

## Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
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## Gold Hill News

### Weekly Worship Broadcast

**Please note** Sunday worship service is broadcast over FM 93.3 - tune your radio in to that channel to participate in the service. Thank you.



### Hymn Sing!

**Hymn Sing** is next Sunday, August 30th. If you have a favorite hymn you'd like to sing, please email the office at [goldhill.elca@gmail.com](mailto:goldhill.elca@gmail.com) or Pastor Carrels at [pastorgoldhill@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgoldhill@gmail.com) with the song(s) you'd like to hear by August 26th! If we don't get any congregation favorites Pastor Carrels will be picking out his own!

### LWR Quilters take note

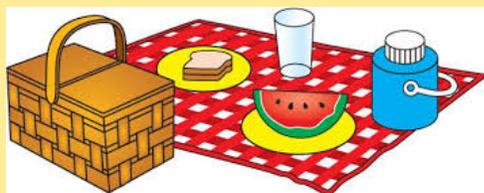
On Wednesday, August 26, starting at 10:30 am, our Quilters will meet in Stodden Park at the Red roof pavilion (behind the Carousel) to tie our quilts. Please bring your OWN sewing supplies and lunch and drinks. Ginger, Connie, and DorothyAnne are busy getting quilts ready for us. It will be a fun to work together again. Hope you can make it!



### Church in the Parking Lot

**Parking Lot Church** will be extended for the foreseeable future due to the coronavirus outbreak. If you have any questions please call the office (723-4242) or talk to Pastor Carrels.

### Get to know your new Pastor



**Meet and Greet!** Pastor Carrels will be inviting you to a Saturday brown bag dinner starting September 6th so that you can get to know him and his family. In this time of the pandemic that hasn't been possible to do during

## Calendar:

### Worship Service Outdoors:

North Parking Lot  
at 9:30 AM  
Sunday, Aug. 30

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### Bible Study Opportunities:

*Group Study*  
every  
Thursday  
at 7:00 AM  
Perkin's  
Restaurant

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coffee hour, etc. Invites will be sent out to 10 people at a time and the luncheons will be held either in the yard or the hall, depending on weather conditions. We will be practicing social distancing and using masks.

### Campfire Devotions



Gold Hill and Gloria Dei will hold a campfire devotion at Gold Hill on Wednesday (August 26th) at 6:00 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and join us! We will be practicing social distancing and using masks when social distancing isn't possible.

### 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 someone will pick them up for delivery to the homeless.



Call Kim Mickelson (498-4402) or Mary in the church office (723-4242) if you wish to participate in this ministry.

### Constitutional Review Task Force



A Constitutional Review Task Force will be appointed this year to review and align our Gold Hill Constitution with the Synod's Constitution and will be comprised of five members. If you are interested in serving on this committee please call the church office (723-4242) and let Mary know.

## Words from the Bishop: Now We All Thank Our God

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills of this world in the next. (ELW 839)*

These words of gratitude from the well-known hymn "Now Thank We All our God" resonated with me during my vacation.

For I have so much to be thankful for even in the midst of a pandemic and societal turmoil and the uncertainty facing our Church and world. Of course, I am grateful for my family and friends and that, so far, all have remained as healthy and safe as possible. Of course, I am grateful for God's wonder-filled creation that I got to enjoy over the past few weeks, whether riding the Hiawatha Bike Trail on MT/ID border or hiking in and around our beloved Glacier National Park, including Firebrand Pass and Marion Lake.

## CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

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I'm grateful (in spite of the trains waking me up at 3 a.m.) for the five nights I spent glamping in the Blue Caboose at the Isaac Walton Inn thanks to a generous gift I received.



I am grateful for the synod staff and their great work that made it possible for me to have this vacation time. And I am grateful for all of you and the ongoing ministry you are finding innovative and vital ways to do during these days. And this year, I am especially grateful that I don't have to pack up my things into a U-Haul and move as I have been doing every year since moving to Montana to be an intentional interim pastor.

It's hard to be thankful to God in the midst of a pandemic that is forcing us to let go of the old normal and discover new ways of doing things. As much as we praise God for making "all things new," we don't really want it, not if it means changing away from the old. And yet giving thanks to God with our hearts and hands and voices for the wondrous things God has done and yes, is doing right now, is an important and even nurturing part of our faith.

Walter Brueggemann writes about being grateful during a time of pandemic in his most recent book, *Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Grief, Loss and Uncertainty* (published just this last May and written in response to Covid). Brueggemann tells the story of Martin Rinkhart, the author of the lyrics for "Now Thank We All Our God," who was a pastor in Eilenburg, Saxony in the early 17th century. Eilenburg was a walled-in city where people fled to escape the rampant war and pandemic that was ravaging Europe. During these difficult days, Pastor Rinkhart buried over 40 people a day, including his own wife. Yet somehow, in deep faith, Pastor Rinkhart was able to write the words that later became the hymn we sing each Thanksgiving and perhaps should pray more regularly.

As I read the words of this hymn again last week, I was reminded that indeed our bounteous God is near us through our life, keeping us all in grace, and guiding us when perplexed. Yes, even during pandemics and social strife and anxious times. God is still our God today and always will be. And with God's help we will get through the ills of the day as painful as they are.

So let us give thanks and continue to pray in grateful faith and a certain hope for this God, our God, to "free us from all ills in this world and the next," joining with the prophet Jeremiah as he proclaims, "Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever!" (Jer 33:11)

Blessings to you all as I return, very thankful for a rejuvenating vacation.

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 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.***