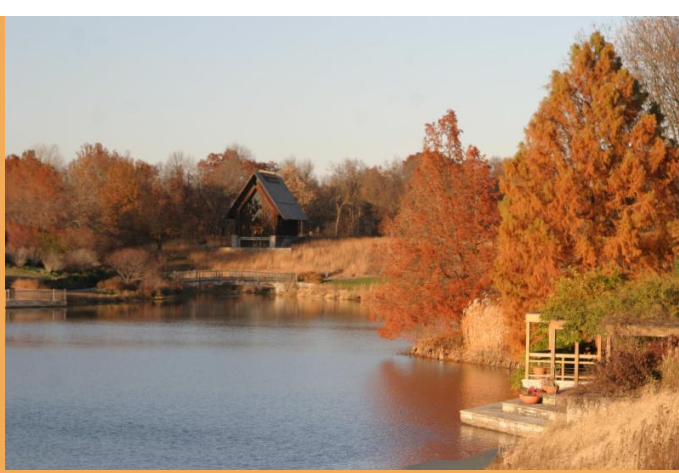


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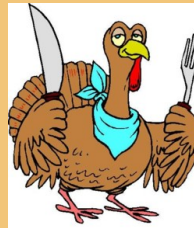
The Nugget E-News

November 4, 2019

GOLD HILL NEWS

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

This Friday, 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.



Volunteers are still 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 this Saturday, November 9th at the Racetrack Fire Hall (corner of Grand & Farragut) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Enjoy a lunch while browsing the various vendors! Lefse and Scandinavian goodies will be on sale. If you have any questions, please call Danette (782-3938 or 565-6310) or Bev (490-8332).

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!



Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!

Scandinavian Cookie Baking is set for November 16 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come and help to make cookies for our annual Lutefisk Dinner. Please bring your own supplies! Talk to DorothyAnne Honeychurch or Peg Probasco for more information.



Calendar:

GHELC Women's Book Club
meets at 10:00 am
Big Sky Senior Living Center
Monday, Nov. 4

Jim Young - Memorial Service
at 11:00 am
Monday, Nov. 4
Gold Hill Lutheran Church

Chateau Quilters
meet 10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 5

Executive Committee
meets at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 5

LWR Quilters
meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, Nov. 6

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

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

Music & Worship
meet 6:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 7

Special Olympics Dinner
5 pm - 7 pm
Fellowship Hall

Words from the Bishop - Saints

My Aunt Shirley, before she died a few years ago, would often say "Be the one who makes someone smile today." She would say this even as she battled cancer on and off for 20 years. And she would live it even as she went through round after round of horrible chemo and radiation. She was always able to bring a smile to my face and to the faces of those around her with her hope-filled faith and warm laughter. Even in her last days, her faith inspired her to smile into death's face. And after she died, many who knew her named my Aunt Shirley a saint.



This past Sunday we celebrated All Saints Sunday, the holy-day in the church year on which we give thanks for and honor all who have supported us in our faith lives before leaving us temporarily in death. All Saints Sunday is about remembering the dead who are no longer with us here on earth. It's about paying tribute to those who have made a positive difference in our lives with Christ through their faith, love, and hope they shared with us.

But All Saints Day is about more than just remembering the dead. It is ultimately about remembering the resurrection that has been promised to us in Jesus Christ. All Saints Day is about facing death head-on and smiling at it through our faith in Christ. It's about waving good-bye to death as Jesus banishes it into oblivion. Finally, All Saints Sunday is about celebrating life, the abundant life that comes to us in God's eternal City through the power of Christ's resurrection from the cross.

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul reminds us in his first letter to the Corinthians. (1 Cor. 15:26). Sometimes we forget that promise, that death is no longer a threat to us, that death in the end will be destroyed, that in Christ there is new life, an abundant new life in which what we fear is gone. In this new life, hatred is gone, greed, prejudice, fear, killing, violence, all gone. Disease is gone, death is gone, and all sources of sorrow have disappeared. Love and beauty and joy and peace will permeate the earth, filling the whole universe to the point of bursting. Life Abundant will saturate us in ways we can never imagine right now.

And while we aren't able to live this abundant life yet due to the distortion of sin, on All Saints Day we are called to seek God's city in this messy world through a vision of faith, even if it only can be seen in a glass dimly, in tiny bursts of Christ's light into our lives, in small glimpses of love and grace and mercy and hope happening around us. The vision of hope that we are reminded of by those who have gone before us points us in the direction God is calling us to live. And this vision redirects us toward love when we try to go a different way. This vision of God's abundant life is one of the many gifts that the Spirit uses to empower our faith, encourage our hope and guide us toward love in the world.

So during your commemoration of the saints this week, I invite you also to remember and celebrate the resurrection that is promised to us in Christ. For in Christ, we get to look into the face of death and laugh. May God comfort and support you as you remember those saints who have gone before us.

In the new life of Christ,
Bishop Laurie

Worship Service:

at 9:30 am

Coffee Hour:

at 10:45 am

Sunday School:

at 10:45 am

Sunday, November 10

Bible Study Opportunities:*Group Study* everyThursday at 6:30 am @
Perkins Restaurant*Women's Gather
Bible Study* meetsthe 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
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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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**ELCA's comprehensive campaign concludes
with a total impact of \$250 million**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's first comprehensive campaign, *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, has

concluded after more than five years with a total impact of \$250 million, including \$195 million in cash gifts and gift commitments, as well as \$55 million for planned gifts to campaign ministries.

"*The Campaign for the ELCA* began in 2013 with a goal of nearly \$200 million," said the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop. "That was a big goal. But with God's help and our members' generous support, we made it. I thank God for what this church has done for the ELCA's ministries - here at home and around the world."

Through the campaign, ELCA members and congregations helped strengthen and expand the ministries of this church in four priorities - congregations, hunger and poverty, leadership, and the global church. The campaign focused on areas that include growing this church's communities of faith, forming new leaders, welcoming neighbors, overcoming malaria, confronting hunger and poverty, and accompanying our global churches.

"It's been an amazing blessing to be able to direct this campaign," said the Rev. Ron Gluskamp, director of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. "To be able to be in so many different places and spaces across this church and to see how people have responded to the call to give - to give from the heart and to give generously - has really been a gift. And, while the dollars are impressive, what is most important is the impact these gifts are having. And so, for all of that, I say thank you and God bless you."

For a detailed look at the campaign's impact in its four priority areas, as well as a breakdown of giving, please visit [ELCA Campaign](#).

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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 us at 406-723-4242.