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Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church
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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,

We have had an issue with transparency in this congregation over the last years. That is apparent in the way we talk about things, the rumor mill, and the fact that you, as a congregation, have asked for “greater transparency” in terms of the Trust, Stephen Ministry, and the innerworkings of our council. This letter this month is an effort in transparency. There are two things that have come to the forefront of our discussions at the council level that is right and proper to discuss with you in the newsletter. At the very least, they are issues that I imagine took your breath away in the current council meeting minutes included in this newsletter: the first is the parsonage and the discussions around it, the second is the contract work I am doing with Montana State Hospital that would be an extension of the ministry of Gold Hill.

Let us start with the latter item that I imagine you took away from the minutes: the contract work I have been approached to do out at Montana State Hospital. They have been without a Spiritual Care Advisor for some time and asked me to come on in a part time manner. This should not impact my ¾ time call with Gold Hill in any way. My main duties would be providing devotional materials, worship opportunities, and general Pastoral Presence and Spiritual Care within the confines of the State Hospital to the patients and staff during my days off. They understand the church has high holidays that would be off limits and most, if not all, of the work I would be doing would be on my days off.

We spoke at council about how this ministry could be an extension of the ministry we do here at Gold Hill, because another of my main duties would be to reach out to our sister spiritual communities and find resources for folks who have short, stability stays at the State Hospital. For instance, a patient might come somewhere east of Billings, and we, as a volunteer network, could work with that community to find resources and information for any patient that might come from that area. We would research community resources of Eastern Montana, counseling networks, spiritual facilities, Stephen Ministries, housing aid, etc. We could then create information packets that work for these folks and be a bridge builder of relationships from Butte to those areas. Let me know if you would like to take part in this ministry.

For the other item, the letters about the parsonage, let us first learn a little about the history of parsonages in America: During the frontier expansion of the Christian movement in America, circuit riders were constantly on the road with no house to call their own. They were encouraged to remain single so that they did not have to be “tied down” to familial obligations. However, as churches in cities, towns, and country grew, circuit riders became more settled into the communities they served. Many were soon married and began to raise a family. The parsonage system evolved in the church to meet the housing needs of an itinerant, appointed ministry with the understanding that pastors come and go and need a place to call their own and lay their heads. This system has served us well and remains the primary response to the housing needs of full-time clergy in the Montana Synod in the 21st Century.

We often view it as part of our communal ministry to provide housing for the pastor of the Parish. If the house is a ministry of the church, it comes with a set of public obligations from both the pastor and the congregation. These obligations change with each new pastor and are often included in discussions during the call process, as was the case when we came to Gold Hill. It is understood that the parsonage is meant to be fully lived in by the pastor and their family, whatever that family may look like. However, the discussions and concessions made at the call committee level regarding pets, painting, fencing, etc., never fully trickled down to the “people that mattered” and this has caused great unktion for some during my two years here, which came out in the letter above. This leads us back to our discussion of transparency.

(From the Pastor's Study continued on page 2)



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.

Family & friends of Jean Brothers – prayers of
comfort for the Brothers family and Jean’s friends as
they mourn her death

Dave Jordan – prayers for health and healing

Family of Susan Sansouci – prayers of comfort for the
Matson family as they mourn Susan’s death on March
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Jon Williamson – prayers for healing and health

Montana Synod Prayer Requests:

*For Pastor Audrey LePore following her death on
January 29, 2022, at the age of 88. Pr. Audrey is
remembered as a great friend, pastor, and community
builder for her work with the Lutheran churches as
well as the Ecumenical partners in the Poplar Parish
and throughout NE Montana. May God bless and
keep her family and friends in Christ's peace as
together we mourn their loss and celebrate Audrey's
life.*

*For Pastor Tim Tostengard, ALC, Billings,
recuperating from surgery*

*For the people of Ukraine, and all those who are
suffering senseless violence and aggression*

Missionary: Pr. Bradn Buerkle, Russia

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April Birthdays/Anniversaries:

DorothyAnne Honeychurch –
celebrating her birthday on April 1

Mike Vincent – celebrating his birthday
on April 3

Tim Rowe – celebrating his birthday on
April 4

Mike Lawson – celebrating his birthday on April 7

Jacob Ehrlick – celebrating his baptismal birthday on
April 9



Christy Chain – celebrating her birthday on April 15
Derek Harvey – celebrating his birthday on April 18
Mary Hoffenbaker – celebrating her birthday on
April 21

