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The Nugget E-News

May 13, 2019

## GOLD HILL NEWS

### JOIN the Conversation

All are invited to JOIN the Conversation!

**When:** Wednesdays, May 8, 15, and 22 at 5:30 p.m. **Where:** Gold Hill Lutheran, Fireside room **Who:** All are welcome: women and men; young, old, and anywhere in between; various perspectives.

**What:** For three weeks in May, we at GHELIC will be gathering to discuss the proposed statement: "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action" which will be voted on by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. The statement and information about it can be found on the web [HERE](#). If you plan on attending, please go to the website where you can print out your own copy of the statement.



### Butte Furniture Bank

The Butte Furniture Bank is in need of sheets, new pillows, blankets, and towels. Talk to Kim Mickelson about where to drop off your donations.

**Cash donations are also accepted.** Thank you!

### New Music Group

If there is interest, we will form a New Traditions music group to lead worship occasionally this summer. We are looking for musicians who play instruments like guitars, fiddles, banjos, dulcimers, wind instruments, and the like to present music in the folk/bluegrass/Gospel genres. If you are interested in playing or singing in this group, please contact Shelly at (406)291-9860.



### Calendar:

**Stephen Ministry  
Appreciation Dinner**  
starts at 6:00 pm  
in the Hall  
Monday, May 13

**Wonen's Gather  
Bible Study**  
meets at 9:30 am  
at Big Sky Senior  
Living Center  
Tuesday, May 14

**Chateau Quilters**  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
in the Hall  
Tuesday, May 14

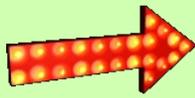
**Church Council**  
meets at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 14

**LWR Quilters**  
meet at 9:30 am  
Wednesday, May 15

**JOIN the Conversation**  
meets at 5:30 pm  
in the Fireside Room  
Wednesday, May 15

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

**Knitting Ministry**  
meets at 10:00 am  
Big Sky Senior  
Living Center  
Thursday, May 16



## Please Take Note:

Due to attempted break-ins, the North door will be locked except for worship and during congregation/group functions. Please remember to keep your car doors locked at all times and do not leave valuables in plain sight. The West side entrance will remain open during regular office hours.

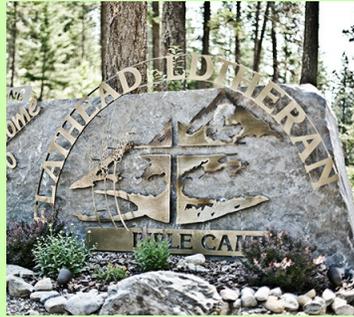
Copper Cloggers  
meet 1-4 pm  
Thursday, May 16

Home Visitors Ministry  
meets at 5:30 pm  
Thursday, May 16

## FLBC News

### Summer 2019 Registration

Visit [our website](#) to learn more about summer programs & pick the week you'd like to attend! Check out new programs like Treehouse Camp, Navigators (for campers entering 1st & 2nd grade) and Run for Fun! And, sign up to volunteer if you can!



### Summer Spotlight: *Seattle Servant*

Travel to the Emerald City of Seattle to spend a week in service to others. You will serve meals to people experiencing homelessness, work with local food banks, and serve alongside adults with developmental disabilities at the L'arche farming community in Tacoma. There will be time for exploration and fun including a visit to Seattle's historic Pikes Place Market, as well as for reflection and Bible study. Join us to learn more about Jesus' call to serve our neighbors.

We are still looking for support staff to add to our incredible team this summer (must be 18 years to apply)! Contact [kyle@flbc.net](mailto:kyle@flbc.net) for more information.

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### Upcoming Retreats and Events:

Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or emailing [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net)

### Memorial Day Work Retreat

May 24-26, 2019

The best way to kick off your summer! Join in for a weekend of meaningful service work to prepare FLBC for the summer season, fellowship over great food and all the fun of camp! This is a great weekend to introduce someone you love to FLBC- they'll get a taste of camp activities, food and worship... and it's free! See [flyer](#) attached.

### Women's Retreat: Psalms and the Seasons of Life

June 7-9, 2019

Join us for a weekend of engaging Bible Study, led by Pastor Susan Briehl, as well as time for relaxation, yoga, massages, boating, great food and more! Pastor Susan will lead us in the exploration of the Psalms and of the seasons and rhythms of our lives as we enter and explore the "incomparable treasure" of the Psalter. We will sing and pray the Psalms together, finding in them and in one another companions for our journey. See [flyer](#) attached.

