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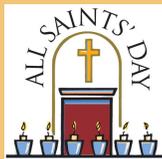


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GOLD HILL NEWS

Reformation Sunday 2019



All Saints Sunday

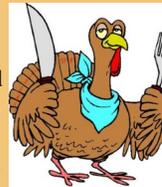
All Saints Sunday is November 3rd this year. We will remember those who have died this past year with lighting of candles before worship. If you would like to light a votive candle for a loved one who has died, please come to the church a few minutes early to do

so.

Special Olympics Dinner at Gold Hill - Mark this on your Calendar!

On November 8, 2019, Gold Hill will cook and serve a full turkey dinner to approximately 125 Special Olympic athletes in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:00 PM. All food except for desserts will be supplied to the hosting congregations.

Many volunteers will be needed for this event! Please see the sign up sheets in the Hall. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pat Gruss at (406) 565-2563.



Daughters of Norway Bazaar

The Daughters of Norway are holding their 2nd Annual Bazaar on November 9th at the Racetrack Fire Hall from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Table rentals are \$50.00 and the tables will be provided. If you are interested in renting a table please contact Danette Fitzpatrick (782-3938).

Lend a Hand

Winter is coming! Soon it will be time to be outside shoveling snow as it piles up. **We will need help with shoveling of the walks around the church area on Sundays before worship.** If you feel you can help out and would be willing to take a Sunday or two during the winter to shovel, please talk to Lynn Aniksdal at (406) 491-2245 and let her know. Thank you!



Calendar:

LWR Quilters
meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, Oct. 30

Gold Hill Choir
meets at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 30

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

Copper Cloggers
meet 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Thursday, Oct. 31

**All Saints Sunday
Worship Service:**
at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour:
at 10:45 am
Sunday School:
at 10:45 am
Sunday, November 3

**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

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Words from the Bishop - Questions



Dear Friends in Christ,

This past Friday, many of our clergy, deacons, and LPA's will have gathered for the annual Bishop's Convocation in Helena, MT. While each convocation is different, this year we as the MT Synod's leaders will focus on having a conversation with each other. But this won't just be talk about the weather or the latest Vikings game or who's hosting the next lutefisk dinner. At this convocation, we

will be conversing - listening to each other and talking with each other with open minds and hearts - about the Church in the 21st century, its present and its future.

Leaders from across the synod will have the opportunity to share their wisdom, questions, vision and concerns so that together we might better face and respond to the changing world and church.

And the world and the church, they are a'changin! We can hide from this reality and pretend it's not true, or at least not true for our church. We can cling to the past as some glorious time, trying to rediscover it and restore it. We can react with anxiety, anger, and fear at the changes that we didn't choose and seem to have no control over. We can retreat into our own enclaves and hear only voices that sound good to us. We can try to be relevant to this year's world, making surface-level fixes, only to have that world change again the next year, thus making our relevancies irrelevant.

Or we can go deeper. We can go back to our roots in Christ. We can learn wisdom from the past and better understand the present, all to help us step forward with faith into the future. We can respond not as victims of change but as healthy co-participants in a transition process guided not simply by cultural or contextual relevance but by God's mission in the world, Jesus' call to follow him, and the Spirit's on-going empowerment.

Part of that healthy transition process is to ask questions of ourselves as church and its leaders, and to respond to those questions with honest love, authentic faith, and an abiding hope in the One who calls and guides us into the new life God has promised in Christ. While the fullness of that new life may not yet come to its fruition in this day and time, nonetheless the promise of that new life and its gifts do come to us today, empowering and encouraging us to seek the reign of God even now, no matter hopeless things may seem.

At the Bishop's Convocation, we'll be asking ourselves a variety of questions about the vision, purpose, mission, identity, goals, and actions of the MT Synod in the years to come. And while we probably won't reach any finalized answers - this is a Holy Spirit-led faith-formation process, not a multiple choice test - God will be working in our midst, opening our hearts and minds to see, even dimly, the direction Jesus is calling us to go to be Christ's body for this time and place.

And you know what?! Your congregations can participate in this process too! How? By asking these questions of yourselves, and exploring possibilities and opening yourselves up to the Spirit's working in your congregations and communities. Some good (but daunting) questions to begin with include: Why Jesus? How does Jesus matter to your lives, as individuals and as congregation? We can no longer take answers to this question for granted. Also, why is Jesus calling us to be Church - his body -- in the world? Who is Jesus calling your congregation to be? Where is he calling you to go next? What is Jesus calling you to do as you follow him?

Take some time as a congregation - in Bible studies, adult forums, confirmation, prayer gatherings, council meetings, etc. - to think with, pray about, talk with and listen to each other about these questions so that together, led by the Holy Spirit, you may discern faith-filled responses for your context and ministry as well as the wider church.

Your fellow disciple,
Bishop Laurie

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