DorothyAnne Honeychurch – celebrating her
baptismal birthday on April 26

John Jacobson – celebrating his birthday on April 27

Susan Stamp – celebrating her birthday on April 28

Jeff Williamson – celebrating his birthday on April 30

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The church is a public thing. We do everything in public
and there is little that happens in private (with the major
exception of, shall we say, pastor / congregant
confidentiality). The letters, especially the one written by my
spouse, were read into the minutes last month and are an
example of the public nature of ministry. It is right and
proper that these are brought to your attention as a
congregation. It is right and proper that you know what
“goes on behind closed doors” because we do not really have
closed doors or closed meetings within the congregation, at
least not that often, and when we do, the meeting itself is
still publicized. The council is dealing internally with this
issue and there has been a second walk through of the
parsonage due to my and my spouse’s anguish over the
letters presented.

Finally, I implore you, again, to understand the public
nature of the church and examine how we interact, publicly,
with each other, not behind closed doors.

I will end on this note, due to the latest walk through, as
of now we plan to stay in the parsonage; however, as we told
the council about a year ago, we purchased property in Butte
and intend to start building our home this year. At that time,
we would be moving out, but staying in Butte, because we
love it here. We love this community, and we see ourselves
staying here for the rest of our lives. This reality is present
and we, my spouse and I, desire to be as transparent as
possible that we do not intend to go anywhere, we intend to
live and grow with you in the faith and live publicly as
members of this community.

Pr. C

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**Please help us to stay updated
and notify the church office
with any address, phone, or
Email address changes!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices

Deaths

03/03/2022 Susan Sansouci

03/24/2022 Jean Brothers



Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Shirley Erickson from:

Leo & Dottie Heath

Fred & Linda Thomas

Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick, gift to
the general fund

Dennis & Linda Moore, gift to
the roof fund

In Memory of Tom Piercy from

Linda Piercy

In Memory of Richard Duffield from:

Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick, gift to
the general fund

In Memory of Susan Sansouci from:

Vern & Jeanette Nielsen

Virginia DeWitt

Dennis & Linda Moore, gift to
the roof fund

Sunday School is up and running at Gold Hill! We are meeting after the 9:30 service.

Ages 3 on up are welcome!

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

55+ Lunch Bunch



55+ Lunch group will meet on Friday, April 15th, at Perkins Restaurant at 12 Noon.

Questions? Talk to Jeanette Nielsen.

Food Bank Donations

Approximately one in seven people in Montana struggle with hunger. Your monetary donations are vital. **Mail your donation directly to:**

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

Thank you for your generosity!

CHURCH COUNCIL 2022:

Mike Lawson -
President

Jon Williamson -
Administration Director

Danette Fitzpatrick -
Treasurer

Ty Inglis -
Secretary

Pat Gruss -
Spiritual Growth
Ministry, Team Leader

Chris Ketchum -
Worship Ministry, Team Leader

Lynn McGlynn -
Leadership Ministry, Team Leader

Nicholas Conlan -
Outreach Ministry, Team Leader

Pastor Marlow Carrels



Gold Hill ELC Directions

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary

by Danette Fitzpatrick

February 2022	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	14,606.81	12,000.00	2606.81
Expenses	14,063.37	11,329.27	-2734.10
Net Income	543.44	670.73	-127.29

YTD	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	33,915.20	24,000.00	9,915.20
Expenses	25,347.18	22,658.54	-2,688.64
Net Income	8,568.02	1,341.46	7,226.56

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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Worship News

The Wednesday Lenten services continue through April 6, 2022, and the last service will be at Gloria Dei Lutheran. There is a signup sheet for soup and bread supper on the counter in

the Fellowship Hall. Gold Hill Lutheran has lifted all Covid restrictions, and the Church is open and will resume practices that have been on hold during Covid restrictions. We have usual communion with homemade bread and wine. There is a signup sheet on the kitchen counter in the Fellowship Hall for those willing to make Communion bread along with a recipe for those who need one.

