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### SYNOD CALENDAR

**JUNE 17—19**

PLU Summer Conference in Pastoral Theology

**JUNE 22**

8 Lakes Leg Aches Bike Ride

**JULY 4—5**

Synod Office Closed

**JULY 27**

Storytelling Workshop

**JULY 30**

Paulsen House Lawn Party

**AUGUST 5—10**

ELCA Churchwide Assembly

**SEPTEMBER 2**

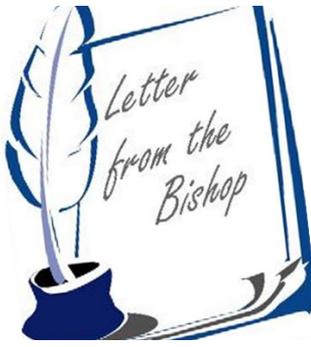
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**SEPTEMBER 15—17**

Rostered Leaders Retreat at Luther Heights

**SEPTEMBER 20**

WELCA SWO Convention



While gathered in Assembly in May, the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod voted to change our name to the Northwest Intermountain Synod. Because we are in relationship with the entirety of the ELCA, this name change will need to be ratified by the Churchwide Assembly in August, so until that point: we continue as EWAID.

Why did we change our name? Simply because we are not just congregations in Eastern Washington and Idaho. We have congregations in Wyoming and Oregon as well. It's important that everyone feels a part of our synod, and for some: having a name that didn't represent all congregations in our synod didn't sit well.

At the end of our synod assembly in 2018, there was a real push to change the synod name after St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ontario, OR joined EWAID. After the September meeting, the Synod Council solicited names from throughout the synod, and received about 20 contenders for the job. In January 2019 the Synod Council narrowed those 20 names down to two (Intermountain Northwest Synod and Inland Northwest Synod) to present to the Assembly in May 2019.

After some spirited debate on the Assembly floor, the resolution was modified to include the names "Northwest Intermountain" and "Northwest Inland" on the ballot, giving the Assembly a choice of four names.

Renaming has a long biblical precedent. In Genesis God gives Abram a new name after establishing a covenant with Abram—known from that day forward as Abraham; or Jacob is renamed "Israel" after wrestling with the Angel of God on the riverbank. In the New Testament, Jesus renames Peter as "Cephas, for upon this rock I build my church"; Saul the persecutor of early Christians becomes Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. There are other instances as well—times when changes of a significant nature required a new name to move into a new future.

When I was elected bishop two years ago, the future was uncertain for EWAID. Our staffing was at minimal levels to preserve mission support, our congregations reported feeling disconnected from one another and from the synod, and there was a very real sense that we were just treading water, waiting for...something. We weren't sure what, but we weren't excited about whatever it was.

In the two years that I've been in this role, I have worked to try and correct some of the isolation our congregations are feeling. It's hard work! I'm grateful to have synod staff and dedicated rostered and lay leaders who share this vision and goal with me and help me do this work—we've come a long way, and we still have ways to go. In 2018 our mission support was higher than it had been

since 2009, and you've maintained that level of giving into 2019. We are slowly seeing more congregations participating in cluster gatherings and events, and a more robust synod staff means we get to congregations more regularly and for reasons that go beyond helping in times of trouble or conflict.

It seemed like a good time for a new name, for a new focus, and a new vitality that we could feel beginning to bubble to the surface in EWAID. To what kind of future is God calling us? I wish I could tell you. But I think it will be a future where we are smaller than we've been before, but more connected; more invested; and where the boundaries between congregations are fluid as we come to understand that we can no longer do effective ministry as individual congregations or people. We need one another.

And so we have renamed ourselves, "Northwest Intermountain Synod". It's a good name. It will take some getting used to. I confess that I will miss our snappy little "EWAID" initials ("NWIS" or "NWIMS" just doesn't have the same spunk), but I will get used to it—we all will. Because we walk together, as congregations, as a synod, as a church. For the sake of the world.

*Bishop Kristen Kuempel*

OUR NEW SYNOD NAME:

# NORTHWEST INTERMOUNTAIN SYNOD

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Our new name will be ratified by the  
Churchwide Assembly in August!

#wewereEWAID

## HOW WILL WE GROW UNLESS WE INVITE OTHERS IN?

There may be many adjectives to add to “Christian”, but have you ever considered being an “Invitational Christian”? For that matter, have you ever actually invited someone to your church? If you did, how did it turn out?

