

Prayer Concerns

Herb Nepine – prayers for health & healing

Bob & Debbie Brown – celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary on December 19

Rande Farrow – celebrating his birthday December 16

Retired pastor Mark Taylor, his family, and First American in Hardin – as he recovers from a stroke

Retired pastor Paul Rowold and family – as they mourn the death of his wife, Donna Rowold

For Episcopal Bishop of the Montana Diocese, Marty Stebbins – on the death of her father

Pastor Jean Hay's wife Jan & family – as Jan faces significant health issues

From our Synod prayer calendar we remember:

American Lutheran Church, Harlowton; First American Lutheran Church, Hardin; Retired Pastor Martin Dreyer; Retired Pastor Ellen Ayres; Western Iowa Synod

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Calendar & Announcements for the Coming Week

- Today:** **9:30 am Worship;** Holy Communion; 10:45 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Coffee Hour; *Decorate Church for Christmas*
- Mon:** :00 am We Deliver – Sack Lunch Ministry
- Wed:** 5:45 pm Soup & Bread Supper; 6:30 pm Advent Service - GH Choir
 practice follows; 6:15 pm O.A.; 7:30 pm Al-Anon
- Thurs:** 6:30 am Bible Study at Perkin's; 10 am & 7 pm Pastor's Bible
 Study; 10 am Knitting Ministry at BSSL Center; 6:00 pm
 Nominating Committee mtng; 6:30 pm Winter Solstice Concert
 in the Hall
- Fri:** 12 pm 55+ Lunch at Perkin's; 1 pm Communion Service at
 BSSL Center; 5 pm Overeaters Anon.
- Next Sun:** **9:30 am Worship;** Holy Communion; 10:45 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Coffee Hour

Church Decorations will be going up right after worship today. Please plan on staying to help - the more hands, the better! Come join in the fun and fellowship as we make our church beautiful, warm, and welcoming for the holy Christmas season.

Our last Advent Soup & Bread Supper is on Wednesday evening, December 18, at 5:45 pm. The meal 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 Chris Ketchum or anyone on the Worship Ministry Team.

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 will be to look 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. There will be no Bible study on December 26 & January 2. Studies will resume on January 9, 2020.

Christmas Poinsettias If you are planning to bring in a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary as a memorial or in honor of someone, please give Mary the name/names by December 17 (that's this Tuesday). The plants may be artificial or live, but do not bring in live plants before December 16. You may take your plant home after the 7:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.

Family Advent Calendar Challenge! Gold Hill is doing Advent family food boxes for the Butte Emergency Food Bank. Each day you add an item to your box. When the box is full, bring it back to the church. **All of the items will be delivered to the Butte Emergency Food Bank on December 23rd so get your boxes here before that date.** (If you don't have an item, please substitute as you see fit!) **The following items are for the final week:** Dec. 16: pkg. of oatmeal or box of cereal, Dec. 17: spaghetti noodles, Dec. 18: spaghetti sauce mix, Dec. 19: can of tomato sauce, Dec. 20: canned soup or boxed soup mix, Dec. 21: hamburger helper, Dec. 22: bananas, Dec. 23: apples, and Dec. 24: onions. Questions? Talk to Patty Callaghan or Paul Vang.

Christmas Worship Services at Gold Hill

Christmas Eve at 5 & 7 PM with carols, Communion, & candle-light.

Christmas Worship Services at Gloria Dei

Christmas Eve at 5 & 11 PM and Christmas Day at 10:30 AM

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

LWR Quilters will not meet this Wednesday, Dec. 18. If you wish to tie quilts in the kitchen or upstairs please feel free; the Hall itself is being readied for a concert on Dec. 19.

Thank you Gold Hill for the prayers for my brother, Jim Vincent. He came through his surgery and faces a long recovery, but prayers made the difference. Mike & Sheilah Vincent.