

## Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
United to Serve**



The Nugget E-News

August 26, 2019

## GOLD HILL NEWS

### God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

**God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday is September 8, 2019.** All are encouraged to attend the neighborhood cook out and warmly greet any and all neighbors who come to join us. There are sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall for the various activities you can participate in. **Note that we will be**

**collecting items for the residents of the Butte Rescue Mission.** Bring donated items to the fellowship hall on or before GWOH Sunday - most needed items include razors and shaving cream, shampoo, tooth paste & brushes, and deodorant. Also, we will have an opportunity to practice our Christian responsibility as citizens by writing letters to our elected officials to encourage support nutrition programs for hungry children worldwide.



You are invited to the Installation of

**The Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling as Bishop of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 11 am

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church  
3580 North Benton Avenue, Helena, MT 59602

Reception and light lunch following at  
The Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena, MT 59601

Clergy and Lay Ministers are invited to gather at 10:30 in order to vest and process.  
Color of the day is red.

**Your prayers and presence are requested.**

*"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you."*  
Eph. 1:17-18

A block of rooms has been set aside (under the name Montana Synod, ELCA) at the Great Northern Hotel until September 10, 2019  
To make reservations, call 855-479-0732

## Calendar:

**Stephen Ministry Leadership**  
meets at 6:00 pm  
Monday, August 26  
**Stephen Ministry Supervision**  
meets at 7:00 pm  
Monday, August 26

**Donna Weiss Funeral**  
at 10:30 am  
Gold Hill  
Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, August 28

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
meets @ 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, Aug. 28  
**AI-Anon**  
meets at 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, Aug. 28

**Worship Service:**  
at 9:30 am  
**Coffee Hour:**  
at 10:45 am  
Sunday, September 1

## Bible Study Opportunities:

**Group Study** every  
Thursday at 6:30 am @  
Perkins Restaurant

**Women's Gather Bible Study** meets  
the second Tuesday of the  
month at 9:30 am at

## Words from the Bishop -

### Being Church Together



One of newly re-elected Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's four emphases is "We are church together." Twelve Montana Synod Lutherans were part of the recent Churchwide Assembly in which we experienced what being "church together" means. We worshiped, debated, prayed, listened, advocated, marched, celebrated, lamented, sang, and studied scripture. Together.

One of the pieces of business that we adopted together was a memorial from the Montana Synod (from 2018) about seminary tuition and crippling debt. The Assembly voted to address the issue through a study, with a report back. What we do in our Synod Assembly does have an effect!

Below I will share some of the actions that the Churchwide Assembly took as church together:

#### **On ecumenical and inter-religious matters:**

- +Welcomed ecumenical partners and engaged in ecumenically-led Bible studies
- +Adopted a Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment, as a companion to the previously adopted Ecumenical Commitment statement
- +Participated in a Litany of Confession, based on the 1994 "Declaration of the ELCA to the Jewish Community"

#### **On gender justice issues:**

- +Adopted the social statement: "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action"
- +Committed support to the World Council of Churches' "Thursdays in Black" campaign against gender-based violence
- +Invited synods and congregations to celebrate 2020 as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women, and launched resources

#### **On race:**

- +Adopted "Strategy Toward Authentic Diversity in the ELCA"
- +Adopted a resolution condemning white supremacy
- + "Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent"
- + Adopted a resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the Emanuel 9

#### **On public policy:**

- +Committed to a future social message and social statement on the relationship of church and State
- +Support the goals of the Poor People's Campaign that are congruent with ELCA teachings
- +Condemning gun violence
- +Confirming commitment to refugees and migrants and identifying sanctuary (see August 14 Words from the Bishop)

#### **Elections:**

- +Elected Loni Whitford Taylor (Our Saviour's Rocky Boy) to a 6 year term on the ELCA Church Council
- +Elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer to a 6 year term as ELCA Secretary
- +Re-elected Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to a 6 year term

#### **Rostered Leaders:**

- +Accepted the recommendation that the entrance rite for Deacons be ordination
- +Re-defined constitutionally that Deacons are counted as clergy, not laity for purposes of representational principles

## 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](#)

## CHURCH COUNCIL

2019

**Mike Lawson -**

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**Peggy Graving -**

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Team Leader

**Chris Ketchum -**

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Team Leader

**Lynn Aniksdal -**

Leadership Ministry

Team Leader

**Jerry Aaker (resigned)**

Outreach Ministry

You can read or see personal reflections from most of our voting members on the Montana Synod Facebook page. To see documents referred to in this summary, click [HERE](#). Or contact the Synod Office.

In Christ,  
Jessica Crist, Bishop

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## *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.*