

Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Nugget E-News

March 16, 2020

Gold Hill News

Letter from the Pastor



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Dear Beloved People of Gold Hill Lutheran,

For several years I have been a member of a Facebook group called *Things They Didn't Teach Us in Seminary*. We post odd situations we find ourselves in as pastors and ask one another for advice on how to navigate something that was never covered in our training to be pastors. This week we certainly find ourselves in the midst of such a situation as we figure out how to respond to COVID-19.

In consultation with Council, the Bishop's office, our churchwide office in Chicago, and at the urging of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Montana Department of Health, the decision has been made to **suspend all activities at Gold Hill, including worship**. We are doing this to protect the vulnerable among us and to support statewide efforts to halt the spread of the virus. At this time we cannot predict how long this will be in effect, but expect regular updates from us as the situation evolves.

While we will no longer be able to meet as a community, we can still care for one another in other ways. **Council has scheduled a time on Wednesday to put together a plan to keep us connected in this time of social distancing**. In the meantime, check on one another and support one another, hold one another in prayer, and may you feel the calming presence of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Trina Johnsten

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Call Committee News

Good news from Sunday's special congregational meeting!

The Call Committee recommended Pastor Marlow Carrels be offered a letter of call from Gold Hill Lutheran through the Montana Synod office. After Call Committee Chair, Dale Schultz, gave the congregation a brief description of Pastor Carrels, there was a unanimous vote to send the letter of call.

Gold Hill's Council will send the appropriate paperwork to the Synod office, and with their approval, the call will be offered to Pastor Carrels. More information on the transition will be sent out as soon as some of these pieces fall into place.

Thanks for all the support and prayers through this process.

Dale Schulz



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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.