

The Nugget



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November 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)

A Message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton

Dear sibling in Christ,

At the beginning of the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John, Jesus is presented with a dilemma. After healing numerous people, he's amassed a large following, and they're hungry. He asks his disciple Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

Philip tells Jesus they don't have enough cash to feed the crowd. The need is too great, he says.

Here the Gospel writer makes clear that Jesus is testing his disciples. When another, Andrew, points to a boy with five barley loaves and two fish, provisions that Andrew doubts will satisfy the hungry crowd, Jesus simply replies, "Make the people sit down."

I imagine Jesus chuckles, even shaking his head. What he does next defies all reason. Jesus takes the boy's food, thanks God for it and uses it to feed the 5,000 gathered — with leftovers to boot!

As we consider the last year and our current reality navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, we in the church might be tempted to view our situation as Philip or Andrew might. We could wring our hands and say we're low on funds or look at our resources and complain they're not enough.

Yet, looking at the stories that came out of 2020, I see evidence of God's miracles. You'll see too when you flip through the pages of this year's "Stories of Faith in Action" ...

(Go to: https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/SOFIA_2021-22_digital.pdf).

Meet Lutherans in Arizona (page 8), Malawi (page 22) and Alaska (page 16) who adapted worship and outreach in response to COVID-19 restrictions to continue spreading the gospel. Learn how young adults across this church found community amid isolating circumstances thanks to Abide, virtual small groups led by ELCA Young Adult Ministry (page 12). Hear about Lutheran leaders in Minneapolis who served their community and spoke out for racial justice after George Floyd's death (page 14).

Our records show that in 2020, ELCA congregations continued to give generously, including sharing Mission Support with their synod and the churchwide organization, to sustain vital ministries (page 4).

We showed up as church together to provide hope and healing to hungry souls. Thank you!

The disciples in John's Gospel approach ministry challenges with a scarcity mindset. Jesus shows us a different way: trusting in God's awesome abundance.

May this be so for us — now and always.

Faithfully,

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton



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.

Deb Durham (*Pr. Carrels' aunt*) – prayers for peace and healing

Patricia Coleman – prayers for peace and healing

Allison Weldon (*Carl & Carla Campbells' granddaughter*) – prayers for comfort and healing

Dick Fitzpatrick – prayers for healing following surgery

Myra DeMotts (*Susan Repola's mother*) – prayers for healing

Family of Garis Hall (*Kristi O'Leary's nephew-in-law*) – prayers of comfort and support following his death

Madison (*Jeanette Quist's niece*) – prayers for safety as she is deployed with the Army National Guard to foreign soil

Nancy (*Jeanette Quist's sister*) – prayers for healing following surgery

Bonnie Grimes – prayers of support and for healing

Kevin Katon (*Heatherlynn Meeks' nephew*) – prayers for healing and peace

Pastor Bonnie Novak – as she recovers from knee surgery

Pastor Tammy Craker, her husband Chris, and family – as they mourn the death of Chris' father, Phil Craker

Pastor Lowell Anderson and his family – as he mourns the death of his wife Donna

Pastor Brenda Frelsi – following surgery on her thumb

Pastor Melissa Johansen – who was ordained on October 10th, starting her call at American Lutheran in Livingston

Pastor Stephanie White (*St. Luke's Shelby*) – prayers for healing following meniscus surgery

Montana Synod Prayer Requests:

All of our Pastors and Deacons in the Montana Synod during Clergy Appreciation Month. Also for all of our LPA's who carry out the important work of ministry.

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November Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Anna Jones - celebrating her birthday on November 8

Elinor Johns - celebrating her birthday on November 11

Rochelle Kriewald - celebrating her birthday on November 12

Bob Brown - celebrating his birthday on November 15

John Tadday - celebrating his birthday on November 17

Jon Williamson - celebrating his birthday on November 17

Julie Corbin - celebrating her birthday on November 19

Mattea Dean - celebrating her birthday on November 29

Chris Ketchum - celebrating her birthday on November 30

Samantha Lynn Ross - celebrating her baptismal birthday on November 30

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Bazaar & Lefse Sale

The Daughters of Norway will hold their annual Lefse and Scandinavian goodies sale on November 13, 2021, at the Race Track Fire Hall (corner of Grand & Farragut)

from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Enjoy a lunch while browsing the various vendors. Viking on a Stick, Pie, and Coffee will be for sale!

If you have any questions, talk to Danette Fitzpatrick.

