



## News of the Week June 28, 2023

### Prayers of the Week

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

For LPA John Sheppard and his family as they mourn the death of his mother.

**From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:**

Dodson Lutheran Church, Dodson  
American Lutheran Church, Chinook  
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Box  
Elder

New England Synod



**The Montana Synod office will be closed on July 3-4 in observance of Independence Day**

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## Words From the Bishop: Singing Breathing



**Congratulations to Pastor Rebekah Cochran who was ordained on Saturday!**



# JOIN US Celebrating 80 Years of FLBC

## FREE CONCERT & PICNIC

*All Are Welcome!*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DATE:**

Saturday, July 1, 2023

**TIME:**

1:00-5:00 PM ~ Camp Activities

5:30 PM ~ Picnic

7:00 PM ~ Concert  
featuring *JUSTmove*

*Followed by  
Campfire & S'mores*

**LOCATION:**

550 Lutheran Camp Rd,  
Lakeside, Montana

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED ~ JUST COME!

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### BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY

*In a time when we are so polarized, how do we build what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called "a beloved community"?*

Is it possible for all of us in society to have dignity and value? How can we see cultural differences as a gift that makes us stronger rather than a burden that makes us weaker?

In this powerful interactive experience, co-creators of **JUSTmove**, David Scherer (AGAPE\*) and Joe Davis use storytelling and the arts to help us rethink how we see diversity in ourselves and in our world.

**DAVID SCHERER** (AGAPE\*) has been a trainer and facilitator for 20+ years. He teaches at Luther Seminary.

**JOE DAVIS** is a poet, teacher, and performer who was recently a keynote presenter for 30,000 people.



[Download the full schedule here](#)



## **Wrestling with Colonization and the Processes of Colonialism to Strengthen Ministry**

**Online Class:** *Part one of a two-part course presented by the Montana Synod Racial Justice Task Force*

**Wednesday mornings on Zoom  
9:00 – 10:15 am**

**September 6 - October 4**

**Cost: \$125 for this course. Part two will have a separate registration.**

What is involved in becoming allies to Indigenous people and communities? It takes time and patience to build trusting, respectful relationships beginning with hearing about Indigenous life conditions, wants, desires, and needs. This course will lay a foundation for this work.

**Topics include:** identities—settler and Indigenous, a brief review of history, settler goals, rationalization and tools, and Indigenous traumas, resistance and resilience. Participants will be asked to read or watch videos in preparation for each Zoom session. Class sessions will include speakers, small group discussion and q & a.

**Cost: \$126/Continuing education credit available.**

**To Register:** <https://www.montanasynod.org/nrit.html>

### **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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