

The Nugget



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

August 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)

From the Pastor's Study

Siblings in Christ,

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43.19)

Wow! Folks can you believe what a few months we have had? A little over two months ago we had a fire in the church and since then so much has happened! We have had an annual meeting, we are preparing to head back into the school year, I have a new kiddo in the house, and the church has been “mediated” down to the studs!

What does it mean for us that this final thing has happened? What does it mean to have the church building down to the studs? Well, it means that we get to look to the future and our ministry together. I am so thankful for the Church Renovation Task Force and the meaningful conversations they have. They have spent time dreaming together about what our future is at Gold Hill.

*Do we need a shower for visitors or our homeless and houseless siblings?
Do we need larger rooms upstairs?
Do we need projection capabilities?
What is our place in this community?
How can we better serve this community?
What is our mission? Are we really “empowering” ourselves to serve?*

These and many more questions have left the lips of folks on that Task Force. There is so much hope in these questions, so much love in these questions, and so many gifts in these questions.

I am so thankful that we are asking what Jesus would have us do in the midst of our crisis. Truly the Spirit is moving in this congregation and calling us to love one another and the community around us. So, yes, we have been “ripped down to the studs.” And in that moment, we have an opportunity to re-build, reform, our church building to better serve our neighbors. The Lord can make something new and beautiful and useful from the wasteland, or the fire. The Lord can make a way in the wilderness, just as the Lord is showing us a way in our crisis right now.

Yes, our studs are exposed, but as our church building is laid bare so is our community soul. When we are down to the studs all we can ask of God is to show us how best to build the walls back up so that we can serve the world in the name of God. The Spirit will push us in new and strange ways, and we will respond as we are called to do.

Let us pray: Dearest God, you have called us to serve. To serve others and you in love and compassion. We thank you for calling us to the needs of our community and giving us eyes to see the world that surrounds us. Call us to be stewards of your gifts and your people. All this we ask in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Pr. C



Prayer Concerns

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

Bonnie Grimes – prayers of support
Bill Andersen (by Julie Corbin) – prayers for healing
Rob Hoffman (Kathy & Don Bauer's son/stepson) –
prayers for healing
Ruschelle Tyvand – prayers for healing
Juniper Blue Carrels and her family – prayers of thanks
following her baptism
Danette Fitzpatrick – prayers for healing
Family of Bill Smyers – prayers of comfort following
his death on June 23rd
Pastor Rob Nedbalek (*Freedom in Christ*) – as he
recovers from a broken clavicle, and his family as they
mourn the death of his daughter in law, Nichole
Georgia Pris, wife of retired Pastor Wayne Pris
(*Kalispell*) – prayers for healing as she recovers from
a stroke
Our companion synod, the Cape Orange Diocese of
South Africa – as the country is in the grips of violent
political protest
The family, friends and the congregation of
American Lutheran Church in Chinook, Montana –
who celebrated the life of Pastor Valorie Putt on July
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Montana Synod Prayer Request:

*For all those suffering from the effects of disastrous
floods in Europe, and the forest fires and drought in the
US and Canada*

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August Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Cory Beck – in celebration of his birthday
on August 1
Danette Fitzpatrick – in celebration of
her birthday on August 2
Annette Lawson – in celebration of her birthday on
August 9



Terry Munyon – in celebration of his birthday on
August 9
Peggy Probasco – in celebration of her birthday on
August 13
Kathy Hurlbert – in celebration of her birthday on
August 16
Jack Corbin – in celebration of his birthday on August
18
Harold Johns – in celebration of his birthday on August
19
Ed Engle – in celebration of his birthday on August 20
Peggy Graving – in celebration of her birthday on
August 22
Jeanette Nielsen – in celebration of her birthday on
August 25
Kelly Bond – in celebration of her birthday on August
29
Carol Morrison – in celebration of her birthday on
August 29
Deborah Brown – in celebration of her birthday on
August 30
Dave Coleman – in celebration of his birthday on
August 30

Peggy Probasco – in celebration of her baptismal
birthday on August 17
Drew Marilyn Carr – in celebration of her baptismal
birthday on August 18
Carol Leach - in celebration of her baptismal birthday
on August 25

