

Announcements for April 13, 2025

THANK YOU to Nancy Curtis for leading our music this morning, Verne & Leslie Beffert for worship team duties, Diane Mueller for altar care.

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Lynnette Evanson, Bea Huber, Randy and Linda Holland, Mike and Vicky Ryles, Carol Fagerli, Holly Happe, Anita Bueling, Larry Hildebrandt, and Randy Mogen.

ONLINE GIVING: To make a gift to the ministry of American Lutheran church, check out the GIVE tab on our website using the QR code at the beginning of the bulletin or click on this QR code.



DONATION ENVELOPES are available in the hallway.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN EVENTS

UPCOMING AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN

Sunday	April 13, 9a Worship, 10a Coffee & WELCA
Tuesday	April 15, 9a to Noon LWR Quilting
Wednesday	April 16, 9:30a Bible Study
Thursday	April 17, 7p Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	April 18, 7p Good Friday Service
Sunday	April 20, 8a Easter Potluck 9a Worship Easter Sunday
Monday	April 21, 10a & 3:30p Loaves & Fishes 10:15 Meals on Wheels



EASTER LILIES: If you would like to bring an Easter lily or other flowers to beautify the sanctuary for the Easter celebration, please bring them Saturday. If you are giving the lily in honor in memory of a loved one, please let Annette know so that it may be included in the bulletin.

Meals on Wheels: Please sign up on the volunteer board to help with Meals on Wheels on April 21, 23, and 25. Also check in with Dale & Gloria with any questions.

Women of the ELCA has additional Norwegian Meatballs with gravy for sale \$10/box. There are also some meatballs without gravy for sale only \$8. Please check with a WELCA member and purchase some delicious meatballs.

WELCA would like to thank all those in the congregation that are bringing goodies for the School Kits and Personal Care Kits. We continue to collect items through April prior to sending them on to Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to add to the bags, check out the list of items to be included in the kits. Those lists are found in the laundry baskets near the coffee area. **Thank You** for your support of these projects!

LWR QUILTING: Calling all quilters and non-quilters to help every Tuesday from 9am-noon! Experience is not needed! Are you cleaning out closets? We can use donations of colored sheets (not twin size) and lightly used blankets.

Christikon Benefit Auction is Sunday, April 27, from 4-7pm at the Billings Depot. Admission is \$25 at the door. You will be able to bid online closer to the auction date!

Montana Choral Artists invite you to join them on Sunday, April 13 at 3pm for their concert titled *When We Love* at Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. The Montana Choral Artists chamber choir will perform selections featuring the music of Whitacre, Hagenberg, and Mendelssohn, conducted by MSU professor of music Jon Harney. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Our **April benevolence** will go to the Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains Billings Office, to help refugee families become self-sufficient. Lutheran Family Services supports 14 families including 12 children within those families who recently resettled in Billings. The organization needs financial help to continue to support the refugee families because of federal funding freezes and refugee resettlement contracts canceled by the federal government.

Montana Synod's Lenten Journey to Hope: 40 Days from Great Falls to Jerusalem

Our church is joining with other churches across the Montana Synod for a spiritual and physical journey this Lent. So far as of Thursday, as a synod we have traveled 3982 miles of the 6,574 miles from Great Falls to Jerusalem. We have raised \$2534 to support the Synod Hunger Fund! If you are logging miles and fundraising, thank you and keep going! For those who aren't logging miles, you can support other congregation members who are by donating to their individual fundraisers (ask them for a link) and offering some encouragement! And everyone can join in by praying for a hunger ministry in the Synod each day.