I have invited people to events and worship services at my church but only felt marginal success at best. Meaning, they turned me down or, came once and then never talked about it again. This experience led me to give up on inviting others.

Until I read *The Invitational Christian*, a 75-page book by Pastor Dave Daubert. He talks about why many of us don't invite, strategies to overcome those reasons, methods for extending invitations that will be accepted and how to respond when new people do start coming regularly. Fair warning though: the first 3 chapters are all about preparing to invite! Just as you wouldn't invite people to your home without doing some planning and sprucing the place up, so too, congregation members will want to be ready to welcome newcomers. And you'll get Daubert's guidance for how to do so in this book.

Many who attended our EWAID Synod Assembly bought this book at the Synod Vitality Coalition table (Yes, we have a new coalition to address how we can bring vitality into our congregations and synod!). The book is so slim, it may have gotten buried in a pile of other ministry flyers and assembly documents after you returned home from those full 3 days. Maybe now is a good time to dig it out and spend a few minutes reading it. That is, if you are interested in becoming an invitational Christian. Share this little gem of a book with your church council, study it in adult bible studies, or organize small groups in your church to practice all the wisdom it offers. In the process you will find your own faith deepening as you learn and practice how to invite others into our community of followers of Jesus.

I invite you to contact me to discuss growing your congregation through invitation using Daubert's book.

May we boldly share all that we have in our Christian life with others in our neighborhoods and communities.

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## GET THE WORD OUT!

To become more connected throughout our vast synod we need to have communication with one another. It can be written, verbal or face-to-face when feasible, but it **MUST** be two-way communication. The synod staff and 12 Cluster Deans attempt to communicate with lay and rostered leaders in our congregations.

We want to hear from members of churches and ministry partners about what is happening in your areas. You can send an email, give a call, or forward your special event flyers. To the best of our ability, we'll get those posted on the website calendar, included in an E-blast and/or in the quarterly Cross Connection newsletter.

Then, so that more people have access to these communications, here's something to include in your church newsletter, bulletins, or any other way you communicate to members of your church:

### EASTERN WASHINGTON-IDAHO SYNOD NEWS

To find out what's happening around our synod, sign up to receive *Synod Email-blasts* twice a month for current news & events, and an electronic copy of the *Cross Connection* newsletter quarterly.

Visit [ewaidsynod.org](http://ewaidsynod.org) and click "Subscribe!" at the bottom of the home page. Or click on Publications to read current issues.

Any questions contact the synod office at:  
[office@ewaidsynod.org](mailto:office@ewaidsynod.org) or 509-838-9871

Thank you for helping us all stay connected to one another!

### RECORDED WEBINAR: LEGAL CHECKLIST FOR CONGREGATIONS

*This Webinar Recording was featured in a well-attended  
Synod Assembly Workshop!*

Congregations can unwittingly create legal issues and liabilities through inattention to basic requirements and details related to corporate status, taxes, property, insurance and abuse prevention. Many of these issues can be prevented by using an ELCA-prepared checklist of key items for congregations to address. View the webinar recording, where the ELCA legal staff discuss the checklist and best legal practices for congregations.

Visit [www.ewaidsynod.org/resource-docs](http://www.ewaidsynod.org/resource-docs)  
for instructions to access the webinar

## COMPANION SYNOD TRIP 2020

Our companions from Tanzania, Pastor Moses and Pastor Eliud, have now left for home after a very successful 6-week visit with our synod. They were in every cluster – thanks in large part to our cluster deans! More and more people are learning about our relationship with the Ulanga-Kilombero Diocese (UKD). Way to Go Synod!

It is now exciting to move forward to our next step in strengthening our relationship with our companions. We have been invited by Bishop Mtenji of the UKD to visit them in July/August of 2020. This will be a trip open to others in the synod who wish to be ambassadors for the UKD.

Spending time in the UKD is a life changing experience. It is heart-warming, enlightening, and fulfilling. The travel is not easy, but the joys received do outweigh the burdens! If you are willing to be a bit adventuresome, please consider participating.

Further information can be found on the synod website under the Global Mission Tab, 2020 UKD Trip. Please read the documents carefully. If you would prefer a hard copy of the files mailed to you, please contact Heidi at the address, email, or phone below. If you would like to see a PowerPoint presentation on the UKD, you will find that at the same tab.