Larroll & Carol Leach – in celebration
of their 54th wedding anniversary on
August 19

Bruce & Peggy Graving – in
celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary on
August 26

Dale & Dorothy Schultz – in celebration of their 41st
wedding anniversary on August 31



Announcements

Pastoral Care Acts

Installation

07/11/2021 **Pastor Marlow P. Carrels**
(Rev. Jason Asselstine)

Baptism

07/11/2021 **Juniper Blue Carrels**
(Rev. Jason Asselstine)

Memorial Service

06/26/2021 **Harold 'Pete' Godtland**
(Mother Lode Theatre)

07/11/2021 **William 'Bill' Smyers**
(Copper King Hotel)

08/04/2021 **Bruce Grimes**
(Gloria Dei Lutheran Church)

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Bruce Grimes from:

Vern & Jeanette Nielsen

In Memory of Bill Smyers from:

Susan Sansouci

Dennis & Linda Moore – gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of Pete & Carol Godtland from:

Ruth Kosmalski

Sally Christman, Sophia Phillips,

Regina Jenkins, and Nancy Carson

In Memory of Dr. Robert Engebrecht from:

Bob & Ruth Matson



Food Bank Donations

At this time Gold Hill cannot take physical donations of food for the food bank.

Mail your monetary donation directly to:

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Save the Date



A memorial service for Dorleen Probasco will be held in Butte from 11am-2pm on August 29 at the Pavilion in Stodden Park. All are invited to attend and share in remembering the life of Dorleen.



Get ready! Sunday School returns beginning September 12th at 10:30 am after worship. Class will meet on the lawn. Questions? Talk to Pat Gruss (565-2563).

CHURCH COUNCIL August 2021:

Mike Lawson -
President

Curt Quist -
Administration Director

Danette Fitzpatrick -
Treasurer

Peggy Graving -
Secretary

Pat Gruss -
Spiritual Growth
Ministry, Team Leader

Chris Ketchum -
Worship Ministry, Team Leader

Lynn Aniksdal -
Leadership Ministry, Team Leader

Nicholas Conlan -
Outreach Ministry, Team Leader
goldhilloutreach@gmail.com

Pastor Marlow Carrels

Gold Hill ELC Directions

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary

by Danette Fitzpatrick

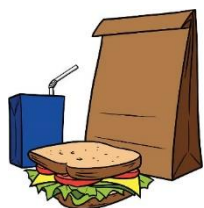
June 2021	Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income	\$12,156.27	\$13,626.27	-\$1470.40
Expenses	\$12,350.74	\$13,650.18	-\$1299.44
Net Income	-\$194.97	-\$20.31	-\$170.96

Year-to-Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income	\$75,711.73	\$81,760.02	-\$6094.89
Expenses	\$77,489.01	\$81,901.08	-\$4412.07
Net Income	-\$1,777.28	-\$141.06	-\$1636.22

Just a reminder that our website, <https://goldhillelca.org>, has a donation button. You can donate to the church by clicking on the link and inputting some basic information.

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Gold Hill We Deliver - Sack Lunch Ministry



Sack lunches will continue to be made at home. I am not sure when we will return to assembling the lunches in the kitchen but that was and hopefully in the future will be an occasion for fellowship as well as meeting the needs of hungry people.

If you are still wanting to be part of this ministry and/or willing to be part of the coordinating work, please let me know and share any ideas you have for making it work. You can text me at 406-450-1193 or email me at revcall@charter.net.

Patty Callaghan

Worship News



The Worship and Music Committee met this month (July) and had the Hymn selection for July 2021. We discussed continuing outdoor services in the Church Garden area. We will start distribution of Communion with our Communion trays on July 25, 2021.

We continue to address the usher and lector list for each month. We hope to return to our alternating lists when we begin indoor services. We have retained our lists for Communion Assistants, Ushers, and Lectors. We will contact these members to ensure that they are willing to continue participating in these services.

There is an information board by the Coffee table for any news to be shared. Margie Fiedler left a list of needs for the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and it will be posted on the information board.

The church color for the remainder of the summer is green.

