

## Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Nugget E-News

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### Gold Hill News



**Gold Hill 55+ will meet for lunch** at 12 Noon this Friday, September 12, at Perkin's.

Please call Jeanette Nielsen, 490-7817, to make reservations and for rides if needed.

**The Worship Ministry Team invites you to participate in the decoration of the altar** celebrating the harvest and Thanksgiving for all good gifts. If you have any harvest items (pumpkins, squash, gourds, corn, flowers or foliage, grasses) bring them to church and add them to our arrangement before or after service. Let's see what we can do together!



### Stephen Ministry Harvest Auction & Potluck Brunch



**Are you a Griz fan? Or a Bobcat fan? Then you won't want to miss Stephen Ministry's Annual Harvest Auction & Potluck Brunch on November 11!**

We will begin our auction & potluck immediately following the 9:30 am service that

Sunday. This means you can bring your favorite dishes suitable for breakfast and/or lunch.

We are gathering items for the silent auction and for our raffle boards (Brawl of the Wild!) which you can leave in the church office. So please mark the date for

### Calendar:

**Stephen Ministry Leadership**  
meets at 6:00 pm  
Monday, October 8  
**Stephen Ministry Supervision**  
meets at 7:00 pm  
Monday, October 8

**Women's Gather Bible Study**  
meets at 9:30 am  
Big Sky Senior Living Center  
Tuesday, October 9

**Church Council**  
meets at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, October 9

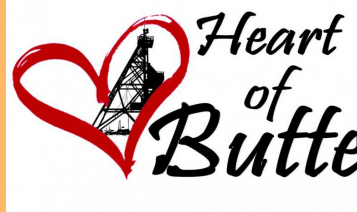
**LWR Quilters**  
meet at 9:30 am  
Wednesday, October 10

**Gold Hill Choir**  
meets at 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, October 10

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
meets @ 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 10  
**AI-Anon**  
meets at 7:30 pm

## Butte Community Cafe - Mark the Date!

The Heart of Butte Community Café at 116 W. Park Street is holding a pancake breakfast on October 13th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is a fundraiser to help support the Café's dinner service offered for the food insecure and homeless. Come enjoy a great breakfast and help those in need!



**Copper Cloggers**  
meet 1 - 4 pm  
Thursday, Oct. 11

**55+ Lunch Group**  
meets at 12:00 pm  
Perkin's Restaurant  
Friday, October 12

**Worship Service:**  
at 9:30 am

**Christian Education:**  
at 10:30 am

**Adult Faith Formation:**  
at 10:45 am

**Coffee Hour:**  
at 10:45 am

**Confirmation Class:**  
at 12:00 Noon  
Sunday, October 14



## The Daughters of Norway are making Lefse...

Starting October 18 and running through October 19 the Daughters of Norway will make lefse in the Fellowship Hall. This is not an easy, instant, fast-food enterprise and will take at least two days (maybe more) to complete.

We will make lefse all day Friday and possibly on Saturday if necessary. All are welcome to join in and there are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have questions please talk to Danette Fitzpatrick, Susan Stamp, or call the church office (723-4242).

## ...And we're holding a Bazaar too!

The Daughters of Norway are holding a Bazaar on November 10th at the Racetrack Fire Hall. Table rentals are \$50.00 and the tables will be provided. If you are interested in renting a table please contact Susan Stamp (498-2133) or Danette Fitzpatrick (782-3938).



**Bible Study Opportunities:**

*Group Study* every Thursday  
September through May at  
6:30 am @ Chef's Garden

*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



## Butte Emergency Food Bank

**The Food Bank items for October are muffin & biscuit box mixes.** Let's tackle hunger in our community! You can bring your donation to the church to leave in the Fellowship Hall, one of the baskets at each sanctuary door, or in the church office.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our local Food Bank.

## LINKS:

[Click here to visit our FB page and "like" us!](#)

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

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## **Words from the Bishop: One in Christ... Even when we disagree**

I am writing this from Sydney, Australia, where I am representing the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA at the Lutheran Church of Australia. This will be a busy convention, with some pretty contentious issues. One of the most hotly debated issues is "the Ordination of women and men," as the issue is now framed. Three times since 2000, the church has voted on women's ordination. Three times it has failed, the latest being in 2015, when it fell just a few votes short of the needed 2/3.



As the chair of the ELCA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Ordination, I am not neutral on the subject. Our church decided the issue in 1970, and although we have had some bumps in the road, we haven't looked back. So, when Presiding Bishop Eaton asked me to attend this meeting in a church in which women's ordination was not a settled issue, I was of two minds. On the one hand, I was eager to be a witness to the benefits of women's ordination, of celebrating the leadership gifts of both women and men. And on the other hand, I was loathe to go backwards, to relive the arguments that our church settled almost 5 decades earlier, and, if I am being brutally honest, I was wary of the kind of vulnerability it would take to be a living representative of what this church is debating.

So, I am in Sydney, with the Lutheran Church of Australia, the only ordained woman in a crowd of about 600. As people notice me, they either welcome me warmly, or they avert their eyes. I am kind of used to that. On official visits to Rome I have been cursed, spit at, and blessed. Once, my very presence as a clergywoman at a papal gathering caused 4000 people to gasp when I turned around. The official representative from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has not made an effort to speak with me.

At opening worship, I saw one other woman in a clerical shirt. She was a visiting Anglican. We looked at each other. I said, "You are a pastor!" And she responded, "You are a Bishop!"

There are other international guests-from Cambodia, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, and Indonesia. All, with the exception of the LCMS, represent churches that ordain women, and have done so for some time. The majority of the laity favors women's ordination. So, it will come down to the clergy, who have had a privileged status in the church. The Australian Church, like ours, is anticipating a clergy shortage.

As I prepared for this trip, and as I have been here in Australia, I have received encouraging messages from people, telling me to "go for it!" to "make a difference!" and to "make it happen!" All that comes naturally to me. That's how I like to operate. But that is not my job here. Here, I am called to accompany. (I have recently returned from a Companion Synod visit in which we talked about accompaniment constantly. And here I am in Sydney, learning

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all over again that I am here for not for advocacy, but for accompaniment).

I ask for your prayers as I accompany the Australian Church through this vote. And I ask for your prayers as I learn from this church, hear of their work with refugees, with aboriginal people, with disaster relief, with theological education.

In the end, we are one in Christ, regardless of how the vote turns out. And that is an important thing for us to remember for our church as well. We may not always agree on issues, even issues that are critically important, but we are, by our Baptism, one in Christ.

And I thank God for that. And for you!

Jessica Crist, Bishop

## *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.*