

The Nugget



**EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
UNITED TO SERVE**

March 2021

Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church
934 Placer Street - Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-4242

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation and
a Congregation of the Montana Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Thank You Gold Hill

To the many friends of Dorleen Probasco,

Over the years of my life, I have been an active and involved member of many Lutheran churches (8) and have visited several others in different cities and states. I have never seen such an inclusive congregation such as Gold Hill, especially the women.

My sister Peggy is of course a member and although my mother Dorleen was not an official member, she was fully embraced and loved by so many and she loved everyone back. Her enthusiasm for her friends there was contagious.

Whenever her health was a problem for her, the women there were helpful, encouraging, and never let her down. It gave her such joy and humility and it was often hard for her to accept.

I saw the inclusiveness before she got sick and then when she was at Big Sky, I saw it again. Even though she wasn't always able to participate in Bible study, she was still included. Even though she lost her ability to knit prayer shawls, she was still included. What love you gave her.

When she moved to Colorado so I could care for her, I expected the cards to slow or end. But, indeed they did NOT. What a wonderful example of continuing to show love and care for her even two years after her move.

I have been very remiss in letting you know how much joy you brought to her life.

When the Bible study group sent a card with all the signatures and personal messages, my mother had me read the messages or she would read them more than once. When the knitting (sewing) group sent a card with personal messages, again she would read them more than once. She so missed her friends in Butte.

Gold Hill Lutheran is not a PERFECT church. Just like all the other churches it is filled with sinners. But the actions and words so emulated Christ's love for all and made my mother feel your love and care.

Thank you for all that you did for my mom and I'm sure you continue to do for others. Gold Hill Lutheran is the Greatest Hill on earth.



& Hugs,

Ann Probasco Stivers

P.S. Our family misses our mom but we are thankful she does not have to deal with the many health issues she had the last years. The Greatest Gift she and our father gave us was a faith in our Risen Savior.



Prayer Concerns

Please call the Church Office (723-4242)
or email us:
(ChurchOffice@GoldHillLutheran.org)
with your prayer requests.
Only prayers given to the entire
congregation will be included here.

Family of Barbara Swisher (by Linda Moore) – prayers of comfort as they mourn their loss following her death

Connie Engle – prayers for health and healing

Family of retired pastor Earnest Larsen – following his death on February 6th

Jana Norris (Heatherlynn Meeks' friend) – prayers for peace and recovery following surgery

Family of Pat Biastoch (Kevin & Maria's mother/mother-in-law) – prayers of comfort as they grieve their loss following her death

Cora (by Heatherlynn Meeks) – prayers for comfort & recovery

SAM Robin Trudell (Zion Lutheran, Fairview) and her family – as they mourn the death of her mother

Marie Fischer (Patti Chain's sister) – prayers for recovery

From our Synod prayer calendar, we remember:

For all those in the United States suffering through winter conditions that have caused power outages
For all those experiencing loss and sickness due to Covid-19 and all those who work to treat those who are sick

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March Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Patti Chain – celebrating her birthday on March 6

Dale Schultz – celebrating his birthday on March 10

Delores Kangas – celebrating her baptismal birthday on March 12

Linda Williamson – celebrating her birthday on March 14

Tony Cloyd – celebrating his birthday on March 14

Noah Coleman – celebrating his birthday on March 18

Lynn Aniksdal – celebrating her birthday on March 19

Bruce Graving – celebrating his birthday on March 20

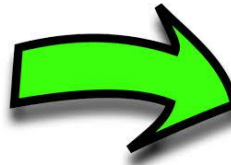
Bob Matson – celebrating his birthday on March 27



Bruce Graving – celebrating his baptismal birthday on March 29

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Check it out!

You are invited to check out our new website:

<https://goldhillelca.org/>

which is now fully operational.

You can donate to Gold Hill online through our new website by clicking on the donation button!

If you have any questions, please call the office (723-4242) or talk to Pastor Carrels.

Beer and Theology is on Thursdays at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Talk to Pastor Carrels for more information or with questions.

New! Sundays at Noon there is an adult forum/study via Zoom. Questions? Talk to Pastor Carrels.

