

NORTHWEST INTERMOUNTAIN SYNOD REGIONAL GATHERINGS 2024

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STEWARDSHIP FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Ezra 3:10-13

In this passage, we meet the Israelites as they are trying to find their 'new normal' after the destruction of the first temple and the rebuilding of the second. There is a mix of both grief and hope in the air as the foundation is being laid. This passage reminds us to tend to the variety of emotions present as we tend to the work of innovation in the church today.

We are excited to invite you to one of the Regional Gatherings this coming spring. This will be an opportunity to learn together, to reconnect with friends and build relationships with people from neighboring congregations.

April 27 - Advent Lutheran Church - Spokane Valley, WA
May 4 - Our Savior Lutheran Church - Twin Falls, ID
May 18 - First Lutheran Church - Ellensburg, WA

9:30 am Registration 10:00 am Gathering

Congregation Registration will be sent out to congregations in February. Each congregation is asked to register for the day-long event closest to you. The registration fee is \$300 per congregation which covers our speaker and a few other expenses. Bring as many people as you would like. In March, information will be sent to register individual participants. There will be a \$15 fee per person to cover lunch expenses. The Gathering will **conclude at 4:00 pm**.

Our presenter is **Grace Pomroy** who is the Director of the Stewardship Leaders Program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She's a lay, millennial stewardship leader, speaker, and financial educator based in Allyn, WA. She is the co-author of the stewardship book, Embracing



Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life, as well as author of the 2013 ELCA stewardship resource, "Stewards of God's Love." She is currently working on a book about alternative financial models for ministry with Fortress Press, an imprint of 1517 Media.