

The Nugget



**EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
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June 2022

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

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as He wishes.” - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

This passage reminds us that we all have gifts that we use for the common good of the community. All, those gifts come to us from the giver of life, the source of faith, and the breath of God that is the Spirit. We have many people who are working together over this month to share their gifts with the congregation.

As you may know, our Parish Administration Assistant Mary has chosen to look toward retirement and a change of pace. She has served us at Gold Hill for the better part of a decade and we thank her for her service. As she steps out, we have others who are using their gifts to step up and fill her role during my absence this month for vacation and continuing ed abroad. We have folks who will answer the phone, folks who will send the emails, and folks who will make sure that prayers are heard.

Even more, we have folks who are stepping into the role of leadership and leading worship while I am gone. You will have worship led by the Vangs, Rev. Callahan, Rev. Long, and Mike Lawson. I have entrusted the worship committee to lead worship, work out hymns, and generally keep Sundays going. Honestly, without this committee sharing their gifts of service and leadership I don't know what we would have done over the last two years. Further, we have folks who will call if there is a need. Communion can go out to those in need. Bible studies and adult forum will continue if folks want to go. The community will continue to worship and learn together.

On top of that, we have people sharing their gifts with us regarding the building. The folks from Dayspring still amaze me with their prowess at building and finishing the building. We have members who have dropped everything and taken on the planning of the building, the formation of the pews, the shade of the carpet, and the color of the walls. We have folks who diligently go to the church every day to check up on the work and make sure that we are being cared for appropriately. We have folks who have begun to garden outside, sharing their love and green thumbs with us. We have folks who are making sure the grass is cut and watered. We have folks who share their gifts in myriad ways to ensure the community is taken care of.

Finally, if you have an emergency you need to call the parish phone number or send an email to the parish office or myself and you will be given the information for our emergency pastor for while I am gone. We will see you all soon, be well, and share your gifts.

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Prayer Concerns

Please email us:

(JonLinda1972@gmail.com)

(danenurse@yahoo.com)

with your prayer requests.

Only prayers given to the entire congregation will be included here.

Lynn Aniksdal - prayers for health & healing

Mary Hoffenbacker - prayers for health & healing

Bill Roskilly - prayers of comfort and peace and peace for his family

Ray Coyne - prayers for strength and healing

Susan Honeychurch Stephens - prayers for health and healing

Dick Fitzpatrick - prayers for health and healing

Montana Synod Prayer Requests:

For Keith Weatherford's father, Robert, following his death

For Brenda Trippel, wife of pastor Tim Trippel, as she continues to recover from a severe case of the flu

For Pastor Brenda Frelsi's daughter, who was just diagnosed with Covid and is expecting twins

For all those leaders of congregations who have received and are struggling with Covid diagnoses around the Synod.

For all congregations that are in transition and searching for a pastoral leader, that they may find hope in God's promise

June Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Eli Corbin - celebrating his baptismal birthday on June 1

Peggy Lutey - celebrating her birthday on June 2

Ashlie Engle - celebrating her birthday June 2



Quinn Corbin - celebrating her birthday on June 5

Marshal Mickelson - celebrating his birthday on June 5

Patti Chain - celebrating her baptismal birthday on June 8

Nikki Pontier-Carrels - celebrating her birthday on June 9

Filamena Butler - celebrating her baptismal birthday on June 9

Aisling Schroeder - celebrating his baptismal birthday on June 12

Ruthe Meeks - celebrating her baptismal birthday on June 12

Samantha Schroeder - celebrating her birthday on June 13

Brock Bond - celebrating his birthday on June 17

Jack Stout - celebrating his birthday on June 18

Connie Engle - celebrating her birthday on June 23

Cal Fortune - celebrating his baptismal birthday on June 23

William Davis - celebrating his baptismal birthday on June 24

Cindy Munyon - celebrating her birthday on June 24

Delores Kangas - celebrating her birthday on June 28

Colin Aaker - celebrating his baptismal birthday on June 29

Vern & Jeanette Nielsen - celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on June 4

Dave & Pat Coleman - celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary on June 29



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Food Bank Donations

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

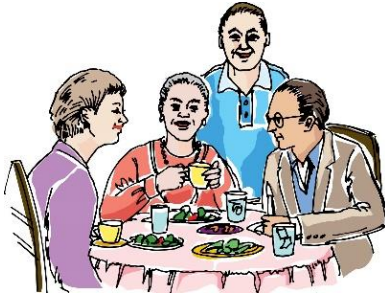
**Butte Emergency Food Bank
1019 East Second Street
Butte, MT 59701**

Thank you for your generosity!

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55+ Lunch Bunch

55+ Lunch group will meet on Friday, June 17th, at Perkins Restaurant at 12 Noon. Questions? Talk to Jeanette Nielsen.



