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



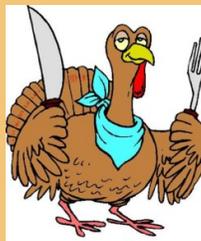
The Nugget E-News

October 7, 2019

## GOLD HILL NEWS

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

On November 8, 2019, Gold Hill has committed to cooking and serving a full turkey dinner to approximately 125 - 150 Special Olympic athletes in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 PM. All food except for desserts will be supplied to the hosting congregations.



**Many volunteers will be needed for this event!** If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pat Gruss, Patty Callaghan, or Jerry Aaker. Watch for more information coming soon!



Prayer Shawl  
Ministry

### Gold Hill Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite anyone interested in knitting/crocheting Prayer Shawls, hats and/or scarves, to join them on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am at Big Sky Senior Living Center. You don't have to know how to knit; they will teach you if you are interested in learning. This ministry just acquired quite a lot of yarn for this purpose from the Prayer Shawl Ladies of Milwaukie

Lutheran Church in Oregon. (Hats and scarves, of course, go to the homeless.)

If anyone can't or doesn't want to work with the group on Thursdays, they are welcomed to take yarn and work from their home!

If you have any questions you can talk to Jeanette Quist or Kay Vang.

### Butte Emergency Food Bank

The Food Bank items Gold Hill is collecting for October are muffin & biscuit mixes. **Let's tackle hunger in our community!** You can bring your donation to the church to leave in the Fellowship Hall, one of the baskets at each sanctuary door, or in the church office. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our local Food Bank.



## Calendar:

**GHELC Women's Book Club**  
meets at 10:00 am  
Big Sky Senior Living Center  
Monday, Oct. 7

**Women's Gather Bible Study**  
meets at 9:30 am  
Big Sky Senior Living Center  
Tuesday, Oct. 8

**Church Council**  
meets at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Oct. 8

**Trust Committee**  
meets at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Oct. 8

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

**Gold Hill Choir**  
meets at 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 9

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
meets @ 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 9

**Al-Anon**  
meets at 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 9

**Lefse-Making**  
starts at 9:00 am  
in the Hall and runs  
Thursday, Oct. 10  
through  
Saturday, Oct. 12

# Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp News

Crafts & Conversation  
meets 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
in Room 104  
Thursday, Oct. 10



**Don't miss FLBC's third biennial Harvest Festival, October 11-12, 2019!** Join us Friday night for a fall dinner, a silent auction, and a live auction. Tickets for Friday's dinner can be purchased in advance or at the event. We hope to see you there, and we hope you'll bring a friend! Come Saturday for more fun and fundraising including wagon rides, games and activities for all ages, a fun run, and much more! All proceeds go to the FLBC Campership fund which assures that no one is ever turned away for inability to pay. Housing is

limited, so register early! Visit [the website](#) for more information and registration. Finally, we have some items available for online bidding **RIGHT NOW!** [Follow this link to see them.](#)

## Worship Service:

at 9:30 am

Coffee Hour:

at 10:45 am

Sunday School:

at 10:45 am

Sunday, October 13

## BBBB (Bread-Beverage-Bible-Boats) Retreat

November 8-10, 2019

Join in fellowship on the lake as we learn new bread baking recipes & techniques, enjoy fishing from the dock or one of our boats, and try your hand at home brewing! Guests may do as much or as little as they'd like, but all will have the opportunity to join in worship, Bible study, fellowship, and will leave with brewing knowledge and bread baking skills.

## Crazy About Quilting Retreat

November 14-17, 2019

Join us for a weekend of quilting and fun! Bring your quilt projects and work alongside friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. Evening devotions, worship, and plenty of time for conversation with delicious meals and cozy accommodations will make for a relaxing weekend away.



Mark your calendars for FLBC's  
**Youth Ski & Snowboard Retreat!**

January 10-12, 2020

## 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](#)



## Words from the Bishop - Dreams

"I never dreamt..." I've heard these words a lot over the last week.

"I never dreamt there would be a 3-foot snowstorm with blizzard conditions in September," I heard from folks in MT over the weekend. To those who suffered losses due to the storm, may God strengthen and support you

during these times of recovery.

"I never dreamt that I'd be able to be a pastor in the church." I heard this again and again from seminarians and graduates who received the ELCA Fund for Leaders Scholarship at a banquet in Chicago last Friday. This scholarship from the ELCA pays full tuition for our future pastors, removing expense as a reason to not be able to go to seminary, and allows them to enter their parishes and ministries with far less student debt.

"I never dreamt when I started the LPA program that I'd be sitting in

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Chicago with my bishop." Wendy McAlpine, an LPA SAM from Sunburst, said this to me after receiving the Fund for Leaders Renewal Ministry Scholarship that is helping her to go through the TEEM program so that she can continue serving the mission of the gospel in Montana.

"I never dreamt I'd be elected bishop," many of my new colleagues and I said at our conference of bishops meeting this past week in Chicago.

What things have you "never dreamt could happen to you?" That's an odd question, right, since if you haven't dreamt them, how can you know what they are? But even though we might have never dreamt them, I can assure you that the Holy Spirit has indeed dreamt them for us. "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams," Peter proclaims during his Pentecost sermon. (Acts 2:17)

The Holy Spirit is working among us in the Montana Synod, stirring things up, blowing breezes and blizzards through congregations and ministries, and dreaming dreams for us even when we can't seem to dream them ourselves. The Holy Spirit is opening up new opportunities in the lives of our churches and creating new possibilities for us as the followers of Christ to do things we never dreamt could happen. We just need to "let go and let God" lead us in the direction the Spirit is dreaming us. For as long as we hold onto our anxieties and fears, our angers and distrust, our despair and division, the Spirit faces too many barriers to break through and lay dreams on our hearts, minds and spirits effectively.

So I invite you to open yourself to the Spirit's dreaming and let the hope of those Spirit-led dreams in. For I am living proof that the Spirit dreams us into possibilities we would never have dreamt for ourselves. In the same way the Holy Spirit dreamt you into electing me your bishop, dreamt financial support for future pastors, dreamt followers of Christ in this Synod into the LPA program, into the TEEM program and into leading congregations as pastors and deacons, the Holy Spirit is dreaming new possibilities for you. In the new life given to us in Christ, let us dream together the Spirit's dreams into God's world through faith, hope, and love. Empowered in the Spirit's dream, your bishop, Laurie Jungling.

You can now watch the full recording of Bishop Laurie's installation [HERE](#).

Spiritual Growth  
Ministry  
Team Leader  
**Chris Ketchum -**  
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**Lynn Aniksdal -**  
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**Jerry Aaker**  
Outreach Ministry  
**Interim Pastor**  
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## *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 us at 406-723-4242.*