The schedule for Lenten services – 5 o'clock soup and bread supper followed by a Lenten service at 5:30 pm alternating between Gold Hill and Gloria Dei:

3/9/22 Gloria Dei 3/16/22 Gold Hill
3/23/22 Gloria Dei 3/30/22 Gold Hill
4/6/22 Gloria Dei

Palm Sunday is April 10, 2022. We will celebrate and distribute Palm branches. Holy Week begins on April 14, 2022. The tentative schedule of events:

Maundy Thursday 4/14/22 5:30 pm Gold Hill Lutheran
Good Friday 4/15/22 5:30 pm Gloria Dei Lutheran
Easter Sunday 4/17/22 9:30 am Gold Hill Lutheran

Sandra Wenger made the purple Altar parament for the Lenten season. Dorothy Tallon has offered to make an Altar parament for Easter Sunday. Dave Coleman is offering practice for Easter music on Thursday at 6:00 pm at Gold Hill Lutheran Church. He is preparing other musical presentations for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Since the Council lifted Covid restrictions changes may take place in the calendar of events. We will keep the congregation updated as timely as possible as we may add more social events. Thank you to the members of Gold Hill who are willing to assist with Worship services. May your Easter be filled with blessings!

In service,
Chris Ketchum

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Music News

The choir is back!! We are having choir practice on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm. We are working on music for weekly worship as well as for Easter. You are cordially invited to come and join us as we rebuild our choir and music worship program at Gold Hill Lutheran Church.

God Bless,
Dave Coleman



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Empty Bowls is back at the Civic Center



The Empty Bowls event is back and will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Butte Civic Center. Masks are requested when up and moving around the Civic Center. Tickets are \$20 for a soup bowl-sized dish or \$100 for a serving-sized family bowl — plus, all the soup one can eat, bread, dessert a cash bar, live music, and a silent auction of items from local artists.

Tickets are available at the Butte Emergency Food Bank, 1019 E. 2nd St. in Butte.

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Office Hours

Pastor Carrels office hours are now in the kitchen at Gold Hill, each Tuesday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Appointments available (406-788-5373) and drop-ins are always welcome. Pastor reserves the right to be absent if he is called away.

Gold Hill ELCA Trust Committee Minutes March 24, 2022



Members present: Ron Gruss, Mike Welker, Ed Engle, Annette Lawson, Vern Nielsen, Pastor Marlow Carrels

The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor Carrels.

Old Business

- Annette read the minutes from the 1/27/22 meeting. Mike(m) and Ed(s) to accept the minutes. The motion passed.
- The task force for the Give Back Program was Dorothy Tallon, Linda Moore and Heatherlynn Meeks. They decided to disburse the \$437 as follows: Safe Space - \$100, GHLECA general fund - \$237 and Rescue Mission - \$100. We received a thank you note from safe space.
- Ed gave the treasurer report. He talked to Beth Adams today and we do have to fill out a W9 form to show us as a nonprofit organization. It is filled out and just needs to be scanned and sent in. The checking account has \$23,409.92 in memorial funds and \$7,041.13 in perpetual funds. It is averaging \$12-\$13 interest per month.
- There are 3 CDs with the ELCA Mission Funds: a 1yr CD, a 2yr CD and a 4yrCD. They were automatically renewed so there will be a 1.5% penalty to transfer them to the ELCA Endowment Fund. Mike(m) and Ed(s) to transfer them to the ELCA Endowment Fund and accept the penalty. The motion passed. The penalty will be about \$500.
- The trust committee's moderately conservative investment mix was discussed. Beth Adams will report to us where the funds are invested after they are transferred.

New Business

- Bruce Graving requested that the Graving Fund be renamed the FLBC Fund. Vern(m) and Mike(s) to rename the fund the FLBC Fund. The motion passed. As per perpetual fund guidelines, 4% of the fund's yearly interest will go to the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. That will start this year as soon as the funds are transferred. After the transfer, we'll take steps to make this automatic.

- Scholarship applications need to be distributed. Pastor will announce that we are taking applications. Discussion was held about also offering them to Gloria Dei. The application says the student must be in their second year of college, must have a 2.5 GPA and be a member or associate member of Gold Hill. Pastor will bring to council the matter of associate member requirements to accommodate Gloria Dei applicants or others.
- The next meeting will be April 28th at 6:30 pm, probably at Mike Welker's office.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Lawson, secretary

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Meeting Minutes of Gold Hill
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council
March 8, 2022



Attendance: Mike Lawson, Pastor Marlow Carrels, Chris Ketchum, Lynn McGlynn, Pat Gruss, Nicholas Conlan, Danette Fitzpatrick, Ty Inglis, Nikki Pontier-Carrels, guest

President Mike Lawson called the meeting to order. Ty Inglis presented devotions based upon a meditation from Henri Nouwen that centered on beginning our Lenten journey.

Nikki Pontier-Carrels presented a written statement to the council. Pastor Carrels presented a letter, dated February 10, 2022, that was addressed to him. The letter was composed and signed by Gold Hill members who performed a walkthrough of the parsonage. The written statement and letter are attached to and incorporated into these minutes (*see below*). There was a discussion of the issues and concerns brought forth in the written statement and letter.

