



Montana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Equipping for Ministry

News of the Week August 18, 2021

Prayers of the Week

Please remember in your prayers this week:

For all those who mourn the sudden death of ELCA Vice President, Bill Horne. Prayers for his wife Loretta and his family.

From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:

Peace Lutheran Church Plevna
St. John's Lutheran Church, Jordan

Northwest Washington Synod



Spotlight on the Synod:

Join The Faithful Innovation Process In The Montana Synod

“When you consider the *GIFTS* your congregation has been given and the *NEEDS* of our world, what *FUTURE* do you imagine *GOD* is bringing forth?”

Your congregation is invited into a process that will...

- Train effective lay spiritual leaders through workshops and coaching.
- Help you learn to discern and respond to God's leading.
- Deepen your congregation's spirituality.
- Build connections with other congregations.
- Engage and inspire your membership.
- Affirm your faith that God has a vital role for your congregation to play

You will need...

- A group of 4-6 people who will commit to the process as a Guiding Team.
- A supportive congregation.
- Openness to the Holy Spirit.

The Guiding Team will participate in three Workshops...

- 1) Learn to listen to God, one another and to begin asking different questions (Oct. 2021)
- 2) Learn by Doing: Using Action Learning to Discover God's Leading (Feb. 2022)
- 3) Sharing Our Learning: Intentional Reflection on Our Actions (May 2022)

Want more information?

Go to www.montanasynod.org to download the brochure about the Faithful Innovation process.

- Pray and have conversation with your church leadership about if this is a good time for your congregation to begin this process. You have until Sept. 15th to decide to join the Oct. cohort. Another cohort will begin in winter, 2022.
- Contact Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, DEM in the Montana Synod for more information at peggy.paughleuzinger@elca.org

LPA Class this October!

A new class of LPAs will be starting up this fall in Great Falls. If you have a candidate in mind from your congregation, or would like more information, please call the Synod office or email Candi!

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