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Announcements

Pastoral Care Acts

Memorial Service

10/09/2021 Salvador Espinola
(Holy Cross Cemetery)

Baptisms

10/10/2021 Swayzee Elizabeth Peterson
Brayker Timothy Bosch
Brecklyn Kay Bosch



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!



Sunday School has started up again at Gold Hill! We are meeting after the 9:30 service.

The class was meeting outside until the weather turned cold but now, we meet in the Fellowship Hall. The group studies the lessons from the church year that Pastor Carrels uses.

If you have any questions please call me, Pat Gruss at 406-565-2563.



55+ Lunch Bunch

55+ Lunch group will meet on **Friday, November 19th**, at Perkins Restaurant at 12 Noon. Questions? Talk to Jeanette Nielsen.



On October 10, 2021, three of our great-grandchildren were baptized at Gold Hill – Swayzee Elizabeth Peterson, Brecklyn Kay Bosch and Brayker Timothy Bosch.

Due to Covid restrictions and limited space in the Fellowship Hall we were not sure this would happen.

“Thank you” to the Gold Hill congregation for changing your worship schedule to accommodate this particularly important event in our lives and the lives of our family and friends.

Alan & Lynn Aniksdal

CHURCH COUNCIL November 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
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Pastor Marlow Carrels

Gold Hill ELC Directions

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary

by Danette Fitzpatrick

September 2021	Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income	11,228.00	13,627.00	-2399.00
Expenses	13,009.00	13,650.00	-641.00
Net Income	-1781.00	-24.00	-1758.00

Year to Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income	107,772.00	122,640.00	-14,868.00
Expenses	114,279.00	122,852.00	-8573.00
Net Income	-6507.00	-212.00	-6295.00

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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Building & Property News



In the upcoming weeks we will be asking for volunteers to help with snow removal & light janitorial duties as our church opens up. Please contact me if you would like to be put on the list.

If we don't get volunteers, you may receive a call!

Thank you for all you do.

Lynn Aniksdal

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Worship News

The Worship Committee had their monthly meeting on October 6, 2021. Reformation Sunday is October 31, 2021, and everyone is encouraged to wear red for the Worship service. We want to thank everyone for assisting with the set up and taking down of the Fellowship Hall after Worship services. We continue to have coffee hour as weather permits.

We joined with the Task Force to discuss the floor plan for refurbishing the Sanctuary when it is completed. This will be an ongoing conversation with the Congregation and Committees. The Gold Hill Council agreed to try some of the ideas that were discussed. The idea of having worship with Pastor Carrels preaching from the center of the Fellowship Hall will be implemented on a trial basis. We will realign the seating to allow the congregation the experience of facing the center where the Altar will be placed.

Looking to November – All Saints Sunday is November 7, 2021. We are asking the Congregation to bring a photo and candle in honor of their loved one and they will be part of the candle lighting ceremony during that service.

Dave Coleman is excited about making a Christmas CD and asks those interested in sharing any musical talents to talk to him soon. He would like to get started on the project now to be available in December.



We miss singing in the Church Choir and are looking at ways to practice for the time when Covid does not restrict our presence at Gold Hill Lutheran Church. We may consider preparing for when we are out of Covid restrictions. These conversations continue to circulate, and we are being creative in ways to keep our Choir feeling alive!

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 28, 2021. We will be having Wednesday evening worship throughout the Advent season. The Church color for Advent is blue.

We plan to decorate the Fellowship Hall for Christmas and will keep you posted! We are glad to be back in the Church building on these colder mornings. We are supportive of all the changes that happen as our Worship shifts from outside to indoors. I feel like we are filled with excitement for all the activities to return inside our beautiful new Church!

Peace be with you!

Chris Ketchum

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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 (talk to Pastor) and drop-ins welcome. Pastor does reserve the right to be absent if he is called away.

Notes from the Trust

The Trust Committee has been deliberating frequently these past few months. The Trust Committee's intent is to have a clearer purpose of the trust. Our last meeting was on September the 30th.

After discussion, the Trust Committee has decided to combine the perpetual and memorial funds into one checking account but will keep the accounts separate on a monthly basis with a spreadsheet for transparency. The committee vetted many high yield checking accounts and found that most online financial institutions only offer these accounts for personal use. We then found the ELCA Mission Investments checking account. This account APY is .5%, which is greater interest than the current bank we are using now. If you wish to learn more about Mission Investments, please visit their website at www.mif.elca.org.

