

Golden Group Scoop

November 8, 2023 edition

We've had our first taste of cold weather and are now headed into the holiday season. And this Thanksgiving comes about a week earlier than we usually celebrate due to how the calendar days fell this year. It's made it a little more challenging to schedule our GG events but here are some upcoming activities you might be interested in...

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Schedule

The packing line is set up and ready for anyone who would like to pack a shoebox without the crowd of the Packing Party or can't attend on Sunday the 12th for the party. Here is a reminder of the schedule.

November 7 – 10 – Drop-In Packing Line Available

Drop-in at the church during business hours and pack one or more shoeboxes

November 12th - Packing Party Sunday

Food, Fellowship, and Packing Shoeboxes after the church service

November 13th – 20th - Collection Week @ Cornerstone Church (Fairgrounds Rd)

Shoeboxes packed into larger shipping boxes to begin their journey to children around the world

Please remember \$10 per box is requested for shipping

Checks can be made out to Faith Lutheran (designate for OCC) then one check will be written and sent once the boxes are filled & collected...or

Cash or checks* can be added to shoeboxes in an OCC envelope as the last item

*(putting a check with your address on it in the box can result in lots of "junk mail" from the Samaritan's Purse organization)

Another Option! * * * Pack a Box On-line anytime of the year for \$25 (includes the filler items and shipping). go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/> It's easy and you can choose which suggested items to include in the box (It does require a credit card)

Scarf Making – Wednesday, Nov. 29th

Jan Serfass is organizing this project and requested Thrivent Action Team funding to purchase fleece. *Wednesday the 29th* we'll start at 10 am and work until noonish. Pizza will be provided for lunch and if you are able to bring a salad or dessert that would add "healthy" green options ☺ and sweets to the meal. No experience needed. Just bring scissors if you have a good pair. This is a fun project and produces many beautiful, warm scarves for those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.

Wreath Making Class at K&S Greenhouse

Celeste Pogachar has arranged a wreath making class at **K&S Greenhouse**. Owner, Gale Price has reserved time for us on **Friday, December 1st at 1 pm**. The cost of a basic wreath is \$25 for an assortment of fresh greens from the Bitterroot National Forest and a 12-inch frame. Specialty greens and accessories like ribbons, bows, and adornments are available for purchase from the shop or you can bring your own. Also, there are larger size frames, as well as a variety of shapes (snowflake, cross, star, candy cane, square) to choose from this year for varying prices. Check out their website! shop.ksgreenhouse.com

Gale will have plenty of clippers and latex gloves, but please bring your favorite gardening gloves and tools if you have them.

Bring a friend! **Please RSVP by Monday, November 27th**

Celeste (406-239-3952 or celestepogachar@gmail.com)

This is important so Gale can have enough stations set up for us.

An added bonus! [The Christmas Store](#) will be open for us to shop for gifts in the main part of the nursery. Plan to come a bit early or stay late after our class to shop.

Local Bounti Hydroponic Farm - Update

John Trangmoe made some phone calls and found that tours are not for larger groups, and they prefer to limit it to those in the industry. It was a great idea but one that isn't going to work for us but no worries, the thinking caps are on, and a different but similar activity may eventually be found. If you have any ideas, see John or Linda B.

A reminder...sometimes people have great ideas for activities but aren't sure how to make them happen so if you have an idea for a Golden Group activity share it with others and it's very likely someone or two or three 😊 will be happy to help make it happen!

For other church activities please check the Faith Herald and the church website.

Finally, here is a reminder of the general guidelines decided upon for the Golden Group

1. We'll loosely call ourselves the Golden Group (GG)- cuz it's easier to have a name than a long description...
2. We'll shoot for an event/activity every month or so and different people will volunteer to take the lead for an event/activity so no one person gets burned out...
3. At the end of one event/activity we can decide who will "host" the next event...
4. The small bulletin board on the short wall just inside the Fellowship room and at the start of the serving window will be an information area for the Golden Group...Check for activities and news posted there...

5. Linda B is willing to act as the contact person for sending and receiving ideas and information for now...or until someone else volunteers as she is willing to pass on the duty. 😊
6. Always open to new ideas!!!

P.S.

Know someone who is not receiving this “newsletter”? Feel free to email their email address to Linda B. (406-207-3471 text or call or email at beyerstars@gmail.com) or let Linda know to print a copy to deliver to the person. Otherwise, a copy is posted on the Golden Group bulletin board area in the Fellowship Room at church. Plus, it is usually posted on the Faith website at: <https://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org/>