Weekly Lenten Service During Lent there is a weekly Lenten Service with fellowship and Bible study on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Weekly service began on February 24th. Please let Pastor Carrels or the church office (723-4242 or email to goldhill.elca@gmail.com) know if you would like to join in.

The Worship & Music team is looking for people who are interested in playing instrumental pieces during Holy Week services. If you are interested, please contact Dave Coleman to participate.

Pastor Carrels will be asking for volunteers to do readings for those special services during Holy Week. If you are interested, you can let Pastor Carrels or Chris Ketchum know.

Notices

Deaths

01/27/2021 Shirley Ann Perusich
01/29/2021 Patricia Oriol Biastoch

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Dorleen Probasco from:

Dennis & Linda Moore
Colleen Tamblyn
Bob & Debbie Brown – Food Bank
Bob & Ann Stivers
Peggy Probasco – Roof Fund
Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick
David & Susan Repola – family's wishes

In Memory of Carol Hecker from:

Dennis & Linda Moore
Paul & Kay Vang – Roof Fund
David & Susan Repola – family's wishes

In Memory of Pete Godtland from:

Dennis & Linda Moore
Phillip & Vicky Christman
Joyce Olson
Bob & Ruth Matson
Virginia DeWitt
Bob & Debbie Brown – Food Bank
Helen & Walter Morris
Charlene Greene
Bob & Midge Bentley
Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick
David & Susan Repola – family's wishes
Bentley Construction Company

In Memory of Pete & Carol Godtland from

Paul & Kay Vang – Roof Fund

In Memory of Pat Biastoch from

Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick

In Memory of Shirley Perusich from

Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick

In Memory of Janice Earhart Loveridge from

Bob & Ruth Matson – Building Fund

In Memory of Dorothy Gronvold from

Joyce Olson

Food Bank Donations

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Gold Hill cannot take physical donations of food. However, your monetary donations are still needed.



Mail your monetary donation
directly to:

Butte Emergency Food Bank
1019 East Second Street
Butte, MT 59701

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Devotions

Weekly devotions are offered by Pastor Carrels on Facebook every Wednesday evening. Go to Gold Hill's Facebook page to join in.

Please note!

Sunday worship service is
broadcast over FM 93.3 –

when attending worship please tune your radio in to that channel to participate in the service. Thank you.



Church in the Parking Lot

Church in the Parking Lot will be extended for the foreseeable future due to the pandemic. If you have any questions, please call the office (723-4242) or talk to Pastor Carrels.



CHURCH COUNCIL March 2021:

Mike Lawson -
President

Curt Quist -
Administration Director

Revonda Stordahl -
Treasurer

Peggy Graving -
Secretary

Julie Corbin -
Spiritual Growth
Ministry, Team Leader

Chris Ketchum -
Worship Ministry, Team Leader

Lynn Aniksdal -
Leadership Ministry, Team Leader

Outreach Ministry

Pastor Marlow Carrels

Gold Hill ELC Directions

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Revonda Stordahl

Financial Summary

January 2021	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	\$14,749.12	\$13,626.67	\$1,122.45
Expenses	\$11,627.65	\$13,850.18	-\$2,022.53
Net Income	\$3,121.47	-\$23.51	\$3,144.98

Year-to-date	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
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If anyone has any questions about the budget, please contact me at 490-8043 or by e-mail, revondafs@gmail.com.



During this difficult time, Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church invites you to use electronic giving to automate your regular weekly offering. It is easy, convenient, and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

An authorization form is available for download here:

<http://www.goldhilllutheran.org/media/b1cc239a911454dcffff8353ffffe905.pdf>

Once completed, just mail it to the church and treasurer Revonda Stordahl will take it from there. And if you have any questions about electronic giving, please contact Revonda at 490-8043 or by e-mail, revondafs@gmail.com.

Worship and Music



The Worship and Music team meets monthly to address the enhancement of our Worship services. In February, we discussed Lent which began on February 17, 2021. We had an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 PM outdoors at the Church on

that day. Pastor Carrels discussed his Lenten services which will be given on Zoom. The Lenten services began February 24, 2021.

We are changing the sign board in front of the Church on a monthly basis to keep it current. Check it out when you come up to Gold Hill!