The Trust Committee voted back in 2019, prior to COVID, to look into outside entities to manage the monies of the trust. After considerable research, the Trust Committee decided to work with ELCA Mission Investments. Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, the Trust Committee decided to hold off moving forward at that time until certain unknowns of the pandemic were answered. On September 30th, the Trust decided to move forward with transferring of CD's and Funds to the Investment group along with setting up a checking account through the ELCA. With continuing communication with the Trust Committee and the congregation, the Committee believes that goals can be achieved to do God's will. Important things are to come with clear objectives and great intentions.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any members of the Trust Committee.

– by Mike Welker and Ron Gruss

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Gold Hill ELCA Trust Committee Minutes September 20, 2021

Members present: Ron Gruss, Mike Welker, Ed Engle, Annette Lawson, and Vern Nielsen

Ron Gruss called the meeting to order. Mike(m) and Ed(s) to accept the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Old Business

- Annette did research on the bonding of committee members with check signing authority. According to the Trust Resolution, the bonding is at the discretion of the Trust Committee. Mike (m) and Annette(s) to set the bond at \$0 until a possible later date. The motion passed.
- Discussion was held about combining the perpetual and memorial checking accounts into one checking account. Vern(m) and Annette(s) to consolidate the accounts into one checking account and to keep them separate on a spreadsheet. The motion passed.



New Business

- Discussion on gift policies was tabled since the creation of a gift policy needs to be set up by the congregation at the next annual meeting, not by the Trust Committee. The Trust committee can be a source of information and make recommendations. The rules for managing the perpetual funds will depend on the creation of a gift policy.
- The committee decided to go forward with the creation of an endowment with ELCA Mission Investment Funds. This was already voted on in 2019, but action on it was delayed because of the unsure status of the Trust Committee itself and because of the meeting restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will now transfer CD's and Thrivent funds to the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and establish a checking account with them. Anyone wanting more information can go to their website mif.elca.org.
- Mike(m) and Ed(s) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- The next meeting will be Thursday 11/11/2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Lawson, secretary

Trust Fund Summary September 30 2021

Memorial Checking Account

Beginning Balance	19821.02
Contributions	1347.56
Disbursements	0
Interest	2.05
Ending Balance	21170.63 ¹

Perpetual Checking Account

Beginning Balance	7229.00
Contributions	0
Disbursements	0
Interest	.37
Ending Balance	7229.37

Perpetual Investment Funds

Mission C.D. Funds	
Beginning Balance	33450.51
1 Year C.D. 1.739%	10840.61
2 Year C.D. 2.133%	11195.35
4 Year C.D. 1.84%	11544.05
Ending Balance	33580.01

Thrivent Mutual Funds

Beginning Balance	59124.22
Funds Invested	
Loss/Gain	+221.52
Ending Balance	59345.74

Gold Hill Loan

Payments principal	348.21
Ending Balance	2999.80

Total of Investment

Funds	92925.75
Total Holdings	121325.75

Investment Funds	92925.75
Perpetual Checking	7229.37
Memorial Checking	21170.63
Total	121325.75

Memorial Checking Transactions

Contributions	1347.56
Disbursements	0
Interest...	.65+.70+.70 = 2.05

Perpetual Checking Transactions

Contributions	0
Disbursements	0
Interest...	.12+.13+.12 = .37

Loan Payment Transactions

Date	Payment	Extra Interest	Balance
7-15	176.28	2.23	3173.95
8-15	176.28	2.12	2999.80

**Loan For Balance Of New Roof
Loan payment for 9-15 was not received
until after 9-30

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Decisions made by The Gold Hill Church Fire Task Force

7/7/21 No wood paneling will be used in wall reconstruction of the church, only sheetrock.

The east wall of the Fellowship Hall will be sheet rocked from floor to ceiling with no window openings. The wall between the Library and Fireside will be removed, the wood ceiling and beam in the Library exposed, the two storage rooms retained, combined room to be carpeted, fireplace to remain, no floor covering in storage rooms.

Wall between 201 and 203 removed to create new choir room, carpeted, raised area to remain.

Closets in audio/visual to remain, shelving removed.

7/27/21 Coffee station in NE corner of Fellowship Hall removed.

The handicap restroom remodeled to include an ADA (unisex) shower, existing flooring remains, sheetrock the ceiling.

Women's restroom remains unchanged.

Men's restroom to receive new sheet vinyl flooring.

Remove walls between 202 and 204; 208 and 210. LVP flooring in both new rooms, new audio/ video room (old choir room) and room 206. All ceilings painted white to be repainted ceiling white.

First floor hallways LVP, second floor hallway use existing floor. NOTE: There was originally carpet on the first-floor hallway ramp leading up to the Sanctuary and I believe the general consensus is to use carpet there again instead of LVP for obvious reasons.

