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Gold Hill News

Upcoming Events & Activities



Sack Lunch Ministry

If anyone would like to make sack lunches for the homeless outside of Gold Hill, please let Kim Mickelson know. There are funds available for reimbursement for this ministry. Lunches can be made at home and brought to Gold Hill before 9:00 AM October 19th for pick-up and delivery to the homeless. Call Kim (498-4402) or the church office (723-4242) if you wish to participate in this ministry.

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Fay Taylor turns 100!

Fay will be 100 on October 23rd. A group is planning on meeting outside the church on October 23rd at 1:30 PM and will then walk to Fay's house on Placer St. to sing Happy Birthday to her. Anyone who wants to join in is welcome!



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.

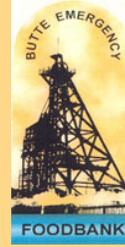
This is a ministry for the congregation so that we all have a small piece of our community with us all the time this Advent Season.

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!



LWR Quilters are meeting

On Wednesday, October 21, 10:30 am the Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran World Relief Quilters will begin meeting 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.



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!

Gold Hill Schedule Changes

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 will be 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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study will now be 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

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Team Leader

Pastor Marlow Carrels

Weekly Calendar

LWR Quilters
meet at 10:30 am
at Butte Civic Center
Wednesday, Oct. 21

Bible Study Group
meets at 8:00 am
via Zoom
Thursday, Oct. 22

Reformation Sunday
Worship Service
(Outdoors)
at 9:30 am
Sunday, Oct. 25

Montana Synod News



Words from the Bishop: Standing with Christ

Please click [HERE](#) to watch Bishop Jungling's message.

Guidance from the Bishop regarding climbing Covid Numbers

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Covid-19 numbers continue to climb in our communities, you and your councils may be wondering, "What should we do about worship and other in-person activities at the church?" Should we continue to meet in-person? Should we cut back on the numbers allowed inside our worship spaces to allow for more social distancing? Should we take a step back and stop in-person worship altogether for a few weeks until the numbers come under some control? I encourage you to take the following actions as you make your decisions in your county and context:

- 1) Talk to your local county health officials and ask for their guidance.
- 2) Do a refresher course on how Covid-19 spreads and review the practices you've been taking as a congregation to minimize its spread. Some practices, like mask-wearing or physically distanced Holy Communion, may have slipped to the wayside and could need to be reinforced again.
- 3) Councils and Pastors make your decision together and then take the fallout of your decision together. Councils, please don't leave your pastor blowing in the wind by themselves to deal with upset people. Stand united and together for the safety and love of the people of the congregation.
- 4) **When in doubt of what to do, I am strongly encouraging congregations to take a step back from in-person worship for a few weeks and do online worship until the numbers drop again.** Perhaps, if we can lower the numbers now and flatten the curve, we can actually gather in-person for more normal-like Christmas services. Right now, with the numbers climbing and no end in sight, Christmas Eve worship with our favorite carols seems a very small possibility indeed.

Always remember that our primary Christian value – the principle that is to govern ALL of our actions as the body of Christ – is love. Christ-like Love. In Colossians 3, Paul lifts up "meekness" as one important aspect of Christian love. In Matthew 5, Jesus blesses the meek as those who will inherit the earth.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book on *Discipleship* (once called *The Cost of Discipleship*) describes "meekness" as the willingness to give up one's rights for the sake of Christ and loving one another. "Meekness" is neither cowardice nor weakness; in fact it's one of the strongest, bravest things a person or group of people can do: give up one's own life, including one's own freedoms, to protect others in their rights to life and health. So please "Above All, clothe yourselves in love." (Col 3:12-15) Love is what God commands us to do.

Bishop Laurie Jungling

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Montana Synod Updates on Covid-19

The Synod office is operating under limited office hours through the month of October, 12-4pm. Candi, the Office manager is in the office all day. **Meetings with Synod staff are by appointment only.**

The Synod Staff will traveling on a very limited basis based on appointment and need. They will not be traveling to lead worship. We will be revisiting these policies every month.

Across the ELCA there are pastoral and worship leaders who have been diagnosed with Covid-19. Please remember if you are a worship leader who has been diagnosed or experiencing symptoms of Covid-19, you should stay home, even if this means cancelling worship. As worship leaders, you are encouraged to not risk the safety of our members.



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!