Prayers of the Week

Please remember in your prayers this week:

For all ranchers and farmers caring for their livestock in the blizzard and all who are effected by the storm this week.

From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bozeman
Hope Lutheran Church, Bozeman
All Saints Lutheran Church, Big Sky

Grand Canyon Synod

A Holy Week message from the Bishop:
Living Among the Dead
The Synod office will be closed Friday, April 15th - Tuesday, April 19th.

The time has come to register for the Montana Synod Assembly!

Friday, June 3, 2022 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 4, 2022 ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Billings Hotel and Convention Center - 1223 Mullowney Lane, Billings, MT - 406-248-7151

The Montana Synod Assembly theme this year is, "Equipping for the Gospel" and will be held over two days, June 3-4 at the Billing Hotel and Convention Center. Please be aware that all attendees are responsible for their own room reservations. Call the hotel at: 406-248-7151 and reference the Montana Synod Assembly.

Room Block (Expires May 12, 2022)

We will be having our assembly in person this year! A live stream will be provided but there will be NO online voting. All voting members will need to be present in order to cast their votes.

As per the Assembly Rules:

Addendum to the 2022 Assembly Rules

All voting members and visitors will be expected to be fully vaccinated (except for medical reasons) as defined by CDC guidelines at the time of the Synod Assembly. Alternatively, a negative test the day before arrival will be acceptable. Monitoring will be done on the honor system, and each attendee will be trusted to make their own decisions in the spirit of Christ's ongoing call to us to love our neighbor and seek their health and well-being.
Masks will be optional unless circumstances arise that will again require us to wear masks while gathering. The Yellowstone County Health Department and the CDC guidelines will be consulted for recommendations one week before the date of the assembly and a final determination regarding mask use will be made then.

Approved by Synod Council 3/12/2022

A few things to remember before registering:

- Have all information needed to register beforehand including Name, email, physical address, and any meal requirements for each person registering.

- Carefully read all options available before registering, make sure to select the appropriate option for your registration.

- An individual email is required for each person.

- If prompted for a country code at the address portion of the registration, enter the number 1.

- All payments are online only.

- There will be **NO in person registration** at the assembly. All voting members **Must** be registered before the registration cut off date of May 24th.

- There is **no need** to print the tickets generated by Tithely. You will receive your registration packet in person at the assembly.

- When filling out the address, enter the number 1 in the box labeled "Country Code"

- Any questions should be directed to Colter McCarty: cmccarty@montanasynod.org

Register for the 2022 Montana Synod Assembly Here

[Click here for the list of openings](#) that will be voted on at the assembly as well as the [Nominations Committee members](#).

Are you a ministry partner interested in providing a video greeting or hosting a display table at the assembly? [Download the application here](#)!

**Resolutions and Memorials at the Assembly**

*[From the 2022 Assembly rules approved by the Montana Synod Council]*

**Resolutions and Memorials**

Resolutions submitted by the April 15th deadline will be considered by the Resolutions Committee and presented to the Synod Assembly, if appropriate. Other resolutions will be dealt with as time permits.

*Regarding communication with Churchwide*
The Montana Synod Assembly may only address the ELCA Churchwide Assembly by means of a **memorial**. References: ELCA Constitution 12.11.c and ELCA Bylaw 12.51.21. This bylaw states that a Memorials Committee shall review memorials from synodical assemblies and make appropriate recommendations for assembly action.

The Montana Synod Council may only address the ELCA Church Council by means of a **resolution**. ELCA Bylaws 14.21.11 and 14 pertain to resolutions sent to the Church Council (which involves a report to the Churchwide Assembly). ELCA Bylaw 14.41.11 pertains to resolutions sent to the Executive Committee of the Church Council with referral to, and additional action to be taken by, the appropriate churchwide unit.

The memorial route is the most direct route to the churchwide assembly, but, at the same time, it is perhaps the least effective route. The churchwide Memorials Committee has to work through hundreds of memorials from synod assemblies. Consequently, most memorials (especially if they are poorly written) wind up with a “do not pass” recommendation. However, reworked resolutions from the ELCA Church Council or a churchwide unit have a tendency to meet with a much more favorable review.

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**Increase in spam attacks**

There has been an uptick in internet scams and attacks the past few weeks. Be aware that any emails you receive that are from unknown persons could be a vector for an attack to try and get personal information off of your computer or extort money. Make sure that you do not open or click on any links in these emails!

The safest thing to remember is that there is no such thing as preemptive tech support from Microsoft, Apple, or any other company that may pop up and offer it. These alerts should be universally ignored and deleted. Any questions can always be directed to Colter in the Synod office, cmccarty@montanasynod.org.

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