



News of the Week January 4, 2023

Prayers of the Week

**Please remember in your prayers
this week:**

For a peaceful and healthy time of social
and political transitions in our state and
federal governmental houses.

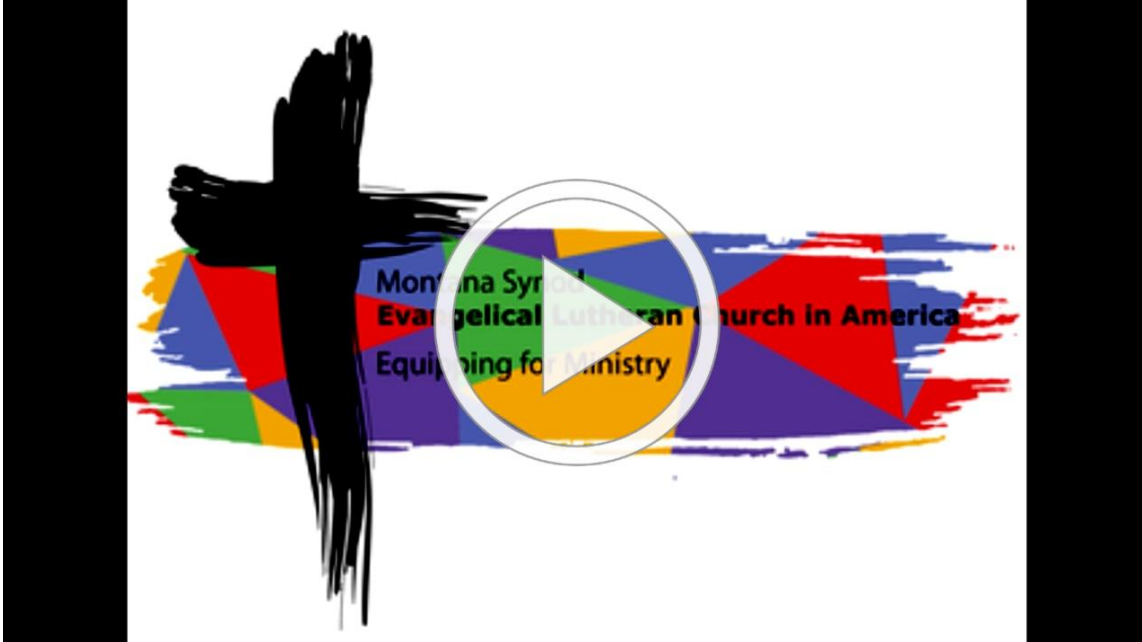
**From the Montana Synod Prayer
Calendar:**

Zion Lutheran Church, Roundup
American Lutheran Church, Lavina

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod
Upper Susquehanna Synod



Words from the Bishop: Witnessing Newness



[The Living Lutheran - A Journey to Reparation](#)

Reports to the Bishop

Reports to the Bishop for all Rostered leaders and LPAs will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please wait until the official email from the Synod office with the report information to fill it out. **We are not** using the provided template that is available on the ELCA website.

For your Annual Meeting planning

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining"!

Dwelling in the Word

Join in a 30 minute Zoom conversation with others around the Montana Synod for a time of "Dwelling in the Word", a practice of listening to a passage of scripture and pondering what the Holy Spirit might be saying to each person during the time together. Since March of 2020, DEM Peggy Paugh Leuzinger and others in the Synod have joined in this time to pray, converse and support one another.

The same Zoom link will be used through May, 2023. Please save the link to your calendar to use each week or as often as you are able to join.

Topic: Dwelling in the Word every Thursday 8:30 am

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAudO-gqzIpE9ZaXaoBzvJyhFBzbBrMbGG4/ics?](https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAudO-gqzIpE9ZaXaoBzvJyhFBzbBrMbGG4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsrTgsEtGcsxCFRpwIA4jCM_zwmFhej_pnnSfkUwJJdCnvPsRgKLBdAvXS)

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336859392?pwd=QXR1ZXNCSjFuZTJQaUZHWVNmK3F6QT09>
Meeting ID: 843 3685 9392
Passcode: 740661
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Montana Winter Theological Retreat: Journeying with God, Tales of God's Faithfulness in Troubling Times

Deadline to Register is January 20th

Speaker: Dr. Michael Chan

February 5th through 7th at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp – Lakeside, MT
8 Hours of Continuing Education

Cost:

\$265 - includes meals, housing and class with Dr. Chan

\$165 - for spouse not attending class

Winter Chats with NRIT (Free)

Learn about ELCA AMMPARO

Thursday, January 12th 10am to 11am

Led by Mary Campbell, Program Director of AMMPARO

Church Budgets 101: For Pastors and Treasurers

Thursday, January 19th - 10am to 11:30am

Led by Synod Treasurer Dave Scholten

Whats the Big Deal about Coaching?

