



News of the Week May 31, 2023

Prayers of the Week

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

For all voting members and visitors who are traveling to the Montana Synod Assembly this weekend.

For all the 17 other Synods in the ELCA who are gathering for their assemblies this weekend.

**From the Montana Synod Prayer
Calendar:**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Helena
Whitewater Lutheran Church, Whitewater
Grace Lutheran, Worland, WY

Metro Chicago Synod



**The Synod office will be closed at noon on
Friday through Monday, June 5th and
there will be no announcements sent out on
Monday.**

"THERE ARE AN
ESTIMATED 4,200
MISSING AND
MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
CASES THAT HAVE
GONE UNSOLVED." -
BUREAU OF INDIAN
AFFAIRS (BIA)



#MMIP

#NOMORESTOLENSISTERS

JOIN THE MONTANA SYNOD RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, JUNE 1 AT 8:00 P.M. AT BETHEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH (1009 18TH AVE SW, GREAT FALLS) FOR AN
OUTDOOR CANDLELIGHT VIGIL ACKNOWLEDGING
INDIGENOUS INDIVIDUALS IN OUR STATE WHO ARE EITHER
MISSING, OR HAVE BEEN MURDERED.

Taking place at **Bethel Lutheran Church** just one block from the Heritage Inn at 8pm Thursday evening is a candlelight vigil acknowledging Indigenous individuals in our state who are either missing, or have been murdered. Please attend this important vigil if you will be in town Thursday night! The vigil will take place outside, weather permitting.

We invite you, if it is convenient or meaningful, to wear red to the event as a call to attention to this important issue in our local community. If you have any questions, or would like more information pertaining to the event, please contact Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent at pastormelaniegslc@gmail.com.

Synod Assembly 2023 Equipping for Generosity

"Generosity is what God wants for us, not from us ."

Generosity is a gift of the Holy Spirit and we see that gift at work in the Montana Synod's communities of faith. We are surrounded by narratives of generosity and we daily create more of these stories through our thoughts, words, and deeds. At the Montana Synod Assembly, we will consider the vast benevolence of God, the eternal giving of God-self which created us and continues to care for us. We will reflect on the abundance of the Holy Spirit and its presence in our faith communities. And we will ask how this same Spirit invites us into a new way of living in a world that so deeply needs what we have to give.

On the practical side we'll explore:

- Personal generosity stories
- Stories of congregational open-heartedness
- Where we see the Spirit encouraging generosity in our congregations today and into the future.

Rev. Tim Brown, the Director of Congregational Stewardship in the ELCA and Rev. Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, Director for Evangelical Mission in the Montana Synod will lead the Synod Assembly in learning and conversation on Friday afternoon, equipping and encouraging one another in generosity.



2023 Assembly Information

[Click here for the Synod Assembly Documents](#)

For those who would like to watch the assembly, both days will be livestreamed on Youtube. Those links can also be found on the Assembly page. We will also be streaming the recognitions portion of the Friday night banquet starting at 7:30pm.

The Friday morning worship service will be available to all in a recorded video Friday evening on the Synod website along with a written manuscript from Bishop Laurie for use in congregations.

Any questions about the assembly can be directed to: cmccarty@montanasynod.org.

Sermon Manuscripts Available

Montana Synod leaders have been providing manuscripts for use in congregations

through the Lent and Easter seasons. We are happy to announce that these manuscripts will be provided throughout the entire year! Thank you to the leaders in the Montana Synod who are providing these manuscripts every week. They can be found and downloaded on the [Montana Synod website here](#).

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