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](http://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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