If you would like to support the UKD relationship, but do not want to travel to Tanzania, there are many other ways to help:

- ◆ Consider donating scholarship money for those who travel. This support assists those who feel called but cannot afford the expense of international travel. Those donations can be sent via the synod office to the Synod Global Mission Committee, marked for Tanzania Travel.
- ◆ Support our companion synod through donations to the Global Mission Committee for assistance with the school or the hospital.
- ◆ Support the UKD through regular donations to your Women of the ELCA group for girls scholarships to the Tumaini Lutheran Secondary School,
- ◆ Most importantly, keep our sisters and brothers of the UKD in your prayers.

Blessings as you discern your involvement!



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## **SAVE THE DATE FOR 2020 EVENTS!**

<b>JANUARY 27—29</b>	2020 Byberg Preaching Workshop
<b>APRIL 25</b>	Regional Gathering in Pullman, WA
<b>MAY 2</b>	Regional Gathering in Twin Falls, ID
<b>MAY 16</b>	Regional Gathering in Moses Lake, WA
<b>JULY 24—AUG 8</b>	2020 UKD Trip #1
<b>JULY 29—AUG 14</b>	2020 UKD Trip #2
<b>SEPTEMBER 21—24</b>	2020 Rocky Mountain Theological Conference

### **CALL PROCESS STATUS**

a - Process beginning/congregational study  
 b - Names received or on-site visits in process  
 c - Call in process/Issued    nv - New vacancy  
 I - interim    P - pastor    L - Lay Position  
 SP - Supply Pastor    LP - Lead Pastor    D - Deacon  
 AP - Assoc./Asst. Pastor    CP - Co-Pastor    VP - Visitation Pastor  
 TC - Term Call    TM - Transition Minister (available for open-ended call)

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Location/Congregation</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>
P	Boise, ID—King of Glory	a	Paul Olsen
P	Chelan, WA—Holden Village Fullness of God	nv	Melinda Pupillo
P	Fairfield, WA—Fairfield Community	nv	
P	Goldendale, WA—Christ the King	a	Mary Johnson—SP
P	Mattawa, WA—Grace	a	
P	Medical Lake, WA—St. John	a	Mark R. Peterson—I
P	Ontario, OR—St. Paul	b	Barbara Harrison Condon—I
P	Reardan, WA—Emmanuel	a	Mark R. Peterson—I
P	Sunnyside, WA—Our Savior's	b	
P	Spokane Valley, WA—Zion	a	Tom Inch—TM
P	Toppenish, WA—Faith	b	

### Ordinations

Katherine Tuttle was ordained to the Word & Sacrament ministry on Wednesday June 5, 7 pm. The ordination service was held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church-Spokane, WA

Ian McMichael will be ordained to the Word & Sacrament ministry on Saturday June 29, 10 am at Grace & Mercy Lutheran Church in Hermiston, OR. Ian will begin serving Peace-Colfax and Trinity-Endicott June 30.

### Installations

Rev. Hildegardo Gonzalez Gomez was installed at Tree of Life Lutheran Church June 1, 10 am in Yakima, WA.

## 2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY SUMMARY

Share Grants approved by the Executive Council. \$43,200 was available for distribution:

- ◆ Immanuel, Boise – Acoustic Alchemy Studio Music Ministry
- ◆ Lutheran Church of the Master, Coeur d Alene – Sabbatical Pr. Bob Albing
- ◆ Hope Lutheran, Eagle – Sabbatical Pr. Mike Sager
- ◆ Celebration Lutheran, East Wenatchee – Sabbatical Pr. Dave Haven
- ◆ Holy Trinity Lutheran, Ephrata – Omny Outreach Ministry
- ◆ Calvary Lutheran, Post Falls – Explore ways to best care for adults aging in place
- ◆ Karla Neumann Smiley Educational Support for Stewards of the Mystery program
- ◆ Grace Lutheran, Wenatchee – Sabbatical Pr. James Aalgaard

Grants from the Eastern Washington – Idaho Synod Fund for Leaders Endowment were given to Wendy Kenney of Colville, WA who attends Luther Seminary and Pat Kaley of Goldendale, WA who attends Wartburg Seminary.

