



News of the Week August 23, 2023

Prayers of the Week

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

For all who are being affected by wildfires and natural disasters in Montana, Maui, the rest of the United States, Canada, and around the world.

Prayers of celebration for the installation this Sunday of Pastor Eric Finsand at Our Savior's Lutheran in Great Falls.

Prayers of celebration for the installation this Sunday of Pastor Barb Haugarud at Pella Lutheran in Sidney.

From the Montana Synod Prayer Calendar:

Bethel Lutheran Church, Great Falls
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Great Falls
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Great Falls
First English Lutheran Church, Great Falls

Northern Illinois Synod



Words from the Bishop: Surrounded



Brought to you by the MT Synod Racial Justice Task Force:

Part 1 of a 2-Part Series

Wrestling with Colonization and the Processes of Colonialism to Strengthen Ministry

Wednesday Mornings On Zoom*

September 6th - October 4th

9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Part 1 costs:**

- Clergy Members: **\$125**
- Lay Pastoral Associates (ELCA): **\$50**
- Lay Members: **\$25**

* Attending all 5 sessions is highly encouraged to aid in group participation and discussion. Sessions will not be recorded. If it's necessary to miss more than one session, we suggest waiting to register until the next series offering.

** Part 2 will have a separate registration (dates TBD).

For more information and to register: Visit the NRIT webpage at montanasynod.org/nrit
Questions? Email us at rjftmtnsynod@gmail.com

Course Teaching Team:



**Francine
Spang-Willis**

is of Cheyenne, Pawnee, and settler descent. She is an oral historian, educator, strategist, researcher, and content curator, and owner of Appearing Flying Woman Consulting based in Bozeman, Montana. Francine earned an Oral History Master of Arts (OHMA) degree from Columbia University. She also has a Native American Studies Master of Arts degree from Montana State University.



**Raimund
Combs**

is of Tsimshian First Nations and German descent. He is a veteran of two military services and two federal law enforcement agencies, totaling 28 years service to the United States. He recently graduated with dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Environmental and Native American Studies, and has been working as an educator in Missoula the past 4 years.



**John
Lund**

is of Finnish and Sicilian descent and serves as pastor at University Congregational Church, UCC in Missoula. In Missoula John has served as a connecting point between the campus community, congregations, and non-profits. He has organized and/or led numerous workshops, book studies, lectures, community action events and community celebrations.

[Click here to register](#)

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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September 15, the day when registrations begins for the 2024 Youth Gathering, is approaching quickly!

As the Synod coordinator, my task is to see if you have any questions and also to make plans for any congregations that wish to travel to New Orleans together. With this in mind, I will host a zoom on Sept. 12 at 7 pm for one person in each congregation that is planning to take part. This will help me know who is planning to attend and also to give you some information regarding registration and the flow of the gathering. We can also choose a hotel for all of us so that the youth in our synod can be housed close together and actually get to know each other. [Please let me know](#) if you are able to attend the meeting and I will send you the link directly. I hope to see you on Sept. 12!

Blessings,
Pastor Brenda

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Invites you to celebrate with us

The Installation of **Pastor Eric Finsand**
as our newly Called Pastor

Sunday,
August 27th
at 4:00 p.m.

As part of the
faith
communities of
Great Falls, we
welcome your
attendance—a

sign of the ministry we share in the Holy Spirit!
Clergy are invited to vest with green stoles and
participate in the service.



1326 1st Ave. N., Great Falls, Montana

*You are cordially invited
to the*

Service of Installation



for
the Reverend Barb Haugerud
as Pastor of Pella Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 27, 2023,
2:00 pm (MDT)

Pella Lutheran Church
418 West Main Street,
Sidney, MT 59270

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.
Clergy are invited to process; the color of the day is red.



Toward Right
Relationship with
Native Peoples

News and Updates



UPCOMING INDIGENOUS EVENTS – Make plans in your community

September 30, Orange Shirt Day

Wear orange on Sept 30 and join events in your community to commemorate the residential school experience and to witness and honor the healing journey of the survivors and their families. This annual commemoration began in Canada and is now widely observed in the U.S.

October 9, Indigenous Peoples Day

Jerilyn DeCoteau (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) and Northern Arapaho speakers Nelson White Eagle and Patrick Moss at 2019 event in Boulder, CO



Start making plans today for Indigenous Peoples Day events in your community!

November: Native American Heritage Month

Start making plans today for Native American Heritage Month in your community! Learn about this national commemoration [here](#) and [here](#).

The Indigenous Boarding Schools and Multigenerational Trauma

Tuesday, Sept 12, 8-9:30 pm EDT, 6-7:30 pm MDT, [REGISTER](#)

This slide presentation is offered by Jerilyn DeCoteau (Turtle Mountain Chippewa). Jerilyn is co-director of Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples, a program of Friends Peace Teams. She is an attorney specializing in Indian law, and she currently serves on the supreme courts of San Ildefonso Pueblo and the Kiowa Nation. She is past president of the board of directors of the [National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition](#)

Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples

Saturday, Sept 9, 4-6 pm EDT, 2-4 pm MDT, [REGISTER](#)

Sunday, October 15, 4-6 pm EDT, 2-4 pm MDT, [REGISTER](#)

This interactive workshop is facilitated by a team of Native and non-Native presenters. It is appropriate for high school students and adults. Participants experience the story of the colonization of Turtle Island (the United States) through the voices of Indigenous leaders, Euro-American leaders, and Western historians. We share reflections through writing exercises and small and large group discussions.

Register for any of our upcoming **online** programs at FriendsPeaceTeams.org/upcoming-events

Wondering how to lead in challenging times?
Leading without hope?
Hoping something will change?
Changing without a plan?

www.rmselfca.org/excellence-in-leadership



Rostered leaders, LPAs and lay leaders: Consider participating in Excellence in Leadership, a process of learning more about your own leadership and working to enhance and strengthen how you lead in your congregation.

Check out the Rocky Mountain Synod website and link for more information and to register for the upcoming fall cohort. (All the sessions are held via Zoom.)

Contact [DEM Peggy Paugh Leuzinger](#) if you have any questions about EIL.



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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