

Prayer Concerns

Amber Baldry (*Alan & Lynn Aniksdal's granddaughter*) – prayers as she prepares for eye surgery in Missoula

Jim Vincent (*Mike Vincent's brother*) – prayers for health & healing following surgery

Dick Fitzpatrick – prayers for health & healing

Peggy Graving – celebrating her baptismal birthday December 14

Julie Corbin – celebrating her baptismal birthday December 14

Ehren Gruss – celebrating his baptismal birthday December 14

Sandi Wenger – celebrating her birthday December 12

Patty Callaghan – celebrating her birthday December 10

Ben Biastoch – celebrating his baptismal birthday December 10

Mark Bond – celebrating his birthday December 9

Bonnie Grimes – celebrating her birthday December 9

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

Retired pastor Avis Anderson – recovering from hip surgery

From our Synod prayer calendar we remember:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Laurel; Joliet Lutheran Church, Joliet; Retired Pastors Ernest Larsen, George Karres, and Carol Karres; West Virginia - Western Maryland 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
- Mon:** 6 pm Stephen Ministry Leadership; 7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
- Tues:** 9:30 am Women's Gather Bible Study at BSSL Center
6 pm Council mtng
- Wed:** 9:30 am LWR Quilters; 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; 6 – 9 pm Crafts & Conversation Rm. 104
- Fri:** 5 pm Overeaters Anon.; Nugget deadline is today!
- Next Sun:** 9:30 am **Worship**; Holy Communion; 10:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Coffee Hour; ***Decorate Church 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.

Advent Soup & Bread Suppers are on Wednesday evenings, December 11 & 18, starting at 5:45 pm. The meal is followed by Holden Evening Prayer Service at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. **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 Chris Ketchum or anyone on the Worship Ministry Team.

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.** 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.

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.

Check this out! 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. (If you don't have an item, please substitute as you see fit!) **The following items are for the second week in December:** Dec. 9: pkg. of Jello, Dec. 10: cake or brownie mix, Dec. 11: can of vegetable soup, Dec. 12: canned green beans or peas, Dec. 13: pkg. of macaroni or noodles, Dec. 14: box of crackers, Dec. 15: pkg. of rice. Questions? Talk to Patty Callaghan or Paul Vang.

Gloria Dei Lutheran WELCA cordially invites any and all women in the congregation to a Christmas Celebration at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on December 12th at noon. Christmas luncheon, visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and a gift exchange. Please bring a gift under \$10.00 to exchange in a game. **RSVP:** Stephanie Stodden at 406-491-1778 or Suzanne Whelchel at rossw@bresnan.net. Hope you can make it. Stephanie Stodden & the WELCA at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Ordination & Installation of Pastor Halcyon Bjornstad New Life Lutheran Church (5980 N. Montana Ave., Helena MT) invites you to attend the ordination and installation of Halcyon Bjornstad on Sunday, December 15th at 3 pm. Worship begins at 3 pm with Pastor Jason Asselstine preaching and fellowship will follow. Please plan on attending this very special event!

Christmas Worship Services

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