My Synod: Moving in Mission Campaign. Totals as of 4/30/2019

- ◆ **Wells Endowment** (Goal: \$200,000)  
Outstanding Pledges: \$15,423.34, Gifts: \$55,227.28  
Total Gifts Anticipated: \$70,650.62
- ◆ **ELCA Capital Campaign** (Goal: \$100,000)  
Outstanding Pledges: \$1,583.33, Gifts: \$2,714.47  
Total Gifts Anticipated: \$4,297.80
- ◆ **Fund for Leaders** (Goal: \$200,000)  
Outstanding Pledges: \$4,443.33, Gifts: \$16,493.46  
Total Gifts Anticipated: \$20,936.79
- ◆ **LCSNW** (Goal: \$150,000)  
Outstanding Pledges: \$7,983.33, Gifts: \$12,403.34  
Total Gifts Anticipated: \$20,386.67
- ◆ **SHARE Fund** (Goal: \$200,000)  
Outstanding Pledges: \$2,863.33, Gifts: \$30,781.21  
Total Gifts Anticipated: \$33,644.54
- ◆ **Tumaini School** (Goal: \$250,000)  
Outstanding Pledges: \$19,983.34, Gifts: \$70,917.04  
Total Gifts Anticipated: \$90,900.38
- ◆ **Undesignated Gifts**  
Outstanding Pledges: \$72,618.00, Gifts: \$207,674.83  
Total Gifts Anticipated: \$280,292.83
- ◆ **Overall Campaign** (Goal: \$1,100,000)  
Outstanding Pledges: \$124,528.00, Gifts: \$396,211.63  
Total Gifts Anticipated: \$521,109.63

## 2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY SUMMARY (cont.)

Our thanks and appreciation to our outgoing Synod Council members who have served faithfully:

- ◆ Marlene Rogers
- ◆ John Lohrmann
- ◆ Chris Baumgartner
- ◆ Kimmy Meinecke
- ◆ Gwen McQuaig

### **Elections/Appointments for terms beginning in 2019**

- ◆ The Synod Council appointed Tami McHugh to a four year term as treasurer
- ◆ Felicity Pittman was elected to a four year term as Vice-President
  
- ◆ Elected to Synod Council:
  - ◆ Inger Hanson—Upper Snake River Cluster representative
  - ◆ Debra Moore—North Central Cluster representative
  - ◆ Brandon Burch—At Large
  - ◆ Karla Olson—At Large
  - ◆ Fletcher Hamblen—Youth representative
- ◆ Consultation Committee—Dan Harris, Theresa Kappus

### **Elections for terms beginning in 2020**

- ◆ Elected to Synod Council:
  - ◆ Paula Kenney—elected Secretary for a four year term
  - ◆ Jerry Ethridge—Lower Columbia Basin Cluster representative
  - ◆ Daniel Forsgren—North Idaho Cluster representative
  - ◆ Anne Palma—At Large
- ◆ Discipline Committee—Liv Larson Andrews, Ron Rentner
- ◆ Consultation Committee—Dick Johnson, Bob Albing

Approved a budget for year ending 2021

Received New Day Lutheran Church – Idaho Falls, ID as a congregation in the Synod

Voted to change the name of the Synod to *Northwest Intermountain Synod*. This action will need approval by the Churchwide Assembly in August 2019.

Rather than a Synod Assembly in 2020 there will be Gatherings in three locations:

- ◆ April 25, 2020 – Trinity Lutheran, Pullman, WA
- ◆ May 2, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, Twin Falls, ID
- ◆ May 16, 2020 – Immanuel Lutheran, Moses Lake, WA

## ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP, FAITH LEADERS ISSUE STATEMENT ON CHILDREN IN DETENTION

*"For the Lord your God is God of gods ... who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger..." (Deuteronomy 10:17-19).*

*"Do not let the hatred of people prevent you from being just. Be just ..." (Qur'an 5:8).*

Children coming to our nation for safety and protection are dying at our southern border while in U.S. detention. As U.S. religious leaders representing diverse faith perspectives, we are united in our concern for the well-being of vulnerable migrants who cross our borders fleeing from danger and threats to their lives.

To read the full statement, visit: <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/7982>

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### GATHERING, WORD, MEAL, SENDING



In her June column for Living Lutheran, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton reflects on why we worship: “[Liturgy is] a discipline Lutherans willingly undertake because it helps individuals and the entire community express our connection with other Christians throughout the world and across the ages.” Read her column in English at <https://bit.ly/2EQEIAa> and in Spanish at <https://bit.ly/2KIL6CW>.

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### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SPOKANE

has closed their door and has items they would like to share with area congregations. There are linens, robes, stoles, banners, paraments and other worship furnishings.

