First Facts, Fun Facts WO50/40/10 Montana Synod

First ALC woman to serve--Pastor Margo Fohs, Nashua

First woman to serve as part of a clergy couple--Pastor Lilette Johnston, Glendive

First LCA woman to serve--PastorJessica Crist, 1983, First English, Great Falls

First AELC woman to serve--Pastor Betty Mawbey, Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, Havre

First woman to plant a new congregation--Pastor Carolyn Arness, St. Elizabeth's, Ekalaka

First woman to serve as Dean--Pastor Barbara Westhoff, Northeast Cluster

First woman to serve as campus pastor--Pastor Jean Larson, University of Montana

First woman of color to serve--Pastor Patricia Harant, Zion, Roundup

First married LGBT woman to serve--Jean Hay, Bethlehem, Billings

First woman to serve as Bishop--Pastor Jessica Crist

First woman to train through TEEM--Pastor Kathleen Larson Aasheim, Winifred

First mother-daughter pastors--Pastor Tammy Bull and Pastor Sylvia Bull

First sisters to serve in the Synod--Pastor Aprille Jordan and Pastor Wenda Fry

First woman to serve as Director for Evangelical Mission--Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger

First woman to serve at Rocky Boys--Pastor Rufina Votaw

First woman to establish a new Native American ministry--Pastor Christine Holler-Dinsmore, Spirit of Life, Fort Peck Reservation

First Montana Synod woman to serve Churchwide Staff--Pastor Shelley Wickstrom (Region I)

First Montana Synod woman called to global service--Pastor Miriam Schmidt (Bratislava)

Bishops with Montana Synod connections:

Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar, Oregon Synod, 2019- (grew up in Libby)

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, Northwest Washington Synod, 2019-- (First Call, Arlee, MT)

Bishop Laurie Jungling, Montana Synod, 2019--(grew up in Great Falls)

Bishop Shelley Wickstrom, Alaska Synod, 2012- (Served ALC Billings, and Christ the King Bozeman)

Bishop Ann Svennungsen, Minneapolis Area Synod, 2012- (grew up in Shelby)

Bishop Jessica Crist, Montana Synod, 2007-2019 (served in Montana Synod since 1983)