It was motioned and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022, council meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report: Danette reported on the February 28, 2022, financial statements. One item of note was the uncategorized expense that will be classified as insurance expense. Synod benevolence is budgeted at 5% of general offerings. She asked for any questions. It was motioned and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

Pastor's report: Pastor Carrels discussed assisting council members by working through the roles and responsibilities of each member.

President's report: Mike presented a written report and highlighted construction activities and the progress on various areas of the church building. He reported that the day care is anxious to get back into the building and that the day care business has been purchased by an existing day care employee. He reported on an estate gift to supplement clergy and staff salaries. The donors are agreeable to a flexible arrangement about amounts and timing of supplemental payments to clergy and staff. The lifting of Covid restrictions will be brought up as new business later in the meeting.

Administration Director report: Jon Williamson was absent from the meeting.

Worship ministry report: Chris provided information on Lenten services using the Holden Evening Prayer, paraments for the altars, ordering of palms for Palm Sunday, scheduling alternating services with Gloria Dei, the need for storage space for things used in worship and choir practice schedules for Easter.

Leadership Ministry report: Lynn referred to the previous discussion of property issues earlier in the meeting.

Spiritual Growth report: No formal report.

Outreach Ministry: No formal report.

New business:

Pastor Carrels provided information on his preliminary and ongoing discussions with the State Hospital about a part-time call. His vision is that Gold Hill can be an important resource for ministry at the State Hospital, particularly in compiling a pamphlet of available resources in the Butte area for that community. There was a discussion about the follow up walkthrough of the parsonage.

Various council members volunteered for future devotions.

There was discussion about the pandemic and its impact on worship and our life together. The council revisited its prior decisions on mask wearing and vaccination rates in Butte-Silver Bow. The consensus of the group was that it was the appropriate time to lift the Covid related mandates and practices. Nicholas Conlan made a motion to lift all Covid related mandates. The motion was seconded and carried.

There was a discussion about the use of alcohol in the church building for events and gatherings (e.g., Beer & Theology).

The issue was tabled for further research and for discussion at a future meeting.

Danette discussed conversations and emails that she had with US Bank concerning check fraud. The issue is to mitigate any risk of loss of funds from check fraud. US Bank states that check fraud is becoming more prevalent. Danette and Ty will make a future recommendation.

It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Nikki Pontier-Carrels' Statement and Letter to Pastor Marlow Carrels

Because of words said and written by people in this congregation during the last month, I no longer feel welcome or safe living in the parsonage. I do not fear for my life, but I do fear to *live*.

- I am a painter, and I feel scared to create art for fear that any stray droplet of pigment mars the carpet or adjacent countertop. I am scared to work on my creative endeavors outside, for fear that my art will be described as an eyesore.
- I am scared to have a family movie night for fear that my kiddo might drop a slice of pizza during a particularly funny or shocking scene and stain the floor.
- I am scared to cook, for fear that a soup might overflow and blemish the stovetop.
- I am scared to invite my friends or family to visit, for fear that we will be accused of harboring untouchables.
- I am scared to listen to my biological instincts, for fear that my nesting brain tells me to warm up a room with a new coat of paint, which apparently is an irreparable sin, as indicated in this letter.

Because of this, I have asked Marlow to find a new place for us to live. I don't know when exactly we will be gone, but as soon as a new location is found, we will be vacating the parsonage.

February 10, 2022

Pastor Marlow Carrels

934 Placer Street

Butte, Montana 59701

Dear Pastor Carrels,

As a final act during my tenure on the council, I, along with Peggy Graving, did a walkthrough of the parsonage. Unfortunately, Lynn McGlynn, the new Leadership Minister, was ill and could not attend. I have attached the report that I feel needs attention and action by the Leadership Committee and you. We met with Lynn McGlynn and she also has a copy of the attached report and agreed to lead the follow up by the Leadership Committee.

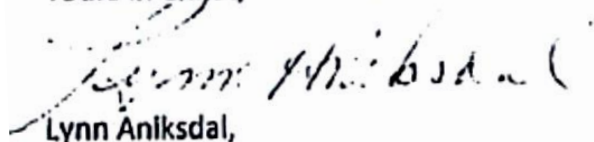
Peggy and I met with Curt Quist, outgoing Administration Director, regarding the items on this recommendation and the timetable in which we felt it needed to be completed. He agreed with the actions and timeline we outlined.

