



News of the Week June 16, 2021

Prayers of the Week

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Prayers of celebration for Pastor Wendy McAlpine, ordained yesterday in at Sunburst Lutheran Church.

Prayers of celebration for Cheryl Muncy, being ordained today at Joplin Lutheran Church.



From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:

Christ Lutheran Church Big Sandy
Messiah Lutheran Church Havre
First Lutheran Church Havre

New Jersey Synod

Words from the Bishop: Glacier





An Opportunity for Generosity

The Montana Synod is offering a special opportunity for individuals to share in the gift of CAMP this summer. Make a special donation today to allow EVERY KID the chance to go to camp.

100% of donations made to the MT Synod for this campaign will be split equally between Christikon and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for post COVID needs.



[Click here for a video from Christikon](#)

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Montana Synod, ELCA
1221 24th Street S
Great Falls, MT 59405

Now through June 30



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Thank you for your generosity!

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Residents wanted!

Know a student who wants to live in an accepting, close-knit, Christian community, across the street from UM? Contact John or Kristen!



Finding Your People

By Rev. John Lund



As we reached the end of this trying year, students reflected on the importance of having the Emmaus resident community still intact.

In a time of isolation and digital classes, it meant a lot to be able to meet with real people over shared meals and have deeper conversations about struggles and family and life choices and politics and faith. They realized how important it is to have a trusted group with whom you can talk openly and honestly and process the important things over time. It also felt good to be part of something bigger than themselves.

The truth is we all need people we can do this with, and it needs to be more than a Facebook or social media group. We need real people who are committed

to each other to talk about real life. For me, this is part of what I hope a church family to be: a safe place where diverse people can come as their full self in deeper conversation, reflection, and contemplation as they carry and experience the joys and hardships of life together. A church community also offers a narrative of hope and possibility that is outside of ourselves as well as room for failure, forgiveness, renewal, and rebirth. These are the things that enrich and deepen our lives and help us live with direction, intention and courage for a greater good around us.

This year we are sending out a larger number of graduates into the world. When I asked them where they would find their group, most were not sure. They could only say that it is important and that they would have to find it. They will likely build friendship groups through work, sports, hobbies and maybe volunteerism. But my guess is that it won't be the same without the focus on that hopeful narrative.

I don't know if they will have the courage to walk through the doors of a church. If they do, I wonder if they will find that community they will be searching for. Will we have a place for their concerns for the world and their questions? Will they be accepted and loved and given a chance to share and learn and grow with others? Is there a way they can be part of something bigger and meaningful and healing? They have passion and skills and they are ready to go big in this world. Are we ready for them?

Save the Date!

Oktoberfest is back, October 24!

We look forward to safely gathering again to celebrate the work of Emmaus Campus Ministry.

It's not too early to brainstorm donations to the auction! Are you a quilter or a woodworker? Do you enjoy taking people out to hunt or fish? Do you have a cabin or vacation rental to offer for a weekend?

Share your resources and help raise funds to sustain Emmaus! Contact Kristen at ecmumt@gmail.com.

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