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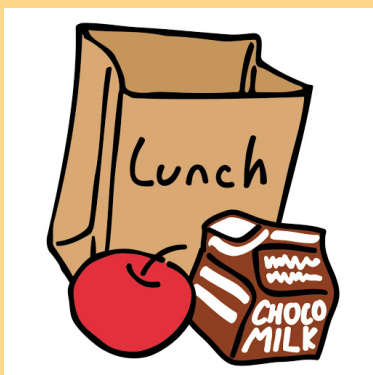
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Gold Hill News

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



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

Fay's house on Placer St. to sing Happy Birthday to her. Anyone who wants to join in is welcome!



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

The Quilters are meeting at 10:30 am on Wednesdays at the Red Roof Pavilion in Stodden Park (weather permitting). Please bring your own sewing supplies, lunch and drink. Quilts for tying will be available. Visitors are encouraged.



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!

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Weekly Calendar

**Church Council
meets at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 13**

**LWR Quilters
meet at 10:30 am
at Stodden Park
Wednesday, Oct. 14**

**Bible Study Group
meets at 7:00 am
at Perkin's
Thursday, Oct. 15**

**Worship Service
(Outdoors)
at 9:30 am
Sunday, Oct. 18**

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 be 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.

Words from the Bishop



Insurance Record Keeping Advice for Congregations

For a variety of reasons, there have been a lot of lawsuits against congregations, synods and the ELCA in the past year. While none of us think that it could happen to us, it can happen and is happening to congregations across the ELCA, even forcing some to declare bankruptcy. Some of these are due the removal or extension of statute of limitations on reporting sexual misconduct in states around

the country. But the door remains open on lawsuits regarding Covid as well as other liability issues (especially consider this if you host a daycare or preschool).

Perhaps one thing your congregation and its council can do during these times is to prepare yourselves should that eventuality come knocking on the door. Start with your insurance coverage and explore what coverage you have now as well the policies you had in the past, including the way past. Neither the Synod office nor the Churchwide office maintain insurance records for congregations; you need to keep and maintain accurate insurance records yourselves.

The resources on the [risk management resource page](#) and the specific guidelines for maintain insurance records ([attached here](#)) can help you.

To the extent congregations do not have good historic records, the best places to look for this material (in rough order) are: their insurance files and correspondence, current broker, past broker(s), council minutes, annual reports, congregation meeting minutes, correspondence related to lawsuits, bank records, (cancelled checks), etc.

And if you are not able to put together good historical records of insurance, you should start keeping those records now. The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second-best time is now.

Re: Lutefisk and other Fall Harvest Dinners. I hope this goes without saying but...

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the joyful events that happens each Fall in many of our congregations are the Lutefisk, Meatball or other Fall Harvest dinners. These are often wonderful events of fellowship, celebrating the end of harvest, and honoring the heritage of some of our cultural ancestors.

However, this year is different. The pandemic is hitting Montana and N. Wyoming hard and numbers of active cases are rising exponentially. Moving from town to town and gathering in fellowship halls for big meals is just not a safe or good option right now. (Unless someone has determined that Lutefisk does indeed kill the coronavirus.) Even delivering these meals or doing some sort of take-out option could run high risks for our most vulnerable populations without the proper food preparation and delivery methods that are being used by restaurants.

So my prayer and hope is that you as pastors, councils and congregations are choosing to make the wise and loving decision NOT to hold your congregational Fall meal this year and instead finding other ways to come together to thank God for the harvest. And if you have not chosen that path, I encourage (beg) you to reconsider. Loving one another as we love ourselves and choosing NOT to spread this virus in big attendance events of unmasked eating in unventilated spaces, no matter how distanced we are, is the most loving thing we can do for our members, communities and hospitals which are already overflowing. Love of neighbor is our core Christian value above all others. So let's not be a part of the problem, but a part of the solution instead. Again I remind you of these words from Paul: "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love serve one another." (Gal 5:13)

May God bless and keep you always,
Bishop Laurie



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!