If you are interested, please contact the synod office and we'll provide you with contact information. [office@ewaidsynod.org](mailto:office@ewaidsynod.org) or 509.838.9871

A colorful banner for the 21st Anniversary of 8 Lakes Leg Aches. The text "21st Anniversary" is in a script font at the top left. Below it, "8 Lakes" is written in large, bold, pink letters with a blue outline, and "Leg Aches" is in smaller, bold, pink letters below it. To the right, the slogan "A Scenic Ride with a Touch of the Burn!" is written in a cursive font. At the bottom right, it says "Saturday June 22nd, 2019" in a bold, sans-serif font. On the far right, there is a cartoon illustration of a green fish wearing sunglasses and riding a bicycle on a blue wave.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE WITH DIANA BUTLER BASS**

*October 25—27, 2019*  
*Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Moscow, Idaho*

Diana Butler Bass, author of *Grounded*, will be speaking in Moscow on October 25-27, 2019 on her new book *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*

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**BOUNDARY TRAINING**

Healthy Boundaries 101 Fundamentals will be presented for rostered leaders and is scheduled for:

*Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9 am – 4 pm*  
*at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2920 Cassia Street, Boise, ID.*

The curriculum is written by Faith Trust Institute in Seattle. Janine Goodrich, parish pastor from Newport, WA will lead the workshop. Rostered leaders are encouraged to participate in Boundary Training every three years.

Registration Information will be sent out in July. Updated information will be posted on the Synod website.

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR BISHOP'S CONVOCATION 2019!**

*October 28—30, 2019*  
*Lutherhaven, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho*

Our speaker will be Professor Matthew Skinner of Luther Seminary.

**MATTHEW SKINNER** joined Luther Seminary's faculty in 2002, having earned his Ph.D. in biblical studies from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he had previously completed his M.Div. and served as a teaching fellow and visiting lecturer. In 1990 he received his A.B. degree magna cum laude, with a concentration in philosophy, from Brown University. In more recent years he has conducted advanced research at the Center of Theological Inquiry as a member-in-residence and a writing fellow.

Skinner's teaching experience covers the full range of the New Testament canon. His courses focus on the original, ancient settings and circumstances surrounding the creation and preservation of biblical writings as well as how this literature continues to be experienced and interpreted in congregations and other public venues.

Updated information will be posted on the synod website at

[www.ewaidsynod.org/events](http://www.ewaidsynod.org/events)

## THE CONFIRMATION PROJECT

A partnership between the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod and Lutherhaven Ministries.

With our thanks to a major grant from *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Initiative*

### **Our Goal:**

Pilot a new, 2-year model for youth confirmation and programming across the congregations and communities of the greater Idaho Panhandle-Spokane region.

### **Objectives:**

- ◆ Bring confirmands from multiple Synod clusters and congregations together once each month, September through May, for collaborative confirmation ministry...
  - ◆ Championed by Synod staff & congregations
  - ◆ Coordinated and facilitated by Lutherhaven interns & staff
  - ◆ Instructed by a cadre of pastors, youth workers & congregation teaching leaders
  - ◆ Including, food, fellowship, recreation, and Bible & catechism teaching
  - ◆ With overnight retreats & servant opportunities
- Congregations may be small and large, urban, suburban and rural...

### **Details –**

**September 27-28:** Overnight Retreat at Shoshone Mountain Retreat

**October 20:** 3:00pm-6:00pm at Advent Lutheran, Spokane Valley

**Annual Cost:** \$150 Congregation Fee, plus \$75 per confirmand (additional cost for retreats)

*Scholarships are available if needed*

**Year One Instruction:** Walk through the Bible

**Year Two Instruction:** Luther's Catechism

### **The Confirmation Project will:**

1. **Help EWAID congregations** nurture lifelong disciples of Jesus through a network of mutual support, planning, programming and resourcing.
2. **Help nurture faith formation** in kids across diverse "stages"—at home, in the congregation, with significant pastoral and adult mentors, in service at church and in the community, and inter-generationally among God's people.
3. **Help small town and small church** youth ministries and confirmation efforts gain "critical mass"—a number of participants needed to start and maintain energy.
4. **Help larger congregations** discover a new calling, giving their young people and members a wider snapshot of the depth and breadth and richness of God's Kingdom.
5. **Help young people** experience a robust network of the faithful in Christ who walk in Jesus.