Dave Coleman reports he will be joined by Ron Gruss on the guitar in August to enhance our musical part of Worship.

Please feel free to bring any treat for the coffee hour which we have after Sunday service.

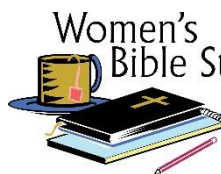
We plan to have our next Worship and Music meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Looking forward in September to "God's Work Our Hands" and the formation of our Gold Hill Choir.

Sending gratitude for all the helpers here at Gold Hill! Filled with HOPE that we are headed toward new beginnings here in our Church!

In service, Chris Ketchum

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Gather Bible Study



Women's Bible Study

Women's Gather Monthly Bible Study will start meeting again on August 10th at 10:00 am at The Springs Community Building. We

will be using the *Gather* magazine Bible study. **People wishing to attend are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 to protect those who are vulnerable.** If you have any questions, please talk to Jeanette Quist (490-3551).

Notes from the Trust

At the annual Meeting it was requested that the congregation would like more information on our trusts. I hope to provide the congregation with information about the trust, so you understand our ministry.

Why do we have a trust fund?

The trust fund was established to receive special gifts above and beyond the current giving and expenses of Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church. Such gifts are added to the trust fund with its income directed toward educational, charitable, and religious programs. The trust helps Gold Hill Lutheran Church (GHLC) meet challenges and opportunities that would not normally be met by the annual budget.

The trust is an accumulation of many gifts, large and small, contributed by persons interested in the ministry and welfare of GHLC.

As always, feel free to contact me or any of trust members should you have any questions.

Ron Gruss
Trust Chairperson

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HARVEST AUCTION RETURNS!

Our Harvest Auction is on again, providing, of course, that the church is ready and there are no further disasters coming toward us!!!

Seriously, we are excited to announce that our Potluck Brunch and Harvest Auction will be held on October 3rd immediately after worship. Be sure to mark it on your calendar!

This year 50% of the proceeds from the raffle of the two main baskets of goodies will be dedicated to helping reduce the debt on the roof project. The theme for one basket will be Italian, and the second will be Mexican, and sale of chances will begin in September.

If you make items, bake, can, or cook items you are willing to donate, please start thinking about it now. If you have high quality items that you no longer need the Harvest Auction might be a place for them to find a new home. There will be a wine basket auction, also. Need we add, IT WILL BE FUN!

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to all the wonderful volunteers that helped make Vacation Bible School a success this year including:

Pat Gruss
Jeanette Nielsen
Eli Corbin
McKenna Ketchum
Pastor Judy (*Hope Lutheran Church in Anaconda*)
Colleen Tamblyn
Ruthe Meeks
Betty McDaniel
Dorothy Anne Honeychurch
Peggy Drain

We couldn't do it without you!

Julie Corbin

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**Worship Schedule:
9:30 am Sunday**

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GOLD HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour/Adult Forum (outdoors)	2 10:00 am GHELC Book Club	3 5:30 pm Exec. Comm. mtng 6:30 pm Worship & Music mtng	4 10:30 am LWR Quilters @ Public Library	5 8:00 am Bible Study – Perkins 6:00 pm Beer & Theology – Butte Brewery	6	7
8 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour/Adult Forum (outdoors)	9 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Site TBD	10 10:00 am Gather Bible Study @The Springs Community Bldg. 6:00 pm Council mtng	11 10:30 am LWR Quilters @ Public Library	12 8:00 am Bible Study – Perkins 6:00 pm Beer & Theology – Butte Brewery	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour/Adult Forum (outdoors)	16 9 am We Deliver – Sack Lunch Ministry TBD <div style="text-align: center;">  <i>Nugget Deadline</i> </div>	17	18 10:30 am LWR Quilters @ Public Library	19 8:00 am Bible Study – Perkins 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters 6:00 pm Beer & Theology – Butte Brewery	20 12 Noon 55+ at Perkins	21
22 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour/Adult Forum (outdoors)	23 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Site TBD	24	25 10:30 am LWR Quilters @ Public Library	26 8:00 am Bible Study – Perkins 6:00 pm Beer & Theology – Butte Brewery	27	28
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