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**Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
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The Nugget E-News

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GOLD HILL NEWS

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.



Put this on your calendar -



Gloria Dei is holding an outdoor service & potluck on August 25th at 10:00 am in the Stodden Park large pavilion to welcome Pastor Sarah into our community and thank Pastor Patty for her interim service.

Gold Hill will hold regular worship at 9:30 am and afterward those wishing to may attend the potluck hosted by Gloria Dei.

There will be no coffee hour on August 25th.

Gloria Dei council will provide the meat, drinks, plates, and utensils. Potluck items are salads and/or desserts. While seating is available,

Calendar:

We Deliver - Sack Lunch Ministry meets at 9:00 am
Monday, August 19

LWR Quilters meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, August 21

Overeaters Anonymous meets @ 6:15 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 21
Al-Anon meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 21

Dennis Haley Funeral at 11:00 am
Gold Hill Lutheran Church
Friday, August 23

Worship Service: at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour: at 10:45 am
Sunday, August 25

Bible Study Opportunities:

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

Women's Gather Bible Study meets 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

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Words from the Bishop -

"Sanctuary", or "You can't believe everything you hear on TV"



By now many ELCA members have heard that the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted last week to become "a sanctuary body." For some people this announcement came as good, life-giving news. For others it was much more troubling. It is important for us to understand what this declaration means and what it does not mean.

It DOES mean that the ELCA takes very seriously the situation of migrants and of undocumented people. The ELCA has a long history of ministry to the stranger, based on biblical precedent.

It DOES NOT mean that everyone has to respond in the same way. Some will choose to provide material aid to refugees relocating in this country. I know that when there was talk of Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls being a backup location for unaccompanied minors in the case of a hurricane, I spoke with the Mayor about ways that the faith community could offer hospitality. Offering hospitality is what we do. Some will choose to limit their response to prayer-which should never be discounted. And some will work with LIRS or AMMPARO. Still others will take further steps.

It DOES mean that the ELCA is renewing our commitment to advocate or reform in our nation's broken immigration system, and for humane treatment of immigrants and refugees.

It DOES NOT mean that the ELCA is condoning or advocating illegal conduct on behalf of its congregations or members.

It DOES mean that the ELCA is encouraging its members to exercise compassion, generosity, hospitality to all, and to speak up for "the least of these."

It DOES NOT mean that the ELCA is mandating that its congregations engage in any practice.

(The ELCA Churchwide Assembly cannot mandate the actions of ELCA

congregations.)

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly did many things in our 5 ½ days together. I encourage you to go to the [ELCA website](#) to learn more. And I will be writing about other topics in next week's e-news.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

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.