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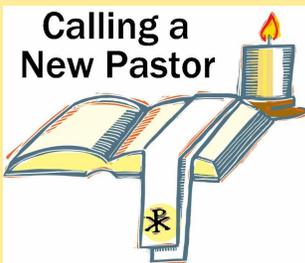
**Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
United to Serve**



The Nugget E-News

August 12, 2019

GOLD HILL NEWS



Calling a New Pastor

Call Committee News

Call Committee Update! We have finished the first draft of the ministry site profile and would now like to have some small group or individual reviews with members of the congregation. These will be informal and happen over the next couple of weeks. If you are approached please listen to what we have done and be open with your thoughts and

comments so that we can evaluate our work and submit the most accurate Ministry Site Profile possible. We can't get to everyone, so if you are not approached and would like to be a part of this process, please contact one of the call committee members and we will be more than happy to meet with you.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday is September 8, 2019. This day is an opportunity to celebrate that we as Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church are freed to serve and love our neighbor in the name of Christ. On GWOH's Sunday, the main activity again this year will be the **neighborhood cook out**.

In her parting words to the congregation Pastor (soon to be Bishop) Laurie made a strong pitch for being more involved with our immediate neighborhood and practicing sharing our faith stories. Recent surveys by the transition team emphasize the need and desire to grow as a church, serve our neighbors and spread the good news, sharing what is happening at Gold Hill. Let's take this Sunday as such an opportunity!

Please share in this meal after worship services and warmly greet any and all neighbors who come to join us.

There are sign-up sheets in the Hall for the various activities you can participate in, and if you have other service activities that we might do on that Sunday, please pass on your ideas to any council member.



Calendar:

Women's Gather Bible Study
meets at 9:30 am
Big Sky Senior Living Center
Tuesday, August 13

Church Council
meets at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, August 13

LWR Quilters
meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, August 14

Overeaters Anonymous
meets @ 6:15 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 14
Al-Anon
meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 14

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry
meets at 10:00 am
at Gold Hill
Thursday, August 15

Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour:
at 10:45 am
Sunday, August 18

Bible Study Opportunities:

Group Study every Thursday at 6:30 am @ Perkins Restaurant

Women's Gather Bible Study meets



Gold Hill Knitting Ministry

The Gold Hill Prayer Shawl Knitters will be meeting at Gold Hill this Thursday at 10:00 am. (We want to sort through yarn, etc.). Please note we will not meet at Big Sky in August! Please talk to Jeanette Quist if you have any questions.

the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am at Big Sky Senior Living Center on Waterford Way, in the Library

LINKS:

[Click here to visit our growing website](#)

[Click here to visit our FB page and "like" us](#)

[Click here to support the Butte Furniture Bank](#)

[Click here to visit our Church Library Page](#)

You are invited to the Installation of

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling as Bishop of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 11 am

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
3580 North Benton Avenue, Helena, MT 59602

Reception and light lunch following at
The Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena, MT 59601

Clergy and Lay Ministers are invited to gather at 10:30 in order to vest and process.
Color of the day is red.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you."
Eph. 1:17-18

A block of rooms has been set aside (under the name Montana Synod, ELCA)
at the Great Northern Hotel until September 10, 2019
To make reservations, call 855-479-0732

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Outreach Ministry

From the ELCA Bishop - Statement against Christian Nationalism

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has joined Christian leaders in a statement against Christian nationalism.

"Whether we worship at a church, mosque, synagogue, or temple, America has no second-class faiths," their statement reads. "All are equal under the U.S. Constitution."

The full statement follows:

As Christians, our faith teaches us everyone is created in God's image and commands us to love one another. As Americans, we value our system of government and the good that can be accomplished in our constitutional democracy. Today, we are concerned about a persistent threat to both our religious communities and our democracy - Christian nationalism.

Christian nationalism seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both the Christian faith and America's constitutional democracy. Christian nationalism demands Christianity be privileged by the State and implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian. It often overlaps with and provides cover for white supremacy and racial subjugation. We reject this damaging political ideology and invite our Christian brothers and sisters to join us in opposing this threat to our faith and to our nation.

As Christians, we are bound to Christ, not by citizenship, but by faith. We believe that:



- *People of all faiths and none have the right and responsibility to engage constructively in the public square.*
- *Patriotism does not require us to minimize our religious convictions.*
- *One's religious affiliation, or lack thereof, should be irrelevant to one's standing in the civic community.*
- *Government should not prefer one religion over another or religion over non-religion.*
- *Religious instruction is best left to our houses of worship, other religious institutions and families.*
- *America's historic commitment to religious pluralism enables faith communities to live in civic harmony with one another without sacrificing our theological convictions.*
- *Conflating religious authority with political authority is idolatrous and often leads to oppression of minority and other marginalized groups as well as the spiritual impoverishment of religion.*
- *We must stand up to and speak out against Christian nationalism, especially when it inspires acts of violence and intimidation-including vandalism, bomb threats, arson, hate crimes, and attacks on houses of worship-against religious communities at home and abroad.*

Whether we worship at a church, mosque, synagogue, or temple, America has no second-class faiths. All are equal under the U.S. Constitution. As Christians, we must speak in one voice condemning Christian nationalism as a distortion of the gospel of Jesus and a threat to American democracy.

More information is available [HERE](#).

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

Are you looking for a place to connect with a faithful community, grow in faith, and put your talents to work in 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 Laurie Jungling at 406-723-4242.