

## Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Nugget E-News

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### Convocation 2018: Preparing to Elect a Bishop

The 2018 Bishop's Convocation will take place on Friday, October 26, from 10 am until 3 pm at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 3580 N. Benton Avenue, Helena. Pastor Laurie is attending the convocation where one can learn how a new Bishop is chosen. It is a one-day conference and anyone can attend. ELCA Secretary Chris Boerger will join us to talk about the election process, and the constitutional provisions about the duties of a bishop. There will be table conversations about the hopes and dreams for the Montana Synod. The day will end with a panel consisting of experienced bishops answering questions: Chris Boerger, Mark Ramseth, Jessica Crist.

Registration for the event is \$25, which includes lunch. Registration closes Monday, October 22nd and late registration will be \$35.

You can register online [HERE](#).

### Gold Hill News

The Worship Ministry Team invites you to participate in the decoration of the altar celebrating the harvest and Thanksgiving for all good gifts. If you have any harvest items (pumpkins, squash, gourds, corn, flowers or foliage, grasses) bring them to church and add them to our arrangement before or after service. Let's see what we can do together!



### Calendar:

**We Deliver - Sack Lunch Ministry**  
meets at 9:00 am  
Monday, October 15

**Choral Union**  
practice at 6:30 pm  
Monday, October 15

**LWR Quilters**  
meet at 9:30 am  
Wednesday, October 17

**Gold Hill Choir**  
meets at 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, October 17

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
meets @ 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 17  
**Al-Anon**  
meets at 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 17

**Lefse making**  
all day in the Hall  
Thursday, Oct. 18

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all day in the Hall  
Friday, Oct. 19

**Worship Service:**  
at 9:30 am  
**Christian Education:**  
at 10:30 am

### Stephen Ministry Harvest Auction & Potluck Brunch



**Are you a Griz fan? Or a Bobcat fan? Then you won't want to miss Stephen Ministry's Annual Harvest Auction & Potluck Brunch on November 11!**

We will begin our auction & potluck immediately following the 9:30 am service that

Sunday. This means you can bring your favorite dishes suitable for breakfast and/or lunch.

We have Griz & Cat buckets that are perfect for the "Brawl of the Wild", plus a really nice wine basket! **There will be three square boards offered at the price of \$5.00 per square, and you can purchase more than one square if you want.** The boards will be available during coffee hour on Sundays and at the Gold Hill Church Office during the week leading up to the Auction. Stop by soon so that you can get a square and get on the boards!

**Adult Faith Formation:**  
at 10:45 am  
**Coffee Hour:**  
at 10:45 am  
**Confirmation Class:**  
at 12:00 Noon  
Sunday, October 21

**Bible Study Opportunities:**

**Group Study** every Thursday  
September through May at  
6:30 am @ Chef's Garden

**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



## The Daughters of Norway are making Lefse...

Lefse making starts this Thursday, October 18, with cooking and peeling of potatoes all day in the Fellowship Hall. We will make lefse all day Friday

and possibly on Saturday if necessary.

There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for potato cooking/peeling and for lefse-making, and all are welcome to join in. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**We will also need help with the cleanup afterward! If you can do this please come to the Hall at 4:00 pm on Friday.** If you have questions please talk to Susan Stamp, Danette Fitzpatrick, or call the church office (723-4242).

## ...And we're holding a Bazaar too!

The Daughters of Norway are holding a Bazaar on November 10th at the Racetrack Fire Hall. Table rentals are \$50.00 and the tables will be provided. If you are interested in renting a table please contact Susan Stamp (498-2133) or Danette Fitzpatrick (782-3938).



## LINKS:

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

**2018:**

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## Butte Emergency Food Bank

**The Food Bank items for October are muffin & biscuit box mixes.** Let's tackle hunger in our community! You can bring your donation to the church to leave in the Fellowship Hall, one of the baskets at each sanctuary door, or in the church office.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our local Food

## Words from the Bishop: Whose Land?

You may know that I have just returned from Australia, where I was attending the decision-making gathering of the Lutheran Church of Australia (which also includes New Zealand.) At the meeting, they re-elected Presiding Bishop John Henderson, failed to get enough votes to authorize the ordination of women, and accepted a reconciliation initiative with Aboriginal people. In addition to attending the Australian equivalent of our Churchwide Assembly, I was able to spend a few days in the back country, where the LCA works with Aboriginal people.



Europeans came to Australia later than to North and South America. Germans came to a place they named Hermannsburg, in the center of the country, deep in the country of the Aboriginals, in 1877. Unlike some other Europeans, these German Lutherans considered the people they encountered to be fully human, and they even learned one of the local languages. They set up a church and a school and a tannery, as a job training facility. Hermannsburg today continues to be a center for outreach to Aboriginals, with several dozen Aboriginal pastors serving dozens of remote Aboriginal communities on behalf of the Lutheran Church of Australia. Recently an Aboriginal choir went on a world tour, and when they got to Hermannsburg, Germany, they called it the "Boomerang Tour." They wanted to thank the Germans of Hermannsburg, Germany, for coming to Hermannsburg, Australia to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On Monday of this week it was Columbus Day for some people, and Indigenous People's Day for others. In this last month I have spent time with indigenous people in Bolivia (our whole church there is indigenous), and again in Australia. And, of course, the Montana Synod has 2 ministries on reservations, focusing on indigenous people. In each of these continents--North America, South America and Australia--there were people there before the European colonizers came. In each of these continents--and Africa as well--the original inhabitants were treated brutally by the invaders, and we all live with the consequences. History moves on, but we all live with the consequences.

At the same time that Europeans were exploring the unknown world, the Pope sent forth a papal bull that is the basis for the doctrine of discovery. In that doctrine, the Pope authorized, even obligated, explorers to take possession on any land not populated by Christians. The explorers from Catholic countries followed his orders, making the natives convert or die. So did the non-Catholic explorers. They at least followed the "take possession of any land" part of the edict, even if they did not perform such violent conversions. We are still living with the aftermath of the doctrine of discovery, and in 2016 the ELCA voted to

repudiate it, following the lead of a number of other denominations.

So what does it mean for Christians in 2018 to repudiate the doctrine of discovery? Clearly we cannot undo history. And nobody is asking us to. But what we can do, as a first step, is to learn history, to hear the voices that have not been heard, and to understand the impact of colonization upon indigenous people all over the globe. It is not enough to say, "I didn't do anything wrong." It is not about individuals, but rather the whole culture. Those of us in the majority culture benefit from the many ways that the indigenous culture was shortchanged by the European-Americans. The least we can do is learn the history.

As Christians we believe that we are one in Christ. All of us. That doesn't erase history. But it reminds us that as family, we are equal in God's eyes. And we should strive to do likewise--to see the value in every person, beloved children of God, who made us all in the divine image, who created all that there is and all that there will be.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

### *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.*