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Gold Hill News

Upcoming Events & Activities



Advent Services

Advent Services will be held on Wednesday evenings, December 1, 8, 15, & 22, starting at 5:00 pm with light refreshments (store bought cookies and coffee) and service at 6:00 pm.

This year we will be sharing our service with Gloria Dei Church. Services will be held at Gloria Dei on December 1 and December 15. **December 8 and 22 we will meet at Gold Hill.**

Please join us! If you have any questions, please talk to Chris Ketchum or anyone on the Worship Ministry Team.

Christmas Services

Christmas Worship Services will be held on Christmas Eve at 5:30 & 7 PM with carols, Communion, & candle-light. There will be no services on Christmas Day, with lessons and carols on December 26th.



Office Hours

Pastor Carrels now has office hours at Oro Fino Coffee Shop, 68 West Park Street, each Tuesday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Appointments available (406-788-5373) and drop-ins welcome. Pastor does reserve the right to be absent if he is called away.

Butte Emergency Food Bank

Let's tackle hunger in our community. Approximately one in seven people in Montana struggle with hunger. Your monetary donations are vital. **Mail your monetary donation directly to: Butte Emergency Food Bank, 1019 East Second Street, Butte, MT 59701.** Your generosity helps those who are struggling during this pandemic to feed their families. Your donations make a difference!



Share the Warmth

Bob Ward's "Share the Warmth" If you would like to help fellow Montanans stay warm this winter, drop off your gently used winter coats at Bob Ward's, 1925 Dewey Blvd. in Butte. Bob Ward's will reward your generosity with a coupon to use in store. Donations are then cleaned and distributed to local non-profit organizations. **Contributions will be taken until Friday, December 17.**

For more details, contact Chase Taylor, at 406-728-3220 or email ctaylor@bobwards.com. Help families stay warm this winter!

LWR Quilters

LWR Quilters are meeting at Gloria Dei on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bring your own sewing supplies, lunch, and drink. Visitors are welcome! If you have any questions, please talk to any of the quilters.



Gold Hill Schedule Changes & Additions

Tuesday Morning Breakfast Bible Study is held at 8:30 am. Talk to Pastor Carrels if you have any questions.

Coffee Hour is on Sundays following worship. Check with Pastor Carrels for more information or with any questions.

Sunday School is on Sundays following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Talk to Pat Gruss with questions or for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL December 2021

Mike Lawson-
President

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Team Leader

Chris Ketchum -
Worship Ministry
Team Leader

Lynn Aniksdal -
Leadership Ministry
Team Leader

Nicholas Conlan -
Outreach Ministry
Team Leader

Weekly Calendar

Stephen Ministry
meets at 6:00 pm
at The Springs
Monday, Dec. 13th

Breakfast Bible Study
meets at 8:30 am
at Perkins Restaurant
Tuesday, Dec. 14th

Gather Bible Study
meets at 10:00 am
at The Springs
Tuesday, Dec. 14th

Church Council
meets at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 14th

LWR Quilters
meet at 10:00 am
at Gloria Dei
Wednesday, Dec. 15th

Advent Service
refreshments at 5:00 pm
service follows at 6:00 pm
at Gloria Dei
Wednesday, Dec. 15th

Prayer Shawl Knitters
meet at 10:00 am
at Gloria Dei
Thursday, Dec. 16th

Gold Hill Choir
practice at 6:00 pm
at Gloria Dei
Thursday, Dec. 16th

55+ Lunch Bunch
meets at 12 Noon
at Perkins
Friday, Dec. 17th

Worship Service
at 9:30 am
in the Gold Hill
Fellowship Hall
Coffee Hour following
Sunday School at 10:45 am
Sunday, Dec. 19th

News from the Synod



Words from the Bishop: Disaster Response

Dear Friends of the Montana Synod,

Some of you have reached out in generosity wondering how you might assist the people of Denton and Great Falls after the destructive fires last week. Thank you for your willingness to help your neighbor in need!

