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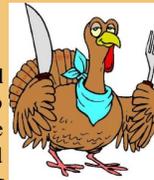
The Nugget E-News

October 21, 2019

GOLD HILL NEWS

**Special Olympics Dinner at Gold Hill
- Mark this on your Calendar!**

On November 8, 2019, Gold Hill has committed to cooking and serving a full turkey dinner to approximately 150 Special Olympic athletes in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 PM. All food except for desserts will be supplied to the hosting congregations.



Many volunteers will be needed for this event! Please see the sign up sheets in the Hall. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pat Gruss at (406) 565-2563.

Gold Hill Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite anyone interested in knitting/crocheting Prayer Shawls, hats and/or scarves, to join them on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am at Big Sky Senior Living Center. You don't have to know how to knit; they will teach you if you are interested in learning. This ministry just acquired quite a lot of yarn for this purpose from the Prayer Shawl Ladies

of Milwaukie Lutheran Church in Oregon. (Hats and scarves, of course, go to the homeless.)

If anyone can't or doesn't want to work with the group on Thursdays, they are welcomed to take yarn and work from their home!

If you have any questions you can talk to Jeanette Quist or Kay Vang.

Join the Choir!

The Gold Hill Choir invites you to consider serving as a music minister! Choir practices are Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir room.

If you have questions, please talk to Dave Coleman, director of music ministries or call him at 406-491-5393.



Daughters of Norway Bazaar



The Daughters of Norway are holding their 2nd Annual Bazaar on November 9th at the Racetrack Fire Hall from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Table rentals are \$50.00 and the tables

will be provided. If you are interested in renting a table please contact Danette Fitzpatrick (782-3938).

Lend a Hand

Winter is coming! Soon it will be time to be outside shoveling snow as it piles up. We will need help with shoveling of the walks around the church area on Sundays before worship. If you feel you can help out and would be willing to take a Sunday or two during the winter to shovel, please talk to Lynn Aniksdal at (406) 491-2245 and let her know. Thank you!



Calendar:

We Deliver - Sack Lunch Ministry
meets at 9:00 am
Monday, Oct. 21

LWR Quilters
meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, Oct. 23

Gold Hill Choir
meets at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 23

Overeaters Anonymous
meets @ 6:15 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 23
Al-Anon
meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 23

Copper Cloggers
meet 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Thursday, Oct. 24

Reformation Sunday
Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour:
at 10:45 am
Sunday School:
at 10:45 am
Sunday, October 27

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](#)

Women United In Faith

An Interdenominational Christian Women's Group

Invites you to join them for their 18th annual conference
November 2, 2019 9:00 am - 4:00 pm * 1621 Thornton Ave.

(Aldersgate Methodist Church)

Conference & Lunch: \$25.00 (includes tip & beverage)

Conference only: \$10.00 (scholarships available)

Registration Deadline: October 26, 2019

For more information call Peggy Ryan at 565-0529

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Words from the Bishop - Lenses

What lenses are you looking through? No, I'm not talking about contact lenses or glasses, bifocals or sunglasses. I'm talking about the lenses of life, the worldly lenses that color or cloud how we see what's around us. These lenses can include the experience of our family of origin which helps interpret much of what we see. But there are other lenses through which we see the world: the narratives that come to us from the news or media programming we choose to watch/hear; the social media we choose to engage; the political viewpoints we choose to subscribe to; the peer groups we choose to hang out with. Each of these provide us with more or less healthy lenses by which to see, interpret and even judge the world.

Of course, all of us see the world through various lenses; no one sees anything except through the lenses we put on or are given to us. **The question is which lenses are the followers of Christ called to wear?**

This question naturally leads us to other questions: through which lenses are we choosing to see the church's activity? God's activity? Through which lenses are we defining Jesus Christ's call to follow him? Are we defining discipleship according to the lenses of social media or the news? Are we seeing God and God's work in the world through lenses of worry, scarcity, fear, or anger? Are we seeing (and judging) the church through lenses of a specific political perspective?

The apostle formerly known as Saul initially saw the newly emerging church and the Way of Jesus Christ through lenses defined by his religious education, his fear of the unknown, his anxiety that this new off-shoot of his tradition would corrupt him and his religion. (Acts 9:2) But all these lenses blinded him to the new way God was working in the world. In his blindness he was destructive, not only to the people who followed the new Way of Christ but to God's message of good news proclaimed in Christ. It wasn't until he was physically blinded on the road to Damascus, spent three days in prayer, and was healed by his enemy that Paul more clearly saw the world through the lens of Christ. And it changed Paul's life forever. (Acts 9 and following.)

Like Paul, we who are Christ's followers are called on our roads to Damascus to open our eyes and see the world, including the church, through the lens of Christ and the new life he gives us. Instead of seeing and judging the church through the political, social, economic, or social media lenses that are so pervasive in our lives, we are called to see all of our society through the lens of our trust in our faithful God and our commitment to Christ.

Instead of defining what it means to follow Christ according to the culture's standards, we are called to live according to Jesus' standards laid out in the Great Commandments, the Golden Rule, the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, and the call to feed, give water to, welcome, clothe, care for, and visit those in need of God's love and compassion no matter who they are...for they are all to be seen as Christ in our midst (Mt 25:31-46).

Instead of seeing God's work in our churches through lenses of suspicion and anger because they don't match the other lenses we've chosen to wear, we are called to see through the lenses of faith, hope, love and the new life we've been given through the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

So like Paul, I call on you to let go of the lenses of the world that are directing you away from Christ's Way and open your eyes and hearts to the fruit of the Spirit - joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the lenses, poured into us in our Baptism, shared in Holy Communion and the preaching of the Word, and set into our eyes by the Spirit that define, govern, and guide how we see the world and live in it as followers of Christ.

Praise be to Christ for the new Way to see God's world!

Bishop Laurie

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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 us at 406-723-4242.