



Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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News of the Week March 31, 2021

Prayers of the Week

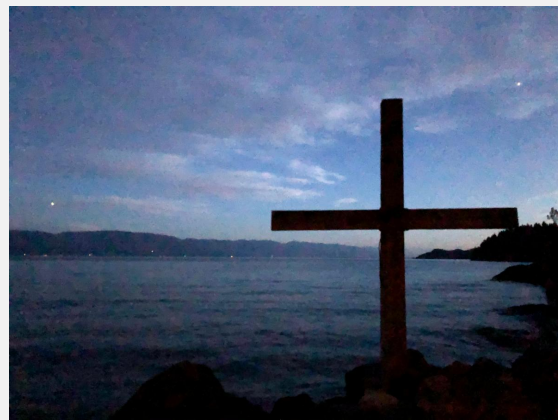
Please remember in your prayers this week:

For Bishop Michael Lozano of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, who has been diagnosed with a benign tumor.

From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Missoula
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Missoula

Florida-Bahamas Synod



Words from the Bishop: Equipping for Ministry



2021 Montana Synod Assembly Registration "Equipping Ministry for Change"

...Equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

Ephesians 4:12

Registration will close April 15th!

**The 2021 Montana Synod Assembly will be held as a virtual meeting
June 4-5.**

Tutorials will be available to help voting members with participation.

**Please only register if you are a voting member nominated by your
congregation!**

[Click here for the Assembly registration link!](#)

Multiple voting members can be registered at the same time when you click on the form. Please note, there will be no physical registration or physical payment allowed this year. Please insure that each individual voting member has their own unique email address and has the ability to check it regularly.

There will be no visitor registrations this year; the assembly will be streamed on Youtube, so any non-voting individuals can watch there.

Registration will close April 15th.

If you have any questions about the registration process email:
cmccarty@montanasynod.org

Montana Synod Devotion for the Easter Season is Ready to be Distributed in Your Congregation



Leaders and pastors in the Montana Synod have written reflections for Easter Season Devotions that are now available for congregations to print to distribute to people in congregations or to prepare to share on the Congregations' web site or Facebook page.

The document is available [here as a PDF link](#). It is also available to download on the Montana Synod website. It prints out well as a bifold booklet, IF your printer has that capability. Otherwise, it will print with each page being 8 1/2 x 11 in size.

If you prefer to post each day's devotion on your congregation's Facebook page, you can do that from the Synod's website or share it from the Synod's Facebook page.

Congregations and leaders are encouraged to share this as a way in which the whole Synod is growing together as we are "equipped for ministry."

Please contact Candi in the Synod office if you have questions about how to print the document. Please contact Colter if you have questions about how to share the devotions electronically.



Region 1 Boundaries Training May 18 & 20, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presented online via Zoom

Rostered leaders serving in the synods of Region 1 are invited to participate in boundaries training, led by Pastor Grant Barnett Christenson and Pastor Lynne Ogren of the Montana Synod. The topics covered use FaithTrust Institute's 201 course materials.

Day One will sets the foundation of good boundaries with three sessions:

- **The Joy of Boundaries**
- **Power and Vulnerability**
- **Living with Healthy Boundaries: Self-Care**

Day two will look more specifically at concerns related to:

- **Living with Healthy Boundaries: Internet Technology**
- **Living with Healthy Boundaries: Social Media**

Register for one or both days through the Montana Synod's Northern Rockies Institute of Theology: <https://www.montanasynd.org/nrit.html> 3 Hours of Continuing Ed per day.

Cost: Day 1: \$30 Day 2: \$30 Both days: \$50

Save the Date:

Care of Creation Liturgy Workshop- April 29th – More information coming soon.

Workshop Opportunity:

Singing Plains, Calling Mountains

An Original Liturgy from the MT Synod Changing Climate Task Force

Dearest Colleagues, are you tired of teaching all about bread? Remember, this is Year B and we who follow the RCI have 6 weeks on bread toward the end of August. What if the Climate Change Task Force gave you a fully built liturgy, sermons (or sermon guidance), videos, new songs, and new prayers all geared toward Creation Care that you could sub – in during that 6 week cycle? During this workshop, the Task Force will provide an introduction to the new liturgy, have a text study on the chosen scriptures, and provide an update on what the Task Force is currently doing.

Date: April 29

Time: 5-8pm MST.

Cost: \$25 (includes access to the liturgy after the class)

Good Friday Worship and Resources

We welcome you to this Good Friday service, shared with you by the bishops of Region 1 of the ELCA. You are encouraged to find a comfortable place to sit, light a candle, warm oil or burn incense. Because this service is pre-recorded, you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you choose. It is our prayer that this time set aside on this holiest of days will remind you not just the price paid for our redemption, but the vastness of the love that was willing to accept that cost. Gather, knowing that others from all over our region gather with you to wait, watch, and pray.

Bishops of Region 1

1A: Bishop Shelley Wickstrom, *Alaska Synod*

1B: Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, *NW Washington Synod*

1C: Bishop Rick Jaech, *SW Washington Synod*

1D: Bishop Kristen Kuempel, *NW Intermountain Synod*

1E: Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar, *Oregon Synod*

1F: Bishop Laurie Jungling, *Montana Synod*

Musicians for this Service

Rev. Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop for the Montana Synod

Rev. Kim Peterson, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Choteau MT

[Download the bulletin here](#)

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/BddpDIaLzkY>

Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1buKu3g_IEURQc92kFB5pstKrF6q-u4DZ/view?usp=sharing

Save the Date: Retired Pastors Gathering Online April 9th 10am - 11:30am

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