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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**

Sunday School - Vacation Bible School Day Camp

The last day for Sunday School was May 15th. Thank you to the students who came this year!



Vacation Bible School is set for June 27th-30th and will be held at Gloria Dei this year. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. We need volunteers to make this a success! Please call me, Pat Gruss, at 406-565-2563 to let me know what you would like to do for this exciting week!

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

Gold Hill ELC Directions



Financial Summary

by Danette Fitzpatrick

April 2022	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	10,119.62	12,000.00	-1,880.38
Expense	8,479.51	11,329.27	-2,849.76
Net Income	1,640.11	670.73	969.38

Year to Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	76,135.61	48,000.00	28,135.61
Expense	44,585.01	45,317.08	-732.07
Net Income	31,550.60	2,682.92	28,867.68

Clarification: a designated donation from last month is not in the general fund.

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 Worship and Music Committee had our meeting on May 3, 2022, at Gold Hill. We discussed that the Church colors are white until the end of May and on June 12, 2022, for Trinity

Sunday. June 5, 2022 is Pentecost Sunday. The Congregation is asked to wear red on that Sunday. Then the colors turn to green for the remainder of the summer and early fall.

Pastor Carrels will be away on vacation in June 2022. The following members will provide the Sunday worship services.

June 5, 2022 – Paul and Kay Vang
June 12, 2022 – Pastor Patricia Callaghan
June 19, 2022 – Pastor Long
June 26, 2022 – Michael Lawson, LPA

The Worship Committee will meet with Gloria Dei's Worship Committee to discuss joint services during the

fall and winter. We will meet June 7, 2022, at Gold Hill Lutheran at 6:00 PM. Dave Coleman announced that the Gold Hill Choir will finish on May 22, 2022, and resume in late August 2022. We will plan to have our first Worship service in the Sanctuary when Pastor Carrels returns from his vacation in July 2022. We would like to give Mary Johnston a big group HUG. Thank you so much for all your support and guidance over the past years. We will sorely miss you! We hope you feel the love that we have for you! We so appreciated your kindness and commitment here at Gold Hill Lutheran. Wishing you a pleasant retirement! Stop in to say hello!

As summer is swiftly moving in upon us, we hope that summer will not only bring nice weather but our anticipated new beginnings. A new chapter in the life of our Church and Congregation. For those leaving, happy trails and those returning, welcome home! Peace be with you!

In service,
Chris Ketchum

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Music News

The Gold Hill Lutheran Church Choir will be taking its summer break beginning with the Memorial Day weekend and recommencing after Labor Day weekend.

Thank you to those who have been a part of the choir this year. It has been a difficult year; yet, through it all, God has been leading and guiding us as we rebuild. Have a great summer break.

I look forward to getting the choir room put together and organized over the summer so we as a choir can start anew in the fall.

God Bless,
Dave

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Gold Hill ELCA Trust Committee

Minutes - April 28, 2022



Members present:

Ron Gruss, Vern Nielsen, Annette Lawson, Ed Engle, Mike Welker

Old Business:

Annette read the minutes from the 3/24/2022 meeting. The minutes were accepted with the following corrections: 1) The amount going to the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp each year from the FLBC fund (formerly the Graving Fund) will be 4% of the previous year end balance - not 4% of the interest. 2) The scholarship application form states that the student must be in their second semester or quarter of college with a 2.5 GPA - not the second year of college.

Ed gave the treasurer's report. He received information from ELCA mission investment that the three CDs will be discontinued, and the penalty will be waived. A check will be issued to our ELCA endowment fund. The Thrivent funds aren't transferred yet. When the transfer takes place, the 4% of the 2021-year end FLBC fund balance will be sent to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Mike(m) and Annette(s) to accept the treasurers report. The motion passed.

New Business:

The scholarship will be advertised in the Nugget and the church bulletin.

Ron talked to Ginger DeWitt. She is OK with using the DeWitt Bible fund to do whatever is God's work if we don't have children who will get bibles. We will get some ideas from Pat Gruss about possibly using some of the fund for Christian education.

At the next meeting we will make scholarship selections and have a quarterly treasurer's report from Ed plus a report on the fund transfers.

The next meeting will be Thursday 7/14/2022 at 6:30 pm at the church.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Lawson, secretary

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Gold Hill LWR Quilters

One week after the quilts were picked up in 2021 a fire hit Gold Hill. Luckily the door to the quilt room (just west of the kitchen) was closed and there was no



damage in that room. Three of us were allowed in to get fabric. Two long tables were taken to Linda Moore's basement. Quilts were layered in her basement and taken to DorothyAnne Honeychurch to have the binding machine sewn.

