

Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Gold Hill News

Upcoming Events & Activities

Gold Hill is on YouTube!

Pastor Carrels is offering a service from the sanctuary which can be viewed on YouTube. If you're interested, use this [LINK](#) to check it out. Questions? Talk to Pastor or call the church office (723-4242).



QUILTING GROUP

LWR Quilters

Gold Hill's quilting group cannot meet due to current Covid-19 guidelines. However, quilts are available for tying and the group also needs gently used sheets. Questions? Call JoAnn Farrow (490-0559) or Miriam Haley (498-3861).

Thompson Family Annual Food Drive

Due to the pandemic, the food drive is looking a little different this year. Instead of collecting food from individual houses, organizers, which include members of the Thompson family, representatives from Butte 15-90 Search & Rescue, Harrington Pepsi Cola, and the Butte-Silver Bow Fire Department along with Butte's volunteer firefighters, have placed food bins at grocery stores and local businesses throughout Butte. **Having bins throughout town will allow residents to make more than one donation. And every donation is needed.**

Thompson said bins will be collected at least once a week and transported to the food bank.

Kathy Griffith of the Butte Emergency Food Bank has seen an increase in needs. In 2019, the food bank served approximately 21,000 individuals throughout the year and gave out about \$2.1 million worth of food. So far this year, Griffith estimates that number has increased to 23,000 recipients, and \$2.5 million in food items has been distributed. They are serving more than 500 families monthly.

People in our community are struggling and need your help. Drop-off bins can be found at both Safeway's, Walmart, Walgreens, Three Bears, The Montana Standard, and CVS Pharmacy.

"Last call" day will be Saturday, Dec. 5 so please get your donations dropped off! Please be generous for those in need! And you can still mail financial donations directly to the Food Bank at 1019 E. Second St., Butte, MT 59701.



Gold Hill Christmas CD

Dave Coleman is putting together the Gold Hill Lutheran Christmas CD 2020.

To record your singing, reading, instrumental solo and/or other group arrangements, we



have discussed various ways to do this using social distancing.

1. Individuals may record on their own phone or tape player and email it to Dave (daveinconcert@live.com).
2. Dave has invited us to use Zoom which he will then record.
3. If you need piano accompaniment, call, text, or email Dave to set up a date and time to Zoom. Dave will send out the Zoom invitation to you and those in your group who plan to perform, and he can record it from the scheduled Zoom sessions.

Dave Coleman can be reached by phone: 406-491-5393 or email at daveinconcert@live.com.



Scarves, Hats, Mittens!

It is November and time to begin collecting new and lightly-used scarves, hats, and mittens for those in need. Please bring them to Sunday worship or drop them at the home of JoAnn Farrow, Jeanette Quist, or Miriam Haley. You can also leave them in the box in the church entryway on the West side. If you have any questions you can talk to Miriam Haley (498-3861).

Gold Hill Schedule Changes & Additions

All Council and group meetings will be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future due to the rise in coronavirus cases in our county. Questions? Talk to Pastor Carrels or any Council member.

Wednesday weekly devotions are offered by Pastor Carrels on Facebook in the evening. Go to Gold Hill's Facebook page or Pastor Carrels' page to join in. Gloria Dei will offer devotions on their Facebook page.

Evening Bible Study/Adult Forum offered by Pastor Carrels on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Let Pastor know if you'd like to join in.

Thursday Morning Bible Study now held at 8:00 am via Zoom due to the rise in coronavirus cases in our county. Talk to Pastor Carrels if you have any questions.

A Pacific Lutheran University Christmas 2020

The annual Christmas Concerts have been an integral part of our holiday season at PLU. Over the past many months, we have been following national and international research and guidelines regarding the COVID-19 virus and its impact on our programs. Concern for the safety and care of our entire community has resulted in some very difficult decisions regarding our programs and public events. To that end, I regretfully announce that we will not be able to hold our traditional Christmas Concerts this December. Public events of this magnitude are not yet being allowed in Washington, and we do not anticipate that changing in the next few weeks.

In this year of change, our annual Christmas celebration will become *PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas* and will feature short artistic vignettes distributed on consecutive days in December. These gifts will be shared via email and social media, and posted on our Christmas Concert website (click [HERE](#)).

These will include new musical works recorded this fall, performances from recent Christmas Concerts, and personal reflections from our students and faculty.

To receive **PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas** via email, please [sign up here](#).

These are our gifts to the PLU community—an opportunity to continue the PLU Christmas tradition within the constraints of a worldwide pandemic.

Thank you sincerely for your understanding and support.

Cameron Bennett, Dean
School of Arts and Communication



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Weekly Calendar

Executive Committee
meeting via Zoom
at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 1

Bible Study/Adult Forum
via Zoom at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 2

Weekly Devotion
on Facebook
at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 2

Bible Study Group
meets at 8:00 am
via Zoom
Thursday, Dec. 3

Worship & Music
meeting via Zoom
at 6:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 3

Montana Synod News

Montana Synod Advent/Christmas Devotion is available now!



Clergy in the Montana Synod have participated in writing devotions for all of the Synod for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. The document is available [HERE](#). It is also available to download on the Montana Synod website. It prints out well as a bi-fold booklet, IF your printer has that capability. Otherwise, it will print with each page being 8 1/2 x 11 in size.

If you prefer to post each day's devotion on your congregation's Facebook page, you can do that from the Synod's website or share it from the Synod's Facebook page.

Congregations and leaders are encouraged to share this as a way in which the whole Synod is growing together as we are "equipped for ministry."



Are you looking for a place to connect with a faithful community, grow in faith, and put your talents to work 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 Marlow Carrels at 406-723-4242.

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Welcomes You!