LED lighting to be used throughout the project.

7/28/21 Dave Coleman steps down from the Task Force.

7/29/21 Planters in the hallway eliminated

9/9/21 Wood ceiling in Fellowship Hall to remain (seal coated).

Color #226B (yellow) chosen for all four walls of the Fellowship Hall. Color #423A (Chino's) chosen for all remaining walls in the church wing on first and second floors, Fireside room, and kitchen. Sanctuary and basement excluded.

9/16/21 Brick in the hallway ramp (first floor) to remain unpainted.

9/19/21 Flooring chosen for first and second floor of the wing and the Fireside room.

Sheet vinyl- Armstrong Pacific Mat Granite #AR887016. LVP – Builder's choice #1430 WG Rig Oak. Carpet – Mid Century Mad Satellite 00520, carpet squares. NOTE: The stairwell will be done in broadloom with pad in a style matching the Satellite 00520.

9/30/21 The color Extra White chosen for all doors and trim on first and second floor of the church wing, Fireside Room and Kitchen.

10/10/21 The Task Force unanimously accepted a new floor plan for the Sanctuary based on a slightly adjusted version of "God At The Center Of Our Worship" from Pastor Carrel's power point presentation "A Time To Dream Together." The Task Force recommended this floorplan be presented to the Church Council for further explanation, discussion, and acceptance. Members of the Worship committee were also in attendance at this meeting and agreed the concept should move forward.

Upcoming decisions.

Flooring decisions (carpet or LVP) for Mary's office, room 104, Pastor's office.

Carpet or LVP on the hallway ramp to the Sanctuary. It used to be carpet.

Paint color for basement (white?) and the Sanctuary.

Do we build the ramp into the Chancel as proposed? Along the north wall, cut into the floor of the Chancel.

Do we update the step in the Sanctuary from 10.5 inches wide to 18 inches wide.

Flooring style and color for the basement and Sanctuary.

Rande Farrow
Chairman

**Council Meeting Minutes –
Gold Hill Lutheran Church
Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by
Council President Mike Lawson
at 6:03 p.m.

Roll call was taken: Lynn, Mike,
Curt, Pat, Danette, Nicholas,
Pastor, and Peggy, who joined via zoom and phone.
Chris had a vet emergency and arrived late.
Pastor's devotions were from Numbers Chapter 33. In
Numbers they keep close track of all matters, and this is
important. Think about where we have been and where
we are going. Prayer given.

Minutes of the September Council Meeting had been
read by all. A motion was made by Lynn to accept the
minutes and seconded by Curt; the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Danette did not have the
information and it was given by Curt. September
financial picture was worse than August, there was a
\$2500.00 donation to the church that really helped.
Expenses were \$13,000 and the monthly income was
\$11,000. Curt made a motion to accept treasurer's
report. Pat seconded the motion and it carried. Our
attendance since we moved into the fellowship hall
averages about forty.

**Pastor presented the assembly format of
worshipping for our sanctuary.** [*See Pastor's Report
pp. 10-15.*] We can start practicing this in the fellowship
hall now. Motion made by Curt and seconded by
Nicholas to try out this new format. Motion carried.

President's Report: Mike passed out a handout on his
report explaining he went back and checked to see if
permits were needed. They are not for the fencing of
our property. Mike has marked off our property lines
and put some orange candlestick posts so they can be
seen. Mike said he tries to stop at the church work site
daily when in town. Dayspring reported that it is
difficult to get help.

Administrator's Report: Curt gave an updated
Dayspring Report – Some heating coils have been
soldered and there are twelve-foot sections ready
instead of just 4- or 6-foot sections. He shared the Task



Force report written by Rande. Curt has not had time to
contact the URA regarding funds for the church.

Chris's Worship Committee Report: Chris has
ordered some more disposable communion cups. She
highlighted her attached report. She said she has been
made aware of how important it is to count how many
are in church each Sunday.

She reported that Peggy Graving is making red
paraments for Reformation Sunday and Miriam Haley
is making white paraments for All Saints Sunday.
Pastor told Worship Committee they can come in on
Saturday at 1 p.m. to set up the Fellowship Hall for
worship on Sunday. Chris also talked about Advent
Season and how we don't know what we have or will
have after we get everything back from storage, so they
are approaching it as if they have nothing. The worship
committee met with the task force and discussed the
new worship format.

Lynn's Property Report: The sprinklers were blown
out at the church and parsonage on 9/22/21. The
abatement program will be on hold until spring. Lynn is
going to start compiling a shoveling schedule soon. She
will post a message in the Nugget for volunteers to
clean the church since we have no janitorial services.