## THE CONFIRMATION PROJECT (cont.)

*The Confirmation Project regularly brings a critical mass of young people together at a time in their lives when Christ-centered relationships with peers and significant adults are vital to discovering what it means to walk their Christian faith in daily living.*



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## VITALITY SURVEY - TOOL FOR MEASUREMENT

We know that we need various ways to measure vitality in ministry. One of the tools available to congregations is the Congregational Vitality Survey (its longer name is "ELCA Congregation Every-Worshiper Short Survey"), produced by the Congregational Vitality Project (CVP). The goal of the many CVP resources, including the short survey, is to "help focus congregational leaders on what matters to mission: the congregation's connections with God, each other and the world." Several congregations in the Eastern WA-ID Synod used the survey in the past several years when it was first created. The conversations born from this assessment tool were fruitful.

Our Synod Vitality Coalition would like to create cohorts of congregations who use the tool and its follow-up resources. A congregation that is using the survey for the second time may serve as a mentor congregation. At different stages in the process, representatives from the cohorts will meet by Zoom (an online meeting platform) to support one another and encourage one another in moving forward with next steps.

**Want to learn more about the CVP?**

Visit <http://congregationalvitalitysurvey.com/#>

To participate in a cohort, or for questions, contact Mary Morrow, Director for Evangelical Mission, at [mary.morrow@ewaidsynos.org](mailto:mary.morrow@ewaidsynos.org) or 208-446-5207.

## Events & Educational Opportunities

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### COMMUNITY SING AND ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

**Cost:** \$25 for individuals  
\$40 for families

**Register:** [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

**Dates:** July 19, 6pm—July 20, 3pm

**Location:** West Central Episcopal Mission, Spokane, WA

Music That Makes Community is excited to spend a weekend in Spokane, sharing paperless (oral/aural tradition) music and leadership practices!

West Central Episcopal Mission will host this time of musical and spiritual nourishment as we join voices and hearts in song. MtMC's Executive Director, Paul Vasile will offer leadership, inviting participants into communal learning and reflection.

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### STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

**RSVP:** RSVP by July 17, 2019  
Call (208) 466-2173 or email [churchbiz@msn.com](mailto:churchbiz@msn.com)

**Date:** Saturday, July 27, 2019, 1pm—7pm

**Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Nampa, ID

Come learn the art of faith storytelling with Pastors Jodi Houge and Phil Gebben Green. The workshop will take place from 1-4:30pm. We will feed you dinner and then have an evening of actual storytelling. This event is free thanks to the Clergy Renewal gift given to Trinity Lutheran by the Lilly Endowment.

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### PAULSEN HOUSE LAWN PARTY

**RSVP:** <https://spokanediocese.formstack.com/forms/rsvp>

**Date:** July 30, 5pm—7pm

**Location:** 245 E 13th Ave, Spokane, WA 99202

Join us once again to meet the Bishops' of the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane and the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod.

Bishop Gretchen and Bishop Kristen are happy to host another fun, relaxed, social gathering on the lawn of Paulsen House. BBQ items and refreshments will be provided.

## Events & Educational Opportunities

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### ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY—CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

**Information:** [www.cwa19.org/](http://www.cwa19.org/)

**Dates:** August 5—August 10

**Location:** Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, WI

The Greater Milwaukee Synod is excited to be the host synod for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly and needs you to help this event run smoothly. About 600 volunteers will be recruited in the coming months to usher, iron albs, provide technology assistance to voting members, monitor doors, greet visitors and much more. Please read about all the ways you can help on the volunteer positions page and visit the ELCA Churchwide Assembly page to learn more.

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### MUSIC THAT MAKES COMMUNITY WITH PAUL VASILE

**Cost:** \$80 for clergy (including new to ministry)  
\$60 for lay people, LPAs and retired clergy  
Participants are responsible for their own lodging.

**Register:** [www.montanasynod.org/nrit.html](http://www.montanasynod.org/nrit.html)

**Dates:** August 22, 7pm to 9pm—August 23, 9am to 3pm

**Location:** Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman, MT

Music that Makes Community is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help people connect and learn through singing. We do that by developing and teaching a practice of paperless song leading, grounded in a theology of welcome and generosity for the benefit of musicians, clergy, congregants, students and lay leaders who want to use the practice to enrich and enliven their worship and community life.

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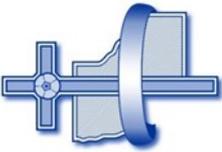
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