The Montana Synod has a Disaster Relief Fund set up to assist congregations and communities after a disaster such as a fire. And we have a coordinator, Dick Deschamps, who connects us with the other disaster relief personnel on the ground so that we can best help meet unmet needs that are not offered by other organizations or resources. We have already begun that communication with the proper persons in those communities to discover how we can helpfully respond to the recovery effort of the fires at both Denton and in Great Falls. But because the recovery is still in the beginning stages, we are still in learning mode.

If individuals or congregations would like to support these communities or others in the MT Synod during their time of need after a disaster, including the Denton and Great Falls fires, please encourage them to **send a donation to the MT Synod disaster relief fund for our use in responding to this disaster and others. That can happen through the website by clicking the GIVE link at the bottom of the home page or by sending a check to the synod office (no cash please). Just indicate that it should go to the Lutheran Disaster Response, and it will be used for those purposes.**

Also, if your community ever experiences a disaster such as a fire, these funds are available for you and your congregation to use to help support people with unmet needs. While this fund is not bursting with money, we can offer some assistance. Please contact Bishop Laurie, Dick Deschamps, or the Synod Office for more information on how to receive some funding assistance after a disaster.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling
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Synod Council Update

"It is with sadness that I announce the resignation of the Montana Synod treasurer Sue Ost who has served this synod faithfully and with great care in this position for over six years. Sue has decided that it is time for her to devote her energy to other things in her life, especially her grandchildren. Thank you, Sue, for all that you have given to the Montana Synod and the wider church. Your time, talents, gifts, and skills have been greatly appreciated and we will miss you and your wisdom even as we send you forth with God's blessings.

At the same time, it is with excitement and gratitude that I announce the appointment of Dave Scholten, LPA as the interim treasurer of the Montana Synod. Dave is a member of Bethel Lutheran in Great Falls and has many years of experience in financial work and services. He will serve until June 2022 when the Synod Assembly will elect a new treasurer. A more thorough introduction to Dave will be coming in an upcoming Synod newsletter. Thank you, Dave, for your willingness to take on this important role in service to Christ's Church."

Montana Synod News

As of October 4th the Synod Staff will begin traveling for essential reasons only.

Also, masks are required in the Synod office and we ask that if you plan to come into the building for longer than a drop off, that you are vaccinated.

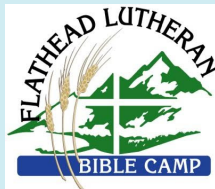
The Synod Office will be staffed, so please always feel free to contact us by phone or email.

Synod Scam Alert

Another scam email that purports to be from the Synod office is going around this morning.

If you receive an email asking for information labeled, "**Montanasynod Covid Form**" please ignore it and do not click on the embedded link.

Thanks to all who bring these scam emails to our attention!



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp News

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

VISIT OUR WEBSITE to learn more about our year-round programming

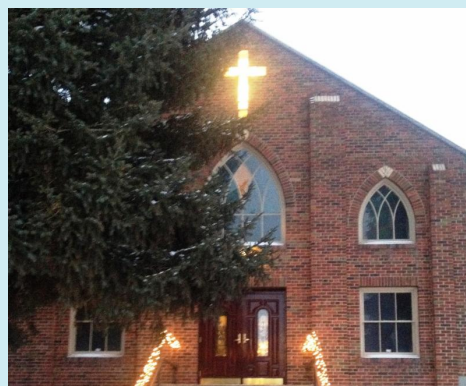
The 2022 Summer Camp brochure is available!

View the brochure online **HERE**.

Request a hard copy by contacting **carlee@flbc.net**. Registration for youth camps open December 15th, 2021.

Upcoming Retreats/Important Dates (learn more **HERE**)

- **December 1: Summer 2022 Staff Application Opens**
- **December 15, 2021: Registration for Youth Camps open**
- **January 14-16, 2022: Jr and Sr High Ski & Snowboard retreat**



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!