For a short time, we met on the second floor of the Butte Library to tie quilts. Summertime found us meeting at the Red Roof Pavilion in Stodden Park. Cold weather came and Gloria Dei graciously allowed us to tie quilts in their large Fellowship Hall. Their quilt members and Pastor Sarah have been very good to us the past several months.

Friday, May 13, 2022, we sent 127 quilts in 18 boxes to Lutheran World Relief. In addition to these quilts at least twelve others were given out locally or bought by Church members.

A big thank you to the people that gave a donation to Lutheran World Relief headquarters to help with the distribution of quilts overseas.

Also thank you to Danette Fitzpatrick, Ginger DeWitt, and JoAnn Farrow for helping to load the quilts.

We are blessed with so many wonderful people here at Gold Hill and in Butte. Thank you and God bless you all.

Jeanette Nielsen

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Meeting Minutes of Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council

May 10, 2022



Attendance: Mike Lawson, Pastor Marlow Carrels, Chris Ketchum, Lynn McGlynn, Pat Gruss, Nicholas Conlan, Danette Fitzpatrick, Ty Inglis, Jon Williamson.

President Mike Lawson called the meeting to order Pastor Carrels provided devotions.

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

Treasurer's report: Danette reported on the April 30, 2022, financial statements. She noted that income includes a one-time dedicated gift of \$22,000 that is not for use for general operating purposes. Actual giving for April was below the budgeted amount, but expenses were below budget as well. Year to date net income is above budget. She reported that our new insurance policy will be significantly more costly than our previous policy. It was motioned and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

Pastor's written report is attached to these minutes (p.7). He also reported that Mary Johnston submitted her resignation. Her last day will be May 27, 2022. Her written resignation is attached to these minutes (p.8). There was a discussion of her duties and various options to fulfill these duties.

Pastor Carrels led a discussion on four types of governance models for non-profit organizations. These models include:

1. Advisory board governance model
2. Cooperative governance model

3. Management team model
4. Policy board model

Pastor Carrels provided details on his upcoming vacation and continuing education. He discussed worship planning and pastoral coverage during his absence.

President's report: Mike provided an update on the work of Dayspring. Good progress has been made on the building. The carpeting on the outside steps going into the sanctuary needs replacement. The council discussed obtaining bids in addition to the one received. The church constitution limits council approval of contracts more than 1% of the annual budget.

Administration Director report: Jon reported that insurance coverage was obtained effective May 9, 2022. He provided an overview of the coverage limits for the church and the parsonage. He provided an overview of a letter that was sent to the day care owner. The letter responded to questions that she had about use of the church property. There was a discussion about security issues that have been discovered and possible mitigating actions. The council discussed a request by a home school organization to use the fellowship hall one day a week. It was motioned and seconded not to allow the use of the fellowship hall by that group.

Worship ministry report: Chris provided information on the schedule for lectors, communion servers and worship assistants. Worship supplies were moved upstairs. Familiar hymns have been selected for upcoming worship services. She discussed the work that has been done to provide coverage during Pastor Carrel's upcoming vacation and continuing education.

Leadership Ministry report: Lynn reported that there is currently no property committee. She reported on maintenance issues at the parsonage. These issues include windowsills, windows, and light fixtures.

Spiritual Growth report: Pat reported that May 15, 2022, will be the last day of Sunday School. Vacation Bible School will be June 27-30, 2022, at Gloria Dei. Camp counselors will be present.

Outreach Ministry: Nicholas reported on his outreach activities at Montana Tech.

New business:

Other new business not previously discussed included: Nicholas will draft an agreement with the day care organization for use of the church building.

Gloria Dei has interest in more joint worship activities. The consensus was to table council discussion and allow the worship committee to plan joint activities with Gloria Dei. The council discussed the visitation and communion schedule and the importance and fruitfulness of bringing communion to our members and friends.

The council discussed cleaning of the church after June when construction and renovation are complete. The council discussed obtaining bids for the level of service that will be needed currently and in the future.

Pastor Carrels reported on the contract that he has signed with the State Hospital. He provided a proposed calendar for time devoted to Gold Hill, the State Hospital, and his family. He emphasized that his schedule will be flexible to meet any pastoral needs and emergencies that arise.

The council discussed fencing options for the church property.

The council discussed a future vision of ministry and mission that would include a community garden and other uses for the church property. Nicholas has had contact with a potential grant funding source. It was the consensus of the council to continue this discussion.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

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Dear Gold Hill family in Christ,

I'm writing this on Mother's Day and our attendance was up, with some of you watching it on Facebook. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter and brighter, as to having our church completely restored. Dayspring hopes to be out of the building by July. It will look different for those of you who have not been able to see it lately. I think you'll be pleased with what you see. More importantly, being able to worship in the sanctuary as a church family is going to be exciting, reverent, and up lifting. I'm like a little kid in that I can hardly wait for it to happen.

