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Gold Hill News

Upcoming Events & Activities



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

by Kay Vang

During this time of social distancing and lack of group gatherings we are not walking by the display of prayer shawls in the Gold Hill hallway. But this may be the time when someone really needs a prayer shawl. Please remember they are available to give to someone who may have a special need or concern at this

time. Please call Mary in the church office, let her know if you have a color preference from those available, and she will see that you can get one.

We do like to keep track of to whom the prayer shawls are given so that one person does not receive multiple shawls so let Mary know who you are thinking about and she can check the list to see if that person already has one.

If you knit or crochet and would be willing to spend some time creating one or more prayer shawls that will certainly be appreciated! There is yarn available in the Fireside Room in many different colors. Any size or shape works. The prayer shawls are all blessed and a label noting they are from the Gold Hill Prayer Shawl Ministry is added before they are given to someone. If you see that your newly created shawl gets to Mary in the church office the prayer shawl ministry team will take care of the rest.

THANK YOU for thinking about and caring for people who are having concerns of many kinds by knitting, crocheting, or giving prayer shawls.

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Gold Hill cannot take physical donations of food for the Food Bank. However, your monetary donations are still needed.

**Mail your monetary donation
directly to:
Butte Emergency Food Bank
1019 East Second Street
Butte, MT 59701**

Thank you for your generosity!





Scarves, Hats, Mittens!

It is November and time to begin collecting new and lightly-used scarfs, hats, and mittens for those in need. Please bring them to Sunday worship or drop them at the home of JoAnn Farrow, Jeanette Quist, or Miriam Haley. You can also leave them in the box in the church entryway on the West side.

If you have any questions you can talk to Miriam Haley (498-3861).



LWR Quilters are meeting

The Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran World Relief Quilters are meeting at 10:30 am on Wednesday at the Civic Center. Please feel welcome to visit us or join us there any Wednesday. We will bring our own sewing supplies, lunch, drink and masks. Thanks to Bill Melvin and the Civic Center for making this space available.

Gold Hill Schedule Changes & Additions

All Council and group meetings will be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future due to the rise in coronavirus cases in our county. Questions? Talk to Pastor Carrels or any Council member.

Wednesday weekly devotions are offered by Pastor Carrels on Facebook in the evening. Go to Gold Hill's Facebook page or Pastor Carrels' page to join in. Gloria Dei will offer devotions on their Facebook page.

Evening Bible Study/Adult Forum offered by Pastor Carrels on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Let Pastor know if you'd like to join in.

Thursday Morning Bible Study now held at 8:00 am via Zoom due to the rise in coronavirus cases in our county. Talk to Pastor Carrels if you have any questions.



Here is an amazing Ministry opportunity!! Do you want to help us make a community Christmas CD?

With the remarkable help of Dave Coleman, our music director and piano player extraordinaire, we would like to make a Christmas CD that can go out to our congregation members and be put up on YouTube. We are looking for singers and instrumentalists that would like to record their favorite Christmas Songs.

Do they have to be "Churchy"? **NO!**
Can I play Rudolph? **Ugh! If you have to!**
What about Santa Stuff? **Sure!**
What if I'm not perfect? No one is!
Come and share your gifts.

This is a ministry for the congregation so that we all have a small piece of our community with us all the time this Advent Season.

If you are interested please email pastor (pastorgoldhill@gmail.com) or Dave Coleman (daveinconcert@gmail.com) to coordinate times for recording during the months of October and November. Proceeds from this CD will go to a worthy charity and it will be a lot of fun!

A Pacific Lutheran University Christmas 2020

The annual Christmas Concerts have been an integral part of our holiday season at PLU. Over the past many months, we have been following national and international research and guidelines regarding the COVID-19 virus and its impact on our programs. Concern for the safety and care of our entire community has resulted in some very difficult decisions regarding our programs and public events.

