

**Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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The Nugget E-News

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**Gold Hill News**

**Advent at Gold Hill**



We will meet on Wednesday, December 19, starting at 5:45 pm for our last Soup & Bread supper. It will be followed by Holden Evening Prayer Service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please join us! If you have any questions, please talk to Cheryl Neuhart or anyone on the Worship Ministry Team.

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**Christmas Worship Services**

Christmas Eve candlelight services at 5 PM & 7 PM with readings, carols, and Holy Communion. Each service will also feature special music for the season.



**Offering Envelopes 2019**

Offering Envelopes are here and are available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall by the North wall. They are alphabetized by last name, so if you have envelopes please pick yours up! Due to budget constraints & increasing mail costs, no envelopes will be mailed out this year.

**Confirmation Class**

Confirmation class for grades 9-12 will not meet December 23rd or December 30th. Class will resume on January 6, 2019.

**Annual Reports**

Annual Reports are due January 2! Please get yours in to the office when they are done. Thank you.

**Calendar:**

We Deliver - Sack Lunch Ministry meets at 9:00 am Monday, December 17

LWR Quilters meet at 9:30 am Wednesday, December 19

Soup & Bread Supper at 5:45 pm Advent Service at 6:30 pm Wednesday, December 19

Gold Hill Choir meets at 7:15 pm Wednesday, December 19

Overeaters Anonymous meets @ 6:15 pm Wednesday, Dec. 19  
Al-Anon meets at 7:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 19

Prayer Shawl Knitters meet at 10:00 am Big Sky Senior Living Center Thursday, December 20

4th Sunday in Advent Worship Service: at 9:30 am  
Coffee Hour: at 10:45 am Sunday, December 23

**Bible Study Opportunities:**

Group Study every Thursday September through May at



## Words from the Bishop:

### Are you ready for Christmas?

I was sitting in the doctor's office this week, waiting for my turn, when I heard the man ahead of me ask the doctor, "Are you ready for Christmas?" Her response warmed my heart. "Good heavens, no! We've still got 2 weeks!"

Two weeks to finish the shopping and the wrapping, the addressing and the mailing. Two weeks to finish the baking and the decorating, the caroling and the

year-end giving. Two weeks to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord. Wow.

There is a way in which we are never ready for Christmas, never ready for the surprise of the Incarnation, of the Word made flesh. Advent, with its troubling series of scripture texts, gives us a taste of disruption, but also hope. God coming to be among us, to be one of us is a major disruption of the status quo.

Mary reflects that in the Magnificat, as she visits her cousin Elizabeth.

*My soul magnifies the Lord,  
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me*

*blessed ;*

*For the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
And holy is his name.*

*His mercy is for those who fear him  
From generation to generation.*

*He has shown the strength with his arm;  
He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their*

*hearts.*

*He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
And lifted up the lowly;*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,  
And sent the rich away empty.*

*He has helped his servant Israel,  
In remembrance of his mercy,*

*According to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
To Abraham and his descendants forever.*

The Magnificat is a hymn to transformation, and to justice, sung by a young woman just plucked from obscurity. Was she ready for what was ahead? Certainly not. And yet God chose her to carry the child. God entrusted her to nurture and protect God's own self, in the form of a baby.

I just learned that a friend was diagnosed with breast cancer. Not what she was planning for this Advent. And yet, there it is, shattering her plans, redirecting her energy and the prayers of those who love her. Her diagnosis has thrown a wrench into plans. But it has also re-focused Advent on what really matters.

No matter how organized we are, no matter how much we plan ahead, we can never fully prepare for God coming among us. We are never really ready for Christmas. And that's as it should be.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

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*

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