions for applying.

There are still openings for **Young adult retreat, Dec 27-29** and for the **Ski and Board retreat, January 12-15**. All retreats include great fun, games, Bible Study, worship, playing in the snow, relaxing, and great food. For more information and to register. Go to www.flbc.net!



Join NRIT at FLBC for the educational retreat with Dr Kaethe Schwehn, professor at St Olaf, Jan 29-31. Our theme is **“Words of Wonder using writing to nurture our relationships with the Bible, our congregations, and God.** “Besides wonderful Educations sessions and worship, with Dr. Schwehn, and continuing ed credits, there will be time for relaxing, enjoying FLBC’s new sauna, hiking, reading, and just catching your breath before Lent. Open to all pastors, spouses, LPA’s and interested adults. To register go to: www.montanasynd.org/nrit/html

Registration for week **long Family Camp opens Jan 15th, 2024, at 10am.** Please call the office, 406-752-6602 or email office@flbc.net, or registration@flbc.net Family means “family of God,” so single adults, couples, single parent families, and couples with children are all welcome. This week fills fast.... first come first serve. Make memories with your loved ones at FLBC this summer as we explore God’s creation under the theme, “Created to Be.”

Our staff are enjoying meeting people and working with congregations in our **Outreach Ministry**. We have been to Polson, Sunburst, Helena, Joplin, and Jocko Valley. If you are interested in staff coming to your congregation on a monthly basis, or for a one-time lock in.... contact: Amanda@flbc.net!

Mark your calendars for **the Confirmation/Campfirmation Retreat at FLBC, March 15-16**. Only 1-2 students in confirmation? come.... a chance for them to build relationships with others around the state; Whether you have 2 students or 20...we guarantee growth, learning and FUN at camp.

Looking for a Christmas gift that brings with it all the fun of a week of camp? Check out our **online camp store!** Sweatshirts, water bottles, T-shirts, stuffed animals are all available today. Check it out today at <https://flathead-lutheran-bible-camp.square.site/>. Or, if you want to take your gift to the next level, **buy a child a campership, any amount, and we will wrap a gift certificate and mail it to your camper!** Or if you do not designate your gift, we will find a child in need to give it to. The best gift can be a week at camp, for a faith growing, fun experience!

Know a young adult seeking adventure this summer? Encourage them to apply to be **FLBC Summer Staff** in 2024! We are hiring cabin leaders, lifeguards, wilderness guides, support staff, leadership staff and more. For more information or to apply head to <https://flbc.net/work-at-flbc>.

December 2023

As we move into the dark days of winter, and in the midst of a world weary of brokenness and war, we look yet again towards the promise of the coming Christ child. As the gospel writer proclaims,



"The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it."

Shine, Jesus, shine...in our hearts and homes, our community and world.

A blessed Advent and Christmas to you and yours from your Christikon family.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

CHRISTIKON • 1108 24th Street West • Billings, MT 59102

406 656-1969 • secretary@christikon.org • www.christikon.org

Synod Staff:

Bishop

Laurie Jungling: ljungling@montanasynod.org

Associate to the Bishop

Brenda Frelsi: bfrelsi@montanasynod.org

Director for Evangelical Mission

Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger: ppluzinger@montanasynod.org

Director of Technology and Communications

Colter McCarty: cmccarty@montanasynod.org

Office Manager

Oliver Main: office@montanasynod.org

Director of NRIT

Jenny Kunka: j.kunka@nrit.org

[Click here to be taken to the newsletter archive](#)



Montana Synod, ELCA | 1221 24th St. South, Great Falls, MT 59405-5034

[Unsubscribe cmccarty@montanasynod.org](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by cmccarty@montanasynod.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!