Picnic, Bike Rides, and Walks! Save the date for a bike ride, walk, and picnic on Saturday, **July 12th**. Walkers can walk any distance they are able around Sacajawea Park. Bikers will have the option to ride from Chico to Sacajawea Park (25 miles), from Sacajawea Park to Carter's Bridge and back (10 miles), or just from Carter's Bridge to Sacajawea Park (5 miles). Walkers, bikers, and picnic-goers will all come together for a picnic lunch and celebration. This will be an opportunity for us to gather together for fellowship with other area churches as well as fundraise for the Montana Synod Hunger Fund. All around the Montana Synod, more and more people are experiencing hunger. Congregations are responding to the hunger needs in their communities in a variety of ways from food pantries to community meals to community gardens. With ever increasing demand, the Montana Synod Hunger Fund provides grants to congregations working locally to end hunger. Watch for more details and registration information coming soon.

Dough For Daily Bread events will be back this summer! These bike rides and walking events are an opportunity to gather together, enjoy God's Creation, and fundraise for the Montana Synod Hunger Fund which supports ministries addressing hunger in their local communities. Save the date for these events:

Saturday, June 14: Allen Hansen Memorial Bike Ride: Red Lodge to Laurel

Saturday, July 12: Livingston Bike Ride and Walk

Sunday, July 13: Helena Bike Ride and Walk



**DOUGH FOR
DAILY BREAD**

2025 NATALIE MAYER LECTURE IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES



April 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Regency Room, Anderson University Center

Featuring Professor Cutcha Risling Baldy
Associate Professor of Native American Studies
at California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

This event is free and open to the public.

Please join us for the Natalie Mayer Lecture on April 16th with speaker Cutcha Risling Baldy, whose research focuses on Indigenous feminisms, Californian Indians, Environmental Justice, Traditional ecological knowledge, and decolonization. Her book, "We Are Dancing For You: Native Feminisms and the Revitalization of Women's Coming of Age Ceremonies" won "Best First Book in Native and American Indigenous Studies" at the 2019 Native American Indigenous Studies Association Conference. This event will also honor the legacy of our donor, Natalie Mayer, who was dedicated to teaching others about the Native American experience.

Ninis'a:n-na:ng'a'/ The World Came to Be Lying There Again, the World Assumed Its Present

Position: California Indian History, Genocide and Native Women

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, **Starts at 7:00 pm, Regency Room, Anderson University Center**

This event will be livestreamed for those not able to attend in-person

Free and open to the public.

Register here: <https://www.plu.edu/hgst/natalie-mayer-lecture-registration/>



Benefit Auction

Sunday April 27 4-7pm

Live auction begins at 5:30pm

**The Billing Depot
Admission is \$25 at the door**

**Heavy Hors d'oeuvres provided by
Basil & Bloom**

Proceeds support the outdoor youth ministries of Christikon Bible Camp

Go to www.christikon.org for details

Reading for Sunday, April 13, Passion Sunday

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#) *The servant of the Lord submits to suffering*

[Psalm 31:9-16](#) *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

[Philippians 2:5-11](#) *Humbled to the point of death on a cross*

[Luke 22:14—23:56](#) *The passion of the Lord*

Reading for Sunday, April 20, Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

[Acts 10:34-43](#) *God raised Jesus on the third day*

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#) *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#) *Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits*

[Luke 24:1-12](#) *The women proclaim the resurrection*

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Sunday	April 27, 9a Worship, 10a Coffee 4-7p Christikon Benefit
Monday	April 28, News articles due
Tuesday	April 29, 9a to Noon LWR Quilting
Wednesday	April 30, 9:30a Bible Study

UPCOMING WORSHIP TEAMS

April 18 Don & Lana Sheen
April 20 Curt & Dee Gosda
April 27 Tena Versland, Dale & Gloria Guidi

May 4 Diane Mueller, Ian & Jenna Flatgard
May 11 Jim & Bonnie Evanson?
May 18 Jane Haugen & Dana Latsch
May 25 Doug & Cookie Linsted

June 1 Jim & Bonnie Evanson
June 8 John & Diane West
June 15 Billie Roberts, Anna Smith, & Karla Pettit
June 22 Dennis & Billie Kaye Harms
June 29 Verne & Leslie Beffert

July 6 Dennis & Kitty Springer
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