We ask you to read this recommendation and ask that it be completed as recommended.

Curt, Peggy and I would be happy to meet with you regarding any concerns or questions that you have. Lynn McGlynn has agreed that in thirty days she and I will set up with you a walkthrough of the parsonage.

Feel free to contact any of the three of us if you have any questions.

Yours In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Aniksdal", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lynn Aniksdal,
Outgoing Leadership Minister

Semi-Annual Walkthrough of the Parsonage

Gold Hill Lutheran Church

January 30, 2022

A walkthrough of the parsonage scheduled by Pastor Carrels and Lynn Aniksdal took place on January 30, 2022. Peggy Graving, at Lynn's request, was present for the walkthrough.

Items to be addressed by the committee/council/congregation with timeline:

- 1) Heat tape needs to be repaired or replaced along the east wall outside along the roof edge between the back door and the edge of the garage. Ice is building up in the gutters and creating drips that are freezing on the sidewalk. It is very dangerous. Timeline: as soon as weather permits
- 2) Ceiling light in the kitchen over the appliances needs to be repaired or replaced. Timeline: within the next three months.

Items to be addressed by the Pastor:

- 1) Per the Parsonage guidelines the Pastor and his family need to give full disclosure of all animals on the property to the committee/council/congregation. It is the responsibility of the Pastor's family to be responsible for any wear and tear to the property because of the animals. Timeline: immediately
- 2) There is a distinct odor in the home. According to the guidelines the Pastor and his family need to keep the Parsonage free of debris, trash or filth during his time at the parsonage. We are not sure the source of the odor but request that the carpets, floors and walls be thoroughly cleaned to see if the odor disappears. There also are visible spots on the carpet both downstairs and upstairs. Cleaning of the carpets should address this problem. It is better to remedy this problem immediately. This carpet was newly installed prior to Pastor's arrival. If the odor is pet related and remains in the carpets and pads it WILL BE the responsibility of the Pastor and his family to replace all carpeting and pads and clean the floors underneath the pads as recommended. These issues were noted at the previous walkthrough this summer by Lynn and Bruce Graving, but they decided to wait until the next walk through to see if the matter improved. It has not and the committee feels it needs to be addressed now. According to the guidelines issues that arise should be addressed and not held until the Pastor is leaving the parsonage.
Timeline: 30 days with new walkthrough.
- 3) The grounds of the parsonage according to the guidelines are the job of the church committee unless pastor agrees to certain maintenance. It was agreed that Pastor would shovel his sidewalks and keep them free of snow. This needs to be completed to the property line of the church. The leadership committee will clear the rest of the sidewalks. Timeline: immediately
- 4) Decorating or physical changes to the property are allowed and expected by the Pastor and his family. This is his home. However, the guidelines state that this should be done with "the consultation of the committee" responsible for the upkeep of the parsonage. At this time a fence has been erected, and accent painting has been done to two walls and the headers of the

wood blinds in the dining room without consultation. Any further redecoration should be discussed prior to implementation. Timeline: on going

Recommendations:

- 1) The leadership committee complete the concerns of the Pastor's as quickly as possible.
- 2) A walkthrough of the entire parsonage take place in 30 days to see if the spots and odor problems have been resolved. If not we request that the council consult with the Bishop's office in regards to how to solve the problem. The longer the odor and spots remain the harder they will be to remove.
- 3) Other items on list be completed within the timeline.

Per synod guidelines, the congregation is entrusting to you, the Pastor, the parsonage as a gift. While it is "your" house while you are serving them, it is ultimately in the care and the responsibility of the congregation. How you, the Pastor, care for this property is a direct reflection of your stewardship practices. Mistreating or misusing the parsonage can and does have a direct effect on your ministry. Use common sense.

Agreed upon by:


Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Minister Chairman


Peggy Graving


Curt Quist, Administration Director

Building Update

Greetings, Family of Gold Hill,

As I write this it's now March of 2022, St Patrick's Day is upon us, and Spring is here. Our weather has been cold, but the days are longer, and we know it will continue to get warmer. Big positive changes are coming to our church. After being in the "Covid-19 and Fire Restoration" status we have had to suffer through, good news for each and every one of us, is welcome. The first thing I will mention is the restoration process is moving quickly. Phase #1, which includes the Fellowship Hall, the bottom floor below the upper Sunday School/choir rooms and also that upstairs area, is just about finished except for the flooring for the offices/hallways. The one handicap bathroom and the men's bathroom should be finished in the next few weeks. Phase #2 which is the preschool area in the basement, is sheet rocked/taped and ready for texturing/painting. The bathroom down there is a handicap bathroom. It will go through floor demolition for the plumbing of drain/water piping replacement.