Thank you to the Ushers and Lectors who participate so willingly in the outdoor Worship services. We will return to our original list when the weather is warmer, and the Church can reopen.

Our team is looking for people who are interested in playing instrumental pieces for the Holy Week services. Contact Dave Coleman if you would like to participate. Pastor Carrels will be asking for volunteers to do readings for those special services during Holy Week. The Worship and Music team has changed our meeting date to the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM on Zoom. We anxiously await being face to face in our Church. Peace be with you!

Chris Ketchum

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:



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCanBvgTwwtCgPHtYdz_OXw

Questions? Talk to Pastor or call the church office (723-4242).

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council
Minutes – February 9, 2021



This virtual zoom meeting was opened by Curt Quist at 6:10 p.m. The following were present: Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; and Pastor Marlow Carrels. Mike Lawson, President and Julie Corbin, Spiritual Ministry, logged on later. Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry was excused from the meeting.

Devotions were given by Pastor Carrels. He is reading a book titled the Honeycomb Scrolls. It refers to the Reformation. He noted that the main character attended university classes at the age of 12. He noted that Martin Luther was young (34) when he posted the indulgences. We sometimes are frustrated that the younger population in our community is not attending church. We need to remember we are like children in the eyes of Christ. We learn and worship as with the Joy of a Child.

Curt moved, Chris seconded that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as written and emailed. The motion passed.

Revonda reported that our income was higher than the budget. There were no outstanding expenses. Due to memorials gifts given to the roof fund we made two payments to the Trust Committee this month. The month ended in the positive by \$3121.47. Peggy moved, Curt seconded, and the motion passed to accept the financial report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor highlighted the items on his attached report. The Climate Change committee is a committee he serves on for the synod. The Beer and Theology Study will begin via zoom on February 18th. The Sunday Adult Forum will begin after services at noon via zoom. He has begun working on the council retreat we will have this summer. If we have any additional topics for the worship email them to Pastor. The leaky toilet in the upstairs of the Pastor's home has been repaired. Pastor has not put a new floor down yet.

Mike reported that he has been on the new website and he is pleased with the site. He thanked Pastor and all who had a part in setting up the website.

Curt had no report.

Chris highlighted her attached report. The Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:30 p.m. Pastor will call people forward to receive the ashes. We will have special music for Easter Sunday Service and a cross will be outside with the netting for the flowers.

Lynn reported that she is aware of the window that is broken in the social hall. She, Alan, Bruce Graving and Pastor will do the annual walk through of the parsonage the week of February 22nd. The seven shovelers are rotating weeks to keep the sidewalks clear.

Julie had no report.

New Business: We discussed replacing Dale on the council. After reading the constitution we realized we needed to replace Dale for the time between now and the next annual meeting where a replacement will be elected. Mike will ask Nicholas Conlan if he would like to take the position of Outreach Ministry team leader until the Annual Meeting this summer.

Old Business: The draft of the Annual Meeting report has gone out. If there are any suggested changes, please let Mary know. There have been no meetings of the nominating committee.

Chris moved and it was seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Graving, Secretary

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**Worship Schedule:
9:30 am Sundays
(outdoor parking lot)**

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**Pastor Marlow Carrels
Mike Lawson, Council President
Parish Admin. Assistant Mary Johnston**

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:30 am LWR Quilters mtng – Civic Center	2 5:30 pm Exec. Comm. mtng via Zoom 6:30 pm Worship & Music mtng via Zoom	3 5:30 pm Lenten Service/Bible Study via Zoom Weekly Evening Devotions – Gold Hill posted on FB	4 8:00 am Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 pm Beer & Theology via Zoom	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship (Outdoors) 12 pm Adult Forum via Zoom	8 10:30 am LWR Quilters mtng – Civic Center	9 6:00 pm Council mtng via Zoom	10 5:30 pm Lenten Service/Bible Study via Zoom Weekly Evening Devotions – Gold Hill posted on FB	11 8:00 am Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 pm Beer & Theology via Zoom	12	13
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28 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship (Outdoors) 12 pm Adult Forum via Zoom	29 10:30 am LWR Quilters mtng – Civic Center	30	31	1 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Worship (Outdoors)	2 Good Friday 6:30 pm Worship (Outdoors)	