To that end, I regretfully announce that we will not be able to hold our traditional Christmas Concerts this December. Public events of this magnitude are not yet being allowed in Washington, and we do not anticipate that changing in the next few weeks.

In this year of change, our annual Christmas celebration will become **PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas** and will feature short artistic vignettes distributed on consecutive days in December. These gifts will be shared via email and social media, and posted on our Christmas Concert website (click [HERE](#)).

These will include new musical works recorded this fall, performances from recent Christmas Concerts, and personal reflections from our students and faculty.

To receive **PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas** via email, please [sign up here](#).



These are our gifts to the PLU community—an opportunity to continue the PLU Christmas tradition within the constraints of a worldwide pandemic.

Thank you sincerely for your understanding and support.

Cameron Bennett, Dean

School of Arts and Communication

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Pastor Marlow Carrels

Weekly Calendar

Church Council
meeting via Zoom
at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 10

LWR Quilters
meet at 10:30 am
at Butte Civic Center
Wednesday, Nov. 11

Bible Study/Adult Forum
via Zoom at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 11

Weekly Devotion
on Facebook
at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 11

Bible Study Group
meets at 8:00 am
via Zoom
Thursday, Nov. 12

Worship Service
(Outdoors)
at 9:30 am
Sunday, Nov. 15

Montana Synod News

Words from the Bishop: Clothed in Love



Dear God's Chosen, holy and beloved,
Christ's grace and peace to you on this day following the election in our nation. Today you may be experiencing a whirlwind of emotions and a waterfall of thoughts surging through your minds, bodies, hearts and spirits. Perhaps its happiness and gratitude that the results went the way you wanted. Perhaps its impatience and frustration as you wait for results to come in. Maybe its anger or sadness that the results didn't go your way or fear and anxiety over imagined and real consequences we might face.

Apathy, cynicism, distraction, elation, disappointment, and worrying about what's next...all this and more may be rumbling through you right now.

And these feelings and thoughts that accompany them are understandable and very real during times like these.

But even in the midst of these thoughts and feelings, we as followers of Christ are called to something different. We are called to place a different reality at the center of all others swirling around us.

That reality is: God is God and we are God's chosen, holy and beloved. All of us, we who follow Christ and live in his light are God's chosen, beloved and holy in Christ. No matter how we voted, no matter the outcomes, no matter how others may be reacting to them, we as followers of Christ have a higher calling and a clearer command.

Paul writes in Colossians 3: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the

peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, **do everything** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Love Jesus-style is our wardrobe and our way of life. Love is our vocation and our central value that guides everything we do. And in this call, command, and identity as God’s beloved and holy chosen, we have the responsibility to manage our thoughts and emotions toward love and healthy relationship with others (justice).

In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit we must manage and guide our emotions and thoughts; they cannot control us. We as the beloved of God don’t get to fall into sin-filled reactions like malice, violence, deceit, slander, boasting, heartlessness, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy or using our freedoms for self-indulgence.

Instead we get to proclaim God’s divine, loving and merciful lordship in and for this world. We get to proclaim Christ’s salvific healing, reconciliation, and new life. We get to proclaim the Spirit’s life-creating wind of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and yes, self-control that are blowing through this world today and every day.

God is God and we are God’s chosen, holy and beloved, clothed in God’s grace-filled love for service into the world no matter what it looks like.

And so today, dwelling in Christ’s word of Love, let us rejoice with those who have been given the honor to serve us and this nation in public service and let us suffer with those who are suffering loss, holding on to the compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness and love that binds everything together in perfect harmony as we live in Christ Jesus, the Lord of ALL. May God bless, keep and encourage you in his peace during these days.

A prayer from the ELW:

*O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***



Are you looking for a place to connect with a faithful community, grow in faith, and put your talents to work serving others? Look no further, we welcome you at Gold Hill Lutheran Church. To learn more about the mission and ministry of Gold Hill Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Marlow Carrels at 406-723-4242.

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Welcomes You!