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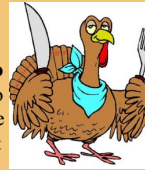
The Nugget E-News

October 14, 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 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! 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. Watch for more information coming soon!



**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.

**Join the Choir!**

The Gold Hill Choir invites you to consider serving as a music minister! Choir practices are Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir room.

If you have questions, please talk to Dave Coleman, director of music ministries or call him at 406-491-5393.



**Daughters of Norway Bazaar**

The Daughters of Norway are holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!



**Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp News**

**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.

**Calendar:**

**Stephen Ministry Supervision**  
meets at 7:00 pm  
Monday, Oct. 14

**LWR Quilters**  
meet at 9:30 am  
Wednesday, Oct. 16

**Gold Hill Choir**  
meets at 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 16

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
meets @ 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 16  
**Al-Anon**  
meets at 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 16

**Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry**  
meets at 10:00 am  
Big Sky Senior Living Center  
Thursday, Oct. 17

**Copper Cloggers**  
meet 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Thursday, Oct. 17

**55+ Lunch Group**  
meets at 12 Noon  
at Perkin's Restaurant  
Friday, Oct. 18

**Worship Service:**  
at 9:30 am  
**Coffee Hour:**  
at 10:45 am  
**Sunday School:**  
at 10:45 am  
Sunday, October 20

**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:**

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### 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

### Words from the Bishop - Change

I write this stuck in Columbus, MT thanking God for winter weather warnings and the technology that makes them possible! These warnings helped me prepare for a disruptive snow event so that my life might be a little safer and predictable if not controllable or convenient. But not all events are so predictable. In fact, our lives are full of unpredictable and uncontrollable change.



Change is hard. It upends our lives, makes us face the unknown, drives up our anxiety and fear. Humans like stability because it's measurable, foreseeable, even controllable. When we know what to expect, we can relax and take comfort in the fact that nothing will threaten our existence at that moment. But when things change, all those expectations go out the window. Our worry levels rise and we're left feeling like an uncontrolled life is an unsafe life.

And yet change is life. And life is change. Without change there would be no life. Imagine a tulip bulb that didn't change into a beautiful flower in the spring. Imagine the larches and the oaks that didn't change their leaves in the fall. Imagine a chrysalis that doesn't change into a butterfly. Or a newborn child who doesn't grow into an adult. Life without change is not life at all. At best it's a holding pattern; at worst, it is death itself. To truly live, to live in the full blessings of life that God wants for us, our lives must be transformed. We must rise to new life with Christ, a new life that necessarily means change.

Following Jesus is hard. It's radical. It's frightening. It's change. But finally, it is the only true and lasting life that matters. In Christ, you have been given the promise in your baptism and in the Lord's Supper that in following Jesus, new life comes to you and for you. In the midst of your anxiety, the promises of Christ bring you hope for a new beginning. In the fear of change, the Holy Spirit inspires faith in the stability and safety only God can bring. In the midst of change's deaths, new life blooms in you.

"Be not afraid!" the angels cry. "Don't worry!" Jesus proclaims. Christ's new life is present in your lives even during winter storm warnings. For the transformation that comes in Christ means a new life for you and for the whole world.

Let us pray...living God, although humans tried to inflict the ultimate change on your son, death on a cross, you raised him to new life. In this resurrection, change no longer represents death, but life.

Open our hearts and minds to prepare our spirits for the transformation into the new life you give us in Christ. Amen.  
Bishop Laurie

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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.*