These last two years have really been a testing ground for our faith and wondering if our church would survive. The pandemic and fire restoration have kept many of you at home and away from worship. The bottom line is every member is loved and when not here, you're missed. This building has risen out of the smoke, and is like new, ready for us to return, fill it, sing joyfully, and listen to God's word.

Our different outreach ministries, over the years, have been many and our open arms have ministered to many, outside the walls of this church building. We are ready to continue this work. Our Gold Hill Lutheran Church is alive and welcoming to one another and to the stranger/visitor that walks through our church doors. This is because you all, in the spirit of Christ, make them feel welcome.

Our Choir is back and practices on Thursday at 6:30 PM. We are few in number and are need of additional members. If you feel the spirit urging you to minister in this way, please consider joining us.

Your input is so important in all things concerning our church. Please share your thoughts/concerns with Pastor Marlow or our Church Council members. We're a friendly bunch and would welcome you with open arms.

Blessings,

Mike Lawson

Council President

Pastoral Report: 12 Apr – 10 May 2022

κήρυγμα kerygma / proclamation

Pastoral Acts:

- Worship Services Since 12 Apr: 4 Sunday
- Homebound / Visitations / phone calls: -- 6 – Homebound Communion 3
- Baptism:
- Funeral services: Lola Krueger: 25 Apr, interred at Mountain View
- Wedding:
- Funeral attendance:
- Official Meetings:
 - FIC 5/1-3
 - Chico various
 - FIC 3/18, 4/8

κοινωνία koinonia / community

διδασχὴ didache / teaching

- Bible Study: 4 (Tues) AWA 12
- Adult Forum: 4 AWA 5

διακονέω (diakonia / service)

προσκυνέω (proskuneo / worship):

- Joint worship meetings with Gloria Dei for Summer and Fall programming

Continuing Education Completed:

- INELDA Death Doula Training (42 hours)

Continuing Education in progress:

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

Current Tasks:

- Lent
- Discussing Roles of the Council
- Insurance
- Fire Task Force refit of the building

Council Discussion Items / To Do List:

Devotion plans

Role of the President and Worship leader

Average hours worked weekly since 8

Mar: 27

Looking Ahead:

Known Dates of Absentia:

Vacation for the rest of 2022:

Upcoming Vacation: May 30-Jun 20 (22 days, 3 Sundays)

Upcoming Con Ed.; Israel: Jun 21-Jun 30 (10 days, 1 Sunday)

Jan 1-2 (COMPLETE)

Chico Retreat: April 19-22 (COMPLETE)

Vacation taken: 2 Vacation days left: 26

Con ed days taken: 4 Con ed days left: 4

Sundays taken: 1 Sundays left: 3

May 10, 2022

Church Council
Gold Hill Lutheran Church
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Re: Resignation


Council Members,

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to leave my position at Gold Hill. My last day will be May 27, 2022.

Quite simply it is time for a change. My decision has nothing to do with Pastor Carrels, whom I admire and respect. Since coming to Gold Hill he has always been thoughtful, considerate, and kind to me, and has gone out of his way to ensure I was comfortable in this job. He made certain I had everything I needed while working from home due to the fire at Gold Hill and while operating under Covid restrictions.

I am sure you will have no trouble going forward. I have prepared a list of my duties, which along with my files and records I will deliver to Pastor Carrels. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Johnston".

Mary Johnston

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Worship Schedule:

Worship 9:30 am

10:45 am Coffee Hour

10:45 am Sunday School
 (September – May)

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Pastor Marlow Carrels
 Mike Lawson, Council President

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | 1
10:00 am LWR Quilters

5:30 pm Al-Anon | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5
9:30 am Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour | 6
10:00 am GHELC Book Club at The Springs | 7
8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins

6:00 pm Worship & Music mtng | 8
10:00 am LWR Quilters

5:30 pm Al-Anon | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12
9:30 am Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour | 13
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry | 14
8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins


10:00 am Gather Bible Study @The Springs | 15
10:00 am LWR Quilters

5:30 pm Al-Anon | 16
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters | 17
12 Noon 55+ Luncheon at Perkins | 18
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| 19
9:30 am Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour | 20
9 am We Deliver – Sack Lunch Ministry  | 21
8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins | 22
10:00 am LWR Quilters

5:30 pm Al-Anon | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26
9:30 am Worship
10:45 Coffee Hour | 27
VBS/Day Camp at Gloria Dei

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry | 28
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8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins | 29
VBS/Day Camp at Gloria Dei

10:00 am LWR Quilters
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