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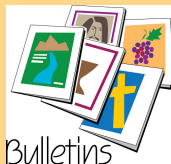
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Gold Hill News

Upcoming Events & Activities



Reminder

If you can't be here for worship, you can still go to Gold Hill's website (www.goldhilllutheran.org) and download the bulletin and insert. You can also hear Pastor Carrel's sermon as well. Bulletins and inserts are uploaded weekly to the website. Check it out!

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. If you feel you can help out and would be willing to take a week or two during the winter to shovel, please call the church office (723-4242). Thank you!



Scarves, Hats, Mittens!

It is November and time to begin collecting new and lightly-used scarves, hats, and mittens for those in need. Please bring them to Sunday worship or drop them at the home of JoAnn Farrow, Jeanette Quist, or Miriam Haley. You can also leave them in the box in the church entryway on the West side. If you have any questions you can talk to Miriam Haley (498-3861).

Gold Hill Christmas CD

Dave Coleman is putting together the Gold Hill Lutheran Christmas CD 2020. To record your singing, reading, instrumental solo and/or other group arrangements, we have discussed various ways to do this using social distancing.

1. Individuals may record on their own phone or tape player and email it to Dave (daveinconcert@live.com).
2. Dave has invited us to use Zoom which he will then record.
3. If you need piano accompaniment, call, text, or email Dave to set up a date and time to Zoom. Dave will send out the Zoom invitation to you and those in your group who plan to perform, and he can record it from the scheduled Zoom sessions.



Dave Coleman can be reached by phone: 406-491-5393 or email at daveinconcert@live.com.



LWR Quilters are meeting

The Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran World Relief Quilters are meeting at 10:30 am on Wednesday at the Civic Center. Please feel welcome to visit us or join us there any Wednesday. We will bring our own sewing supplies, lunch, drink and masks. Thanks to Bill Melvin and the Civic Center for making this space available.

Gold Hill Schedule Changes & Additions

All Council and group meetings will be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future due to the rise in coronavirus cases in our county. Questions? Talk to Pastor Carrels or any Council member.

Wednesday weekly devotions are offered by Pastor Carrels on Facebook in the evening. Go to Gold Hill's Facebook page or Pastor Carrels' page to join in. Gloria Dei will offer devotions on their Facebook page.

Evening Bible Study/Adult Forum offered by Pastor Carrels on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Let Pastor know if you'd like to join in.

Thursday Morning Bible Study now held at 8:00 am via Zoom due to the rise in coronavirus cases in our county. Talk to Pastor Carrels if you have any questions.

A Pacific Lutheran University Christmas 2020

The annual Christmas Concerts have been an integral part of our holiday season at PLU. Over the past many months, we have been following national and international research and guidelines regarding the COVID-19 virus and its impact on our programs. Concern for the safety and care of our entire community has resulted in some very difficult decisions regarding our programs and public events.

To that end, I regretfully announce that we will not be able to hold our traditional Christmas Concerts this December. Public events of this magnitude are not yet being allowed in Washington, and we do not anticipate that changing in the next few weeks.

In this year of change, our annual Christmas celebration will become *PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas* and will feature short artistic vignettes distributed on consecutive days in December. These gifts will be shared via email and social media, and posted on our Christmas Concert website (click [HERE](#)).

These will include new musical works recorded this fall, performances from recent Christmas Concerts, and personal reflections from our students and faculty.

To receive **PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas** via email, please [sign up here](#).

These are our gifts to the PLU community—an opportunity to continue the PLU Christmas tradition within the constraints of a worldwide pandemic.

Thank you sincerely for your understanding and support.

Cameron Bennett, Dean
School of Arts and Communication



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Weekly Calendar

**We Deliver - Sack
Lunch Ministry**
lunches dropped off
by 9:00 am
Monday, Nov. 16

LWR Quilters
meet at 10:30 am
at Butte Civic Center
Wednesday, Nov. 18

Bible Study/Adult Forum
via Zoom at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 18

Weekly Devotion
on Facebook
at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 18

Bible Study Group
meets at 8:00 am
via Zoom
Thursday, Nov. 19

Worship Service
(Outdoors)
at 9:30 am
Sunday, Nov. 22

Words from the Bishop: Patience is a Virtue



During my brief time in the military, an often-used phrase was "Hurry up and wait!" We were always hurrying to get somewhere and then when we got there, we'd have to wait. We'd get roused out of bed at five in the morning, rush around to dress and get our beds made, run outside, and then stand in formation for a half hour waiting for someone in charge to show up. We'd run to the cafeteria and then have to wait in line forever to get our food. The lines were the worst because standing in line always

meant waiting for something without having anything else to do but stand in a line. It was easy to lose patience with the whole system standing in that boring line. But I'm guessing that all that "hurry up and wait" was trying to teach us the patience often needed during times of battle.

These days it's hard to have patience about anything. We live in a hurry-up culture, where we are promised that we will "get it now, get it fast and get it our way." And it is amazing how many ways that promise is kept. But if that promise isn't kept, our anxiety skyrockets and we act out in unloving and destructive ways to ourselves and others. We're seeing this even as I write while we still wait for election results to be made official in our nation. Patience, it seems, is no longer a virtue in our world.

But for followers of Christ, patience is still an important part of the fruit of the Spirit. (Gal 5:22) In fact, the words patient, patience and patiently are used 35 times in the New Testament, each time as an aspect of Christ-like love. Again and again, followers of Christ are called to be patient, especially as we await the coming of Christ.

Patience, however, does not mean to sit and do nothing as we wait. We see this truth in the parable from the gospel this week as the first two servants go forth and invest the gift they'd been given even as they await the return of their Lord while the third servant does as little as possible. (Mt 25:14-30)

Patience means to be active in this world, living in hope-filled faith in God, taking faith-filled risks that are responsive to the Spirit's presence in our lives. Patience is daring to stay in the place we are, as hard as it can be sometimes, and seeking God's glimpses of life in the situation while trusting that something hidden will become manifest to us. It does not mean staying stuck in death-filled places where there is no hope, but unless one's life is truly at stake, it does mean sticking it out as we live God's activity in the present world, nurturing the times in the same way a mother nurtures a child growing in her.

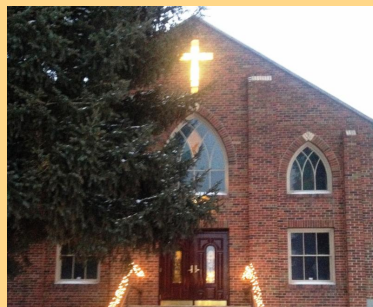
This kind of Holy Spirit presence, waiting yet active in the already/not yet, can't be done alone. We need the support, encouragement, love, and forgiveness of God and of one another.

And how might we encourage one another in patient living in Christ? Here are three ideas for practicing patience together. First, by simply breathing with one another in silent meditation.

Second, by praying to God with each other for the patience we need. And third, by practicing gratitude, intentionally looking for, naming out loud with someone, and thanking God for what God is already doing in our lives. Remember that patience in Christ requires practice: the more we do it, the better we get at it.

So as the book of James reminds us: "Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near." (James 5:7-8)

Struggling in Christ's patience alongside of you,
Bishop Laurie



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 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.