

Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
United to Serve*



The Nugget E-News

May 20, 2019

GOLD HILL NEWS



Transition Team

Reminder: the Transition Team meets this Thursday, May 23rd, at 6:30 pm at Gold Hill. If you are part of this team please plan on attending.

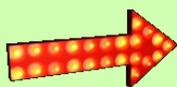
JOIN the Conversation

All are invited to **JOIN the Conversation!**

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

What: We at GHELCH will gather 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.



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.

Opportunity to Serve

Would you like to help with worship? If you feel called to this ministry and can act as a greeter at the 9:30 am service, please call the church office at 723-4242 or talk to Cheryl Neuhart. Your service is most appreciated and it's a great way to give of your time and talents in the service of our Lord.



Calendar:

We Deliver - Sack Lunch Ministry meets at 9:00 am
Monday, May 20

LWR Quilters meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, May 22

JOIN the Conversation meets at 5:30 pm
in the Fireside Room
Wednesday, May 22

Overeaters Anonymous meets @ 6:15 pm
Wednesday, May 22
Al-Anon meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, May 22

Copper Cloggers meet 1-4 pm
Thursday, May 23

Transition Team meets at 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 23

Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour:
at 10:45 am
Sunday, May 26

Bible Study Opportunities:

Group Study every Thursday
September through May at
6:30 am @ Perkins Restaurant



Butte Emergency Food Bank

Let's tackle hunger in our community. **The Food Bank items for May are canned fish & canned meats.** Please drop your donations off before May 31 and leave them in the Fellowship Hall, one of the baskets at each sanctuary door, or in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

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](#)

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 Pike's 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 for more information.

Upcoming Retreats and Events:

Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or emailing office@flbc.net

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Words from the Bishop:

Proposed Social Statement on Women and Justice



It has been a long time in coming. Women are 50% of the world's population, and more than 50% of the church. As a church, we have had social statements and social messages over the years on a whole host of topics from economic well-being to mental health. But we have not yet adopted a social statement on women and justice. Even the current statement being considered by the Churchwide Assembly in August, has taken longer than any other social statement in our history. First proposed in 2009, it was delayed by other pressing matters the church was dealing with, and by a staff reduction caused by financial shortfall. The length of time for

the study, once it got under way, was also longer than previous studies.

The final title for the proposed social statement is "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action." It is available [HERE](#). The writing team decided to

make it available in two forms: there is a brief, 8 page synopsis of the study, and then a longer, 30+ page version, followed by a glossary of terms and implementing resolutions.

The statement begins with the fundamental teaching that God desires abundant life for all. Included in this are:

1. God's intention is revealed in Scriptures.
2. All people are created equally in the image of God.
3. Humans exist in sin, alienated from God and one another.
4. Christ heals and redeems us from this alienation.
5. Because we are freed in Christ, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.
6. God's grace and mercy are for all people.
7. Reason and knowledge are gifts from God for the common good.
8. The church is called to live justly in the world

The statement goes on to describe how sin subverts human flourishing in many ways that oppress people and restrict them. Patriarchy and sexism are among the forces that prevent women and girls from realizing abundant life fully. They also prevent men and boys from realizing life fully.

"As Christians, we see that patriarchy and sexism prevent all human beings from living into the abundant life for which God created them. Patriarchy and sexism reflect a lack of trust in God and result in harm and broken relationships. Just as this church has identified racism as sin, this church identifies patriarchy and sexism as sin. We confess that, as God's people forgiven in Jesus Christ, we are simultaneously liberated and sinful."

The statement goes on to say how the Christian tradition is both a challenge and a resource. While tradition has often been used to reinforce patriarchy and sexism, central Lutheran and Christian doctrines free Christ's beloved people to challenge all forms of oppression.

The statement continues with suggested actions for us as a church, including:

1. Celebrating the gifts of women and girls.
2. Promoting scriptural translation and interpretation that rejects the misuse of scripture.
3. Promote theological language that responds to the gender-based needs of the neighbor.
4. Using inclusive language for humans and expansive language for God.
5. Promote women's leadership, especially women of color.
6. Promote economic justice
7. Affirm the Lutheran World Federation's "Gender Justice Policy."

The statement also calls the ELCA to action to advocate for justice in society.

It is important to note that this statement does not denigrate men. Its premise is that all people are made in God's image, and that both men and women, girls and boys will be better off when we live into that reality.

There will be a workshop at the Synod Assembly on the proposed Social Statement. And the Churchwide Assembly in August will vote on it, as well as on the implementing resolutions.

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.