Pat's Educational Report: Pat asked us all to make
sure we use the e-mail address rongruss2@msn.com to
contact her. She said she is getting about two attendees
for Sunday School weekly.

Nicholas's Outreach Report: Nicholas would like us
to begin using Google for non-profits instead of the
Montana Standard. He had handouts for everyone to
look over. He feels that we would reach more
individuals. He was asked to see if he could get
someone in the congregation who is technology savvy
to help us get started. Anything to be posted must be
presented to the council for approval prior to posting.

New Business:

There was discussion regarding using the Montana
Standard for advertising. Discussion was around using
the internet for our advertising, using the newspaper
with the number of older members we have, and using
both formats for now. Curt made a motion to continue
the advertising in the Standard for the year at a cost of

\$572.00. Pat seconded the motion and the motion carried. There were three opposing votes. Pastor read a letter from Dave Coleman about how frustrated he is with the COVID and choir situation. Discussion was held and we felt that better communication was needed with Dave. Curt was going to follow up with Dave.

Old Business:

The bids for the video and audio were too high for our current budget. Pastor had read about some basic PA kits that are available for churches. He is going to do some further research.

The bid for the security system also was very high. We have decided to check the system that is in place and install the cameras and smoke alarms that were provided. Some of these materials were provided by Nicholas.

Discussion was held regarding joint council meetings two times per year with Gloria Dei in February and August. To better accomplish some goals at these meetings it was suggested we set up an agenda to follow and the counterparts of each office from each church visit. Curt made a motion that was seconded by Peggy that the presidents first meet to see if Gloria Dei would be interested.

There was a fundraiser for FLBC brought up but tabled for another time.

Curt asked us to continue to pray for the person whose name was on the envelope we drew at the last meeting. He stressed spending time in thought and prayer for each other on the council. We need to have TRUST. We need to have higher intentions. We need to know each is reliable, dependable.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Graving, Secretary
----With the help of notes from Danette Fitzpatrick

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

Pastoral Report: 13Sep-12Oct2021

κήρυγμα kerygma / proclamation

Pastoral Acts:

- Worship Services Since 12 Sep: 5 Sunday
- Homebound / Visitations / phone calls: – 9
- Baptism:
 - Brayker, Brecklyn, Swayzee on Oct 10.
- Funeral service:
 - Carol Hecker (18 Sep)
 - Salvador Espinola (9 Oct)
- Wedding:
- Funeral attendance:
- Official Meetings:
 - Chico Planning Meeting – 21 Sep
 - Butte Security – 23 Sep
 - Fire Task Force – 29 Sep, 10 Oct
 - Climate Change Task Force – 21 Sep
 - Nomination Committee –

κοινωνία koinonia / community

- Working with Dayspring

διδασχὴ didache / teaching

- Bible Study: 8 (Thurs AWA 3

διακονέω (diakonia / service)

προσκυνέω (proskuneo / worship):

- Worship committee has discussed going back inside. We will begin setting up the chairs to reflect “renewing worship.” We will be borrowing hymnals from Gloria Dei (30) until ours are found / replaced starting on the 24th.

Continuing Education Completed:

- Protestant Concepts of Church and State – (5-9 Apr)
- Thesis Reading
- Communal Grief and progress

Continuing Education in progress:

- Thesis writing “Melanchthon and the Sword: Pacifism in the Lutheran Confessions”

Current Tasks:

- Advent Preparation
- Working with Trust Committee / gift policies
- Nomination Committee is working
- Renewing Worship possibilities – See Below

Council Discussion Items / To Do List:

Looking Ahead:

Known Dates of Absentia:

Vacation for the rest of 2021:

Oct 13-22 (one Sunday)

Nov 24-27

Dec 27-31

Jan 1 (COMPLETE)

Apr 5-10 (Mon-Sat) Con Ed (COMPLETE)

Apr 14-5 (Wednesday) Surgery (minor / outpatient) (COMPLETE)

May 20-21 (Camping in Yellowstone With SJ School) (COMPLETE)

Paternity Leave – 23 June-7 July (COMPLETE)

Aug 20 – Vacation (COMPLETE)

