**Synod House Sunday Talking Points:**

**What we say to our congregations on Synod House Sunday. Keep it simple!**

* The Montana Synod of the ELCA is building a new office building…WE are building a new Synod House! The decisions are made, plans are re-re-reviewed, builders are on their way.
* The Synod is not “them.” It’s all of us—meeting the future boldly, serving our world, growing in faith and witness, and supporting each other…IN UNITY.
* We have over half of the 1.2 million dollars it will take to build debt-free.
* It’s time to put aside questions and doubts and just do this thing. It’s time to come together with joy and build a house—and a synod budget for 2017 with no mortgage payment.
* This is a fun number: If today’s worshipers each chipped in $71 dollars, we’d be done! What is God inviting you to do?
* Our Synod Council Members thank you for joining your brothers and sisters in Christ across the Montana Synod to worship, pray, and support Synod House Sunday in unity and hope.

**Just in case…**

Your congregation is like mine, and is nervous about this campaign/commitment decreasing congregational pledges and giving, you’re welcome to be clear:

* The Montana Synod supports and extends the ministry of our congregation; it doesn’t compete with it! We hope that any commitments you make to support this project are in addition to your ongoing support here at….