### Donor's Luncheon & Lakeview Cabin Complex Dedication

June 8th, 2019

Join us for lunch honoring all our generous Annual Fund and Capital Fund donors! Meet the 2019 summer staff and enjoy an afternoon at camp. We will also be dedicating the Lakeview Cabin Complex this day. The Lakeview Cabin

### Worship Service:

at 9:30 am

Coffee Hour:

at 10:45 am

Sunday School:

at 10:45 am

Adult Faith Formation:

at 11:00 am

Sunday, May 19

### Bible Study Opportunities:

*Group Study* every Thursday  
September through May 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](#)

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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Mike Lawson -

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will be ready to meet for guests in the fall, and a blessing will be held on October 12th during our Fall Harvest Festival and Auction. All are invited.

### **Retreat to Holden Village: A Fall Sojourn**

September 22nd-26th

Come with FLBC to Holden Village! Experience fantastic food, gorgeous scenery, hiking, worship, and study time together. This trip will begin at FLBC, from there traveling together by van to Wenatchee, WA for an overnight before continuing on to Holden Village (Chelan, WA) to spend three nights at the village.

## **Words from the Bishop: Word and Service**



The Montana Synod meets in Assembly May 31-June 2, and we'll elect a Bishop, Vice President, and Treasurer, as well as consider a couple of resolutions and some constitutional updates, elect committee members, and adopt a budget.

But Synod Assemblies are not the only thing going on this summer. In August, the ELCA will meet in Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee. The Montana Synod Voting Members (11) were chosen at last year's Synod Assembly, and are making preparations to be there for most of a week (August 5-10). The business of a Churchwide Assembly is provided electronically to the Voting Members. If it were printed out, it would fill a binder at least 6 inches thick! People who have been to a Churchwide Assembly find they learn things about the wider church that they had never even dreamed. Our Synod will send 3 lay males, 3 lay females, 1 youth, 1 person of color, 1 bishop and 1 bishop-elect.

The Churchwide Assembly decides a number of significant issues for the future of the church, and I will be using this space to share some of them with you, from time to time in the next months.

Today I write about the proposed actions regarding Deacons (Ministers of Word and Service). Before the merger in 1988, there were ways to recognize lay employees in the predecessor churches. When we merged into the ELCA, the category of Associate in Ministry (AIM) was created to give Churchwide roster status to lay people working for the church. Early on in the ELCA the church engaged in a Study on Ministry. It was intended to find ELCA answers to questions around ministry that had not been resolved by the Commission on a New Lutheran Church. Pastor Paul Seastrand, a Montana Synod pastor, served on the Ministry Study Committee. One of the proposals from that committee was that the church adopt a three-fold order of ministry: Bishop; Pastor; Deacon. The Churchwide Assembly that adopted the Ministry Study amended it to eliminate the three-fold orders.

As the years went by, the ELCA added Diaconal Ministers to Associates in Ministry and Diaconesses as part of the ELCA's "lay roster." This meant that while they were rostered across the whole ELCA (as opposed to LPA's, who are only recognized within the synod), they were still "lay," in not being pastors. Over the years, as the different categories of "lay rostered" people became more and more confusing, the ELCA formed another study group who recommended that all the lay rosters (Ministers of Word and Service) be combined into one, called Deacon. In 2016, the Churchwide Assembly voted to adopt that change. Since 2016, all the Diaconal Ministers and Associates in Ministry became Deacons. The constitutional language for pastors is Ministers of Word and Sacrament, and the constitutional language for deacons is Ministers of Word and Service.

Fast forward to 2019. While the 2016 Churchwide Assembly voted to call the former AIMs, Diaconal Ministers and Diaconesses Deacons, it made no decision on what to call the rite by which they become Deacons. Pastors are ordained. What about Deacons? Should they be ordained? Consecrated? Recognized? These are all words that the church has used over the years, and

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Team Leader

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**Lynn Aniksdal -**

Leadership Ministry

Team Leader

**Jerry Aaker (resigned)**

Outreach Ministry

**Pastor Laurie Jungling**

each carries a different connotation. To some people, it is only a matter of semantics. To some it is vitally important.

The Churchwide Assembly will have the opportunity to vote on the recommendations from the Entrance Rite Working Group. The recommendations are as follows:

+ That the word *ordination* be used for the entrance rite both for Word and Sacrament (pastors), and for Word and Service (Deacons.)

+That Deacons receive a deacon's stole and cross upon ordination. (A deacon's stole goes diagonally from the shoulder to the waist.

+That Deacons no longer be considered "laypersons" for the purposes of representational principles.

These changes bring with them a number of implications and questions. ELCA Secretary Chris Boerger, who was a part of the working group bring the proposals, will be the Churchwide representative at the Montana Synod Assembly this year, and will be able to answer questions you might have about these proposals.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

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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 Pastor Laurie Jungling at 406-723-4242.***