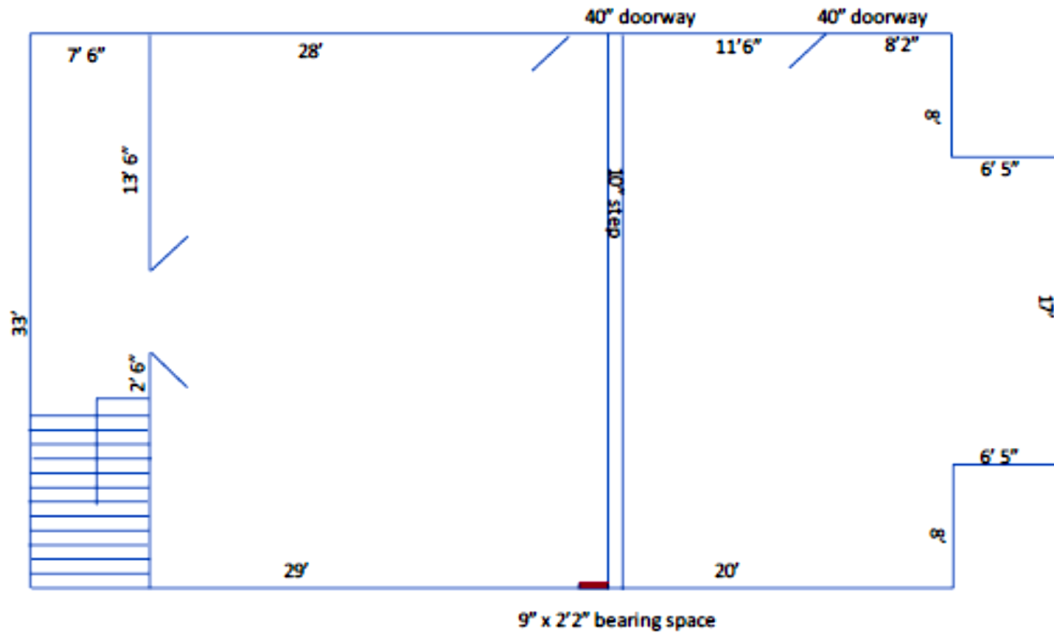
Sep 16-17 (COMPLETE)

Vacation taken: 8 Vacation days left: 20

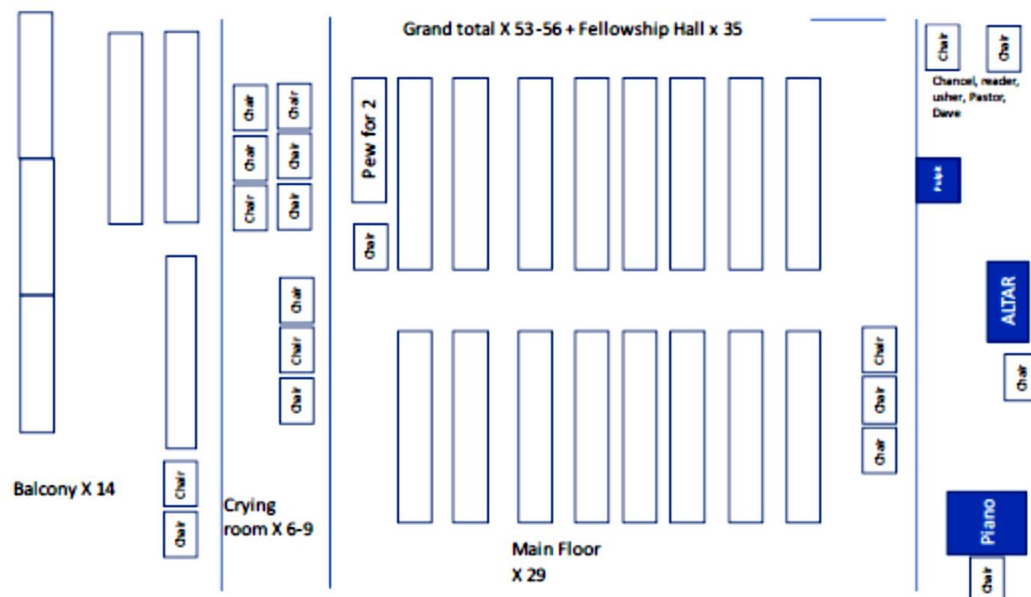
Con ed days taken: 6 Con ed days left: 8

Sundays taken: 0 Sundays left: 4

Sanctuary after Dayspring is done



- The next slide is our old church layout with no measurements.
- The pews are APPROXIMATELY 12' x 2'. We had approximately 13" of space between each pew on the north side!!! And about 18" of space on the south side... The norm is about 36"!!! This might be why we were so cramped...
- Grand total we had 17 pews on the main floor