Thursday, January 26th - 10am to 11am

Led by Jill Beverlin, ELCA Program Manager - Coaching Ministries/
Faith+Lead Coaching Liaison, Luther Seminary

Marilyn Hall – Montana Synod Coaching Coordinator will be available to answer questions about coaching in the Montana Synod.

To Learn More or Register: [NRIT \(montanasynod.org\)](http://NRIT(montanasynod.org))

Discernment Event for Intentional Interim Ministry

offered by Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association (LuTMA)

Am I being called to serve as an Intentional Interim Pastor? A 2-hour online

discernment workshop will be offered on Tuesday, January 24, 1pm--3pm Central Time Zone. Register at [Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association](#)

January, 2023

Information for our Congregations

Watch this month for Christikon brochures on opportunities for youth. It's not too early to start thinking about this summer. Youth brochures will be mailed to every young person in grades 4-12 in our congregations this month. Those brochures will detail some very special deals for registering early for camp. We hope to serve even more people from our member congregations in 2023! Early registrations have been very strong so get registered earlier than later!



Save the date: Christikon Benefit Auction is scheduled for April 23rd.

Too few of our nation's young people (not to mention adults) have significant outdoor experience. Christikon combines spirited outdoor experience with a community experience that helps open people to the life of faith. Think about joining the Christikon life this coming summer. It can do a world of good...

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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FLBC 2023 Summer Staff

We are excited to assemble a team of dedicated, talented, faith-filled summer staff to make ministry happen! We've significantly increased our weekly pay, which we hope will make spending a summer at camp a financially feasible option for more potential applicants. More information and instructions to apply can be found on our website: <https://flbc.net/work-at-flbc/> We greatly appreciate your help spreading the word and helping us recruit staff!

Registration for 2023 Youth

Camping Programs is OPEN!

Visit <https://flbc.net/summer-camp/> to find information on all of the programs being offered in 2023, and to register! Register early to receive a discount on your registration fees - register by March 1st and save \$100; by April 1st and save \$50.

The Application Opens for Adult Volunteers/Camp Pastors/Youth Directors on February 16th, 2023, at 10AM!

Upcoming Retreats & Events

Find other retreats and information online at <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/>

Ski - Snowboard - Stay Winter Retreat ✨

January 13-16, 2023 (Fri-Sunday, or stay through Monday) || \$150/person Fri-Sunday – OR – \$175/person Friday – Monday ~ For youth groups coming together: 1 free adult for every 5 youth. Register by January 3rd, 2023.

Let FLBC be your basecamp for a winter adventure! Come for all or part of the long weekend. Spend the day at camp or head to one of our local ski/snowboard areas or cross country ski trails, or spend the weekend hanging out at camp! This weekend is for youth groups, families, adults, and Junior/Senior High individual campers. Price does not include lift tickets or rentals.

Couples Care Retreat ♥

February 24-26, 2023 || \$325 per couple

Register by February 14th, 2023

This weekend is ideal for couples who desire to strengthen their relationship and experience deeper joy together, and for those who want to take intentional time to renew and grow their faith as an individual and as a couple. Time for relaxation, hiking, campfire worships, and great food will round out the weekend. Julie Engh Peters & Pastor Lindean Barnett Christenson will provide a guided couples relationship workshop using John Gottman's "Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work" curriculum.

2023 Upcoming Events/Retreats:

Mar 27–31 Spring Break Day Camp (Grades 1–6)

April 9 Easter Sunrise Service

May 14 Mother's Day Brunch

May 26–29 Memorial Day Work Weekend + Family Retreat

June 9–11 Women's Retreat with Rev Dr. Meggan Manlove

June 10 Partners Luncheon Speaker Ben Haugestuen

June 30–July 2 Family & Friends Weekend + 80 Years Celebration with Rev Gary Cockrell & Brad Abbott

July 21–23 Family Weekend with Pr. JP Carlson (MSU Campus Ministry)

July 28–30 Wild Women on the Water with Elizabeth Peterson

Sept 1–4 Labor Day Work/Family Retreat

October 14 Harvest Festival

October 20–22 Grief Retreat

October 29–31 Flathead Theological Conference with Dr. Rachel Wrenn – "The Bible in 24 Hours"

November 9–12 Crazy About Quilting and Crafts Retreat

December 8–10 Advent Retreat

December 27–29 Young Adult Retreat

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