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United to Serve**



The Nugget E-News

December 2, 2019

GOLD HILL NEWS

Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Holiday Dinner

Lutefisk is this Saturday! So please join us December 7th from 3 PM - 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall!



The menu hasn't changed and will feature Lutefisk and Lefse, with pickled herring, Swedish meat balls, boiled potatoes and white cream gravy, cooked carrots, pickled beets, and plenty of hot coffee to drink.

There will also be Scandinavian cookies and fruit soup for dessert. All are invited to attend, and if anyone has any questions they can call the church office at 723-4242 or Mike Lawson at 560-3591. As always the food will be great and the fellowship even better.

Ticket prices are \$14 per adult and \$8 per child and will be available at the door.

"You have to try it at least three times." (Lutefisk saying)



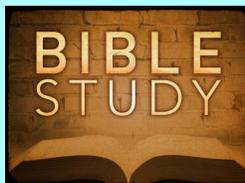
Soup & Bread in Advent

We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings, December 4, 11, and 18, starting at 5:45 pm for a simple Soup & Bread supper. It will be followed by Holden Evening Prayer Service at 6:30 pm. *There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those of you wishing to help with these suppers.* Please join us! If you have any questions, please talk to Cheryl Neuhart or anyone on the Worship Ministry Team.

New! Bible Study

Looking Ahead to Sunday (Bible Study)

Beginning on December 5, Pastor Trina will be 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.



Christmas Poinsettias



If you are planning to bring in a poinsettia plant as a memorial or in honor of someone, please notify the church office of the name/names by December 17. The plants may be artificial or live, however do not bring in live plants before December 16. You may take your plant home after the 7:00 pm service on Christmas Eve. The church will not be purchasing any plants this year.

Calendar:

GHELC Women's Book Club
meets @ 10:00 am
Monday, Dec. 2

Chateau Quilters
meet 10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 3
Exec. Committee
meets at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 3

LWR Quilters
meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, Dec. 4

Advent:
Soup & Bread Supper
at 5:45 pm in
the Hall
Holden Prayer Service
at 6:30 pm in
the Sanctuary
Gold Hill Choir
meets afterward
Wednesday, Dec. 4

Overeaters Anonymous
meets @ 6:15 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 4
Al-Anon
meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 4

Pastor's Bible Study
at 10 am & 7 pm
Thursday, Dec. 5

Music & Worship
meet at 6:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 5

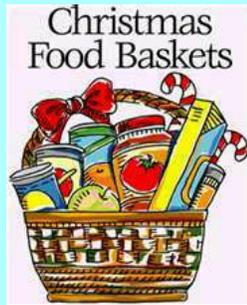
Holiday Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner
3 pm to 7 pm
Saturday, Dec. 7

Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
Sunday School:
at 10:45 am
Coffee Hour:
at 10:45 am
Sunday, December 8

We're Decorating for Christmas!

Church Decorations will be going up right after worship December 15.

Please plan on being here to help - the more hands, the better! So come join in the fun and fellowship as we make our church beautiful, warm, and welcoming for the holy Christmas season.



Christmas Food Baskets

Family Advent Calendar Challenge

Check this out! For December Gold Hill will be doing Advent family food boxes for the Butte Emergency Food Bank. Each day you can 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 your completed boxes need to be at the church by that date. (If you don't have an item, please substitute as you see fit!)

The following items are for the first week in December: Dec. 1: box of cereal, Dec. 2: peanut butter, Dec. 3: cranberry sauce, Dec. 4: muffin mix, Dec. 5: instant potatoes, Dec. 6: canned fruit, Dec. 7: candy canes or Christmas candies, Dec. 8: canned tuna.

Questions? Talk to **Patty Callaghan** or **Paul Vang**. You can help to brighten someone's holiday table! Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our local Food Bank.

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](#)

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Montana Synod News An on the ground report from Bolivia



Montana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

[The following comes via Jerry Aaker. His friends Greg and Ines Rake live in Cochabamba, Bolivia.]

These past few days, continue to be violent and confusing...

There are seven major cities and many smaller towns that are completely cut off...that means that there is no transportation to bring food, fuel and other necessities for these centers. This hurts the farmers, hurts the urban residences and is becoming a very serious issue for homes for indigent senior citizens and children's shelters. The government is discussing the possibility of providing food via airlifts from Perú and other areas. There is also limited supply of fuel due to the damage caused by cocaleros (union of coca farmers) to the major gas line that connects the eastern gas reserves to the western part of the country.

There have been various attempts at negotiations, however, at this point they have failed as the MAS party either does not participate or begins with the demand that Evo return to complete his term of office. And it is complicated by the violence. Yesterday in El Alto, the city above La Paz, a group of MAS supporters tried to blow up the gas and gasoline

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processing plant. Had they succeeded it would have been horrific disaster killing more than 10,000 people. They were stopped by the army. There are three dead but with bullets that are not used by the army, so it becomes very unclear as to what is happening.

At the "cabildo" (town hall meeting) of the Cocaleros last night in a town just outside of Cochabamba, they vowed to hire 500 snipers to begin shooting at people in the city. That seems like an absurd threat. It is confirmed news, but what does that mean?

Perhaps, the most disturbing news that has lots of support, but difficult to confirm, is the role that the drug cartels play in all of this...there are commentaries that one of the motives is that the US wants to gain control of the large lithium deposits...that may be true, but the coca trade is worth much, much more than that. It really makes you wonder if we are entering into the narcoterrorism that dominates Colombia and Mexico.

For the past two days I tried to take a break and avoid much of the news...not an easy task. And while I was working on the program for the Mennonite Central Committee retreat, tentatively scheduled for the first week of December, this hymn used in the civil rights movement came to mind...O Healing River, send down your waters...Bolivia needs this healing, even though we are living in uncertain times, we have to think about what is next.

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.