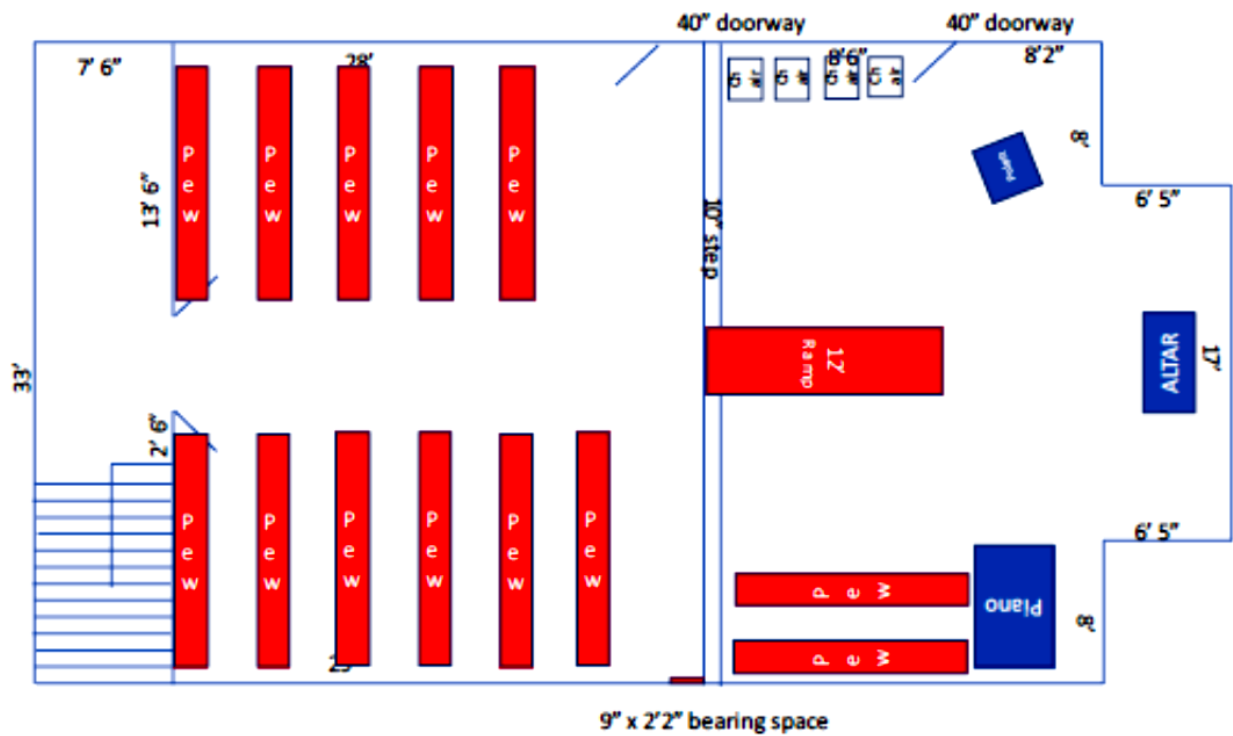
- A Ramp is a "line in the sand" for the task force. They feel that we need to have one for folks to be able to access the chancel. Below are the "easy" possibilities and the "hard" possibilities, where we will have to cut into support beams, etc...

The floor plan shows a rectangular sanctuary. On the left, a staircase leads up to a platform. The main seating area is divided by a central aisle. There are 10 rows of pews, with 5 pews on each side of the aisle. The pews are labeled 'Pew' and '12''. The aisle is labeled '12''. The stage area at the front (right) contains a piano and an altar. The stage is labeled '20''. The sanctuary has a 40' doorway at the front and a 40' doorway at the back. The overall dimensions are 33' by 40'.