Phase #3, which is the sanctuary, is seeing a whole variety of construction applications taking place. A new Arch, designed by our own Rande Farrow, was erected, and looks beautiful. Insulation of the walls and ceiling has happened, followed by sheetrock, covering those surfaces. Take a look when you come for worship on any Sunday. I would add that new wiring/plumbing/etc. has been updated and brought to local/state building codes. Our Church building, we worship in at Gold Hill, is like a brand-new church. It will be wonderful to get back into worship as we carry on God's work. We continue to do this work of God, as those saints before us have since the early 1930's, when the first phase of this church building was built.

Some other good news is the Church Council felt it was time to lift the Covid-19 restrictions and resume worship as it was before Covid-19. Those who feel safer by wearing a mask, please do so. We'll be using communion wine and bread. We'll have more seating and will have our coffee/social hour, after our worship service. Those of you who haven't been here in a while, please come back to worship, check out the restoration construction of our church building. I think you'll like what you see. I predict things will be completely finished by June and we'll worship in our sanctuary once again. This is the part of the church that has a very exciting new look to it.

As you all know, we have new members on the Church Council and a relatively young new pastor. A few of our Council members are younger. I mentioned at our last Council meeting that I first came to Gold Hill in 1951. I've seen many changes in those 71 years. Over the years, from the beginning in the early thirty's, the older generations have gradually welcomed the younger members to take on more of the duties/leadership roles.

This is as it should be and is needed in helping our faith journey, as we worship God at Gold Hill Lutheran Church. With that changing of the guard, younger members bring new ideas for addressing worship in these changing times. Our Council is made up of a mixture of the old, the young and the in-between. I think that's healthy and bodes well for the future of Gold Hill and its faith journey into the future.

We as your Council have had some serious heartfelt discussions and have made some serious decisions concerning Gold Hill being in the body of Christ. This not only concerns being inside our House of Worship but also going outside of our Gold Hill Church building and sharing our faith with others. I'm excited about our church family's future, which involves all of us. Being able to worship together again and rebuild our reputation of being known as a friendly welcoming body in Christ is what excites me. You all were the ones who were the welcomers and will be again. This is what brings new members in to worship among us. I often say God loves each of us right where we are. Blessings to you all,

Mike Lawson

Gold Hill Council President

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Worship Schedule:

Worship 9:30 am

10:45 am Coffee Hour

10:45 am Sunday School

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Pastor Marlow Carrels


Mike Lawson, Council President

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GOLD HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

April 2022

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | | 1 | 2 |
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9:30 am Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour
10:45 Sunday School
11 am Adult Forum | 4
10:00 am GHELC
Book Club at The
Springs | 5
8:30 am Bible Study
at Perkins

5:30 pm Exec.
Comm. mtng
6:00 pm Worship &
Music mtng | 6
10:00 am LWR
Quilters

5:00 pm Soup &
Bread with Lenten
Service
at Gloria Dei



5:30 pm Al-Anon | 7
6:00 pm GH
Choir practice | 8 | 9 |
| 10
Palm Sunday
9:30 am Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour
10:45 Sunday School
11 am Adult Forum | 11
6:00 pm Stephen
Ministry at The
Springs | 12
8:30 am Bible Study
at Perkins

10:00 am Gather
Bible Study @The
Springs

6:00 pm Council
mtng | 13
10:00 am LWR
Quilters

5:30 pm Al-Anon | 14
Maundy
 Thursday
5:30 pm
Worship
at Gold Hill

<i>Nugget
 Deadline</i> | 15
Good
 Friday
5:30 pm
Worship
at Gloria Dei

12 Noon 55+
Luncheon at
Perkins  | 16 |
| 17
Easter Sunday
9:30 am Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour | 18
9 am We Deliver –
Sack Lunch
Ministry  | 19
8:30 am Bible Study
at Perkins | 20
10:00 am LWR
Quilters

5:30 pm Al-Anon | 21
10:00 am Prayer
Shawl Knitters

6:00 pm GH
Choir practice | 22 | 23 |
| 24
9:30 am Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour
10:45 Sunday School
11 am Adult Forum | 25
6:00 pm Stephen
Ministry at The
Springs | 26
8:30 am Bible Study
at Perkins | 27
10:00 am LWR
Quilters

5:30 pm Al-Anon | 28
6:00 pm GH
Choir practice | 29 | 30 |