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The Nugget E-News

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GOLD HILL NEWS



Bible Study

Looking Ahead to Sunday (Bible Study)

Pastor Trina is offering a weekly Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. The focus looks ahead to Sunday's lessons, particularly the Gospel lesson. No experience necessary and each week is a stand-alone lesson so come as you are able. Bring your favorite Bible. There will be coffee and treats.

Adult Education after Worship

Beginning this coming Sunday, January 12, Pastor Trina will be offering an adult education opportunity after worship. We will meet at 10:45 for seven Sundays and work our way through the book *Reclaiming the "L" Word: Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core* by Kelly A. Fryer. The format of the book is short chapters (10-12 pages) with discussion questions at the end of each chapter, which will guide our conversation. You may order your own copy, or the office will have a dozen used copies of this book available for \$7.00 each beginning in early January. Pastor Trina also has a couple copies that can be given away for free if you've blown your book budget over the holidays! Just let her know your need. Here's a short review of the book:



Reclaiming the L Word is a book about renewing congregations by recognizing and living out the core teachings of the Lutheran faith. In the introduction, the author states:

I hope that people of every denomination will find this book helpful as they wrestle with these important issues within their own traditions. But this little book is primarily written for those who call themselves Lutheran and, specifically, those who are members of ELCA congregations, and it is intended to help us answer central questions: Who are we? What DOES it mean to be a Lutheran today, anyway? And, why does it matter? Inspirational, engaging, and challenging, this book is a must-read for pastors and congregational leaders!



Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are here and are available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall by the North wall. They are alphabetized by last name and you can pick them up through mid-January.

Due to budget constraints & increasing mail costs, envelopes are limited in number and no envelopes will be mailed out.

Sunday School

With the New Year we are starting a new Sunday School rotation based

Calendar:

GHELC Women's Book Club
meets at 10:00 am
Big Sky Senior Living Center
Monday, Jan. 6

Chateau Quilters
meet 10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 7

Executive Committee
meets at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 7

LWR Quilters
meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, Jan. 8

Gold Hill Choir
meets at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 8

Overeaters Anon.
meets at 6:15 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 8

Al-Anon
meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 8

Pastor's Bible Study
meets at 10 am & 7 pm
Thursday, Jan. 9

Copper Cloggers
meet 1 - 4 pm
Thursday, Jan. 9

Music & Worship
meets at 6:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 9

Crafts & Conversation
meets 6 - 9 pm
Room 104
Thursday, Jan. 9

on Apps. Yes, apps, just like those on a smart phone. Everyday apps are designed to help us live our lives. God has already given us the greatest tool for living a good life, the Bible. For every need in life, we can find a verse that God has given us to help us.

This will be a great rotation for all ages! Adults may want to come learn about what apps do while sharing your knowledge of the bible with the kids. Come and learn together!

We will be exploring Facebook, Minecraft, Pokémon Go, Instagram and all kinds of apps as they relate to living our lives to honor God. You may know the bible stories, but the kids know the apps! What a great time for joint learning! Sundays after the worship service. We get treats (and coffee) first, then Sunday School.

No Sunday School on January 26th as it will be the Annual Meeting!



Overeaters Anon.
meet at 5:00 pm
Friday, Jan. 10

Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour:
at 10:45 am
Sunday School:
at 10:45 am
Adult Education:
at 10:45 am
Sunday, January 12

Annual Meeting & Potluck

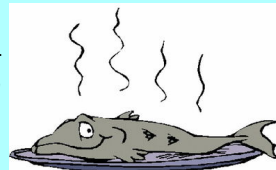


The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, immediately following the 9:30 AM service. We'll start with our potluck feast and move on to the meeting that will include reports,

and the election of Council members and other leaders, as well as discussion on other issues. **Your input is needed so please plan on attending!**

Lutefisk Available

Mike Lawson has lutefisk to sell in his freezer - talk to him at (406) 560-3591 if you would like to pick some up.



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 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](#)



Butte Emergency Food Bank

Let's tackle hunger in our community. The Food Bank item for January is pasta (like spaghetti, or noodles). Please drop your donations off before January 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!

A Message of Solidarity from Bishops Eaton and Jungling

December 30, 2019

Today is the last day of Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Our Jewish siblings will light the menorah and sing this blessing:

"We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance."

Tragically, several acts of anti-Semitic hatred, bigotry, and violence in



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New York during these days have marred the joyful festivities in Jewish communities across this country, and around the world. Within the last year, we have witnessed the broader surge of anti-Semitism from Pittsburgh to Poway in which these most recent incidents have occurred. Our Jewish neighbors are living in pain, grief, and fear.

Twenty-five years ago, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America joined other Lutheran Christians worldwide in repudiating anti-Judaism within our own tradition. In our 1994 "Declaration of the ELCA to the Jewish Community" we affirmed that "we recognize in anti-Semitism a contradiction and affront to the Gospel, a violation of our hope and calling, and we pledge this church to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us."

This will require more of us than repeated statements. It will require building bridges of inter-religious understanding in our communities. It will require reaching out to our Jewish neighbors to offer our care, support, love, and protection. It will require our persistence in addressing the root causes of anti-Semitism, and its menacing companions of white supremacy and xenophobia.

In different ways, and for different reasons, this is a time of year when Jews and Christians celebrate the miracle of light. In our prayers and actions, may we be a living presence of God's sacred light which rouses us all to resistance and righteousness.

In peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, ELCA

January 2, 2020



Dear Fellow Followers of Christ,
Hate, of any group or any individual, is always wrong. And malice - hate with the intent to hate - is everything God stands against. "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:8) God is love and, in Christ, we are called to love ALL of our neighbors in ALL that we say and do.

In this time of increasing hate, fear, and anger directed at our Jewish brothers and sisters, we are called by Christ himself to stand with them and against hate.

I ask you to consider the ways in your context you can faithfully stand in solidarity with our Jewish friends so that together we can, as Bishop Eaton says, "be a living presence of God's sacred light which rouses us all to resistance and righteousness" leading finally to right and holy relationship with each other.

Abiding with you in the love of God,

Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling,

Bishop, Montana Synod, ELCA

Julie Corbin -

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Team Leader

Lynn Aniksdal -

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Team Leader

Jerry Aaker

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Interim Pastor

Trina Johnsten

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.