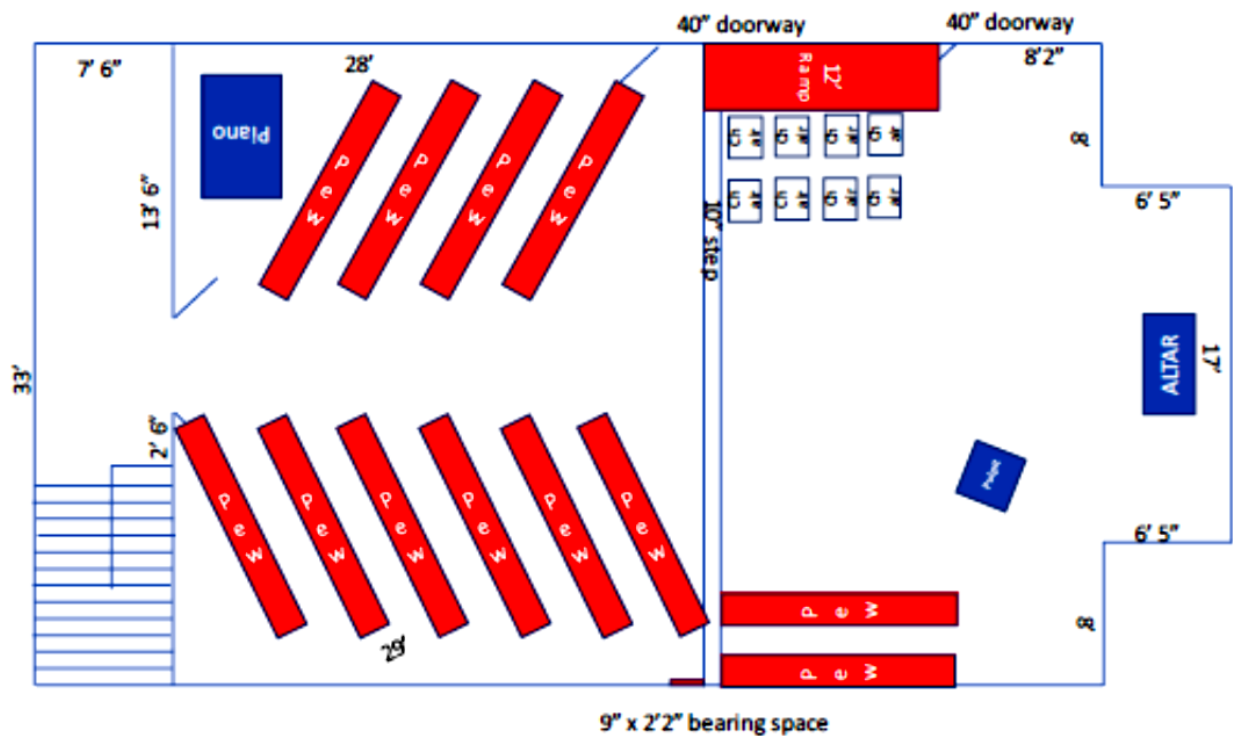
The floor plan shows a rectangular sanctuary with a total width of 33' and a total depth of 40'. The layout includes:

- Seating:** Two rows of red rectangular pews, each 28' long. The front row is 13' 6" deep, and the back row is 17' 6" deep. There is a 2' 6" gap between the two rows.
- Altar:** A blue rectangular altar, 6' 5" wide and 8' 2" deep, located at the front right.
- Piano:** A blue rectangular piano, 6' 5" wide and 8' 2" deep, located at the front left.
- Stairs:** A set of stairs is located on the left side, adjacent to the piano.
- Dimensions:** The sanctuary is 33' wide and 40' deep. The pews are 28' long. The altar and piano are 6' 5" wide and 8' 2" deep. The gap between the pews is 2' 6". The distance from the front wall to the back of the pews is 13' 6". The distance from the front wall to the back of the piano is 17' 6".

Hard 1) And unlikely due to the structural integrity of the sanctuary



Hard 2) very doable



- So, as you can see, in order to better facilitate movement in the sanctuary we might need to limit our seating from the 102 on the floor to 72 ish... There are multitudes of ways to do that... So...
- Finally, I want to draw your attention to this information that was put out to us by the Rev. Dr. Melina Quivick, a former member of Gold Hill

In short, Dr. Quivick's work is meant to show that God is in the midst of the congregation rather than "up there away from me". Further, God is shown, by the movement of the altar, to be in the congregation, with us at all times, rather than somewhere far away, hidden or guarded by the chancel, the pastor, and the communion rail.



GOLD HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

November 2021

*Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church, 934 Placer Street, Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-4242 * Empowered by the Holy Spirit, United to Serve*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 am GHELC Book Club	2 8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins 5:30 pm Exec. Comm. mtng	3 10:00 am LWR Quilters at Gloria Dei 5:30 pm Worship & Music mtng	4 6:00 pm GH Choir @ Gloria Dei	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour 10:45 Sunday School	8 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	9 8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins 10:00 am Gather Bible Study @The Springs 6:00 pm Council mtng	10 10:00 am LWR Quilters at Gloria Dei	11 6:00 pm GH Choir @ Gloria Dei	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Coffee Hour 10:45 Sunday School	15 9 am We Deliver – Sack Lunch Ministry 	16 8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins <i>Nugget Deadline</i>	17 10:00 am LWR Quilters at Gloria Dei	18 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters – Gloria Dei 6:00 pm GH Choir @ Gloria Dei	19 12 Noon 55+ Luncheon at Perkins	20 
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