

# The Nugget



EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
UNITED TO SERVE

May 2022

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 Bishop: Faith

“Where is God in all this?!” I find myself asking this question a lot in recent times. Every day, we are constantly bombarded with the realities of human suffering caused by violence, climate, migration, physical and mental illness, unemployment, poverty, and hunger. Too many days we react to these realities with anger, hate, apathy, and escapism.

**As we face the messiness of the world, where is God in all this and what is God doing?** As we experience the anxiety, fear, and anger in the midst of change, what does it mean to follow Christ? As we discuss and disagree about things like “sanctuary” or “climate change” or the “ELCA,” what does it mean to be Church, the body of Christ, in this messy world?

These are important questions for us as followers of Christ to ask. But too often, we forget to ask them in the midst of our debates about this issue or that topic. Where is God in this? What does it really mean to follow Christ in this? What does it mean to be Christ’s Church in this? In other words, what often seems to be missing is faith, faith in the God of Jesus Christ.

**Faith is more than whether we believe in a God or in eternal life.** Faith has three intertwined parts, all of which need each other. First, faith is trust, trusting completely in the God of our new life in Christ to save us, protect us, care for us, and love us so deeply that nothing we do or what anyone else does can separate us from God’s love in Christ. “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want,” we say in faith. (Ps 23) “Do not worry, for your heavenly Father knows what you need,” Jesus preaches, reminding us to have faith. (Mt 6:31-32) **Faith is first and foremost trusting God no matter what the issue is.**

But faith is also commitment to the God in whom we trust. Faith is **following Jesus** wherever he calls us to go, being the people he calls us to be, and doing the work he calls us to do. Christ calls us out of our anger, our fear, our anxiety into the messy world to serve, care for, and love each other, especially those who need our compassion the most.

Faith also includes **our beliefs, our communal understandings about who God is**, how God works in the world, what Christ has done for us and continues to do for us through the Holy Spirit. While at times we may have differences in these beliefs, as followers of Christ, we turn to Scripture, the Creeds, the Lutheran Confessions, and the stories of faith experienced by the many saints around us to better understand our beliefs and to guide our faith into active love in our communities and the world.

**Ultimately, it is the Holy Spirit who creates this faith in us** and calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes us whole so that we are able to live out this faith together. But if we are distracted by other voices, we can’t hear the Spirit’s voice enlightening our beliefs. If we are trapped in our anger, we create stumbling blocks that make it hard for the Spirit to guide our commitment on the path of Christ. If we are overwhelmed by our anxiety, we close ourselves off from the faith that the Spirit is trying to work in us.

As you and your congregations face the realities of our messy times, I encourage you to take a step back from the issues that may be causing division among you and **explore your faith in the God of Jesus Christ together**. Create opportunities for the Spirit to work among you and ask yourselves, “**where is God working in our congregation right now?**” Ask “**what does it really mean for us to follow Christ in this time and place?**” Ask “**what does it really mean for us to be Church, the body of Christ, in our community and world?**” Explore these questions with one another and then, when you can honestly say that your Spirit-inspired faith is guiding you as the body of Christ, then engage the issues that concern you. You may be surprised by the results. With faith in the Spirit’s life-inspiring power.

Bishop Laurie



## Prayer Concerns

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

**Dick Fitzpatrick** - prayers for health and healing

**Family of Debbie Wieser** (Fred and Kemera Thomas' sister) - prayers of comfort following her death on March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Family of Lola Krueger** - prayers of comfort following her death

### Montana Synod Prayer Requests:

*For Pastor Tammy Bull (New Hope, Great Falls) as she recovers from pneumonia*

*For healing and a speedy recovery for Pr. Tammy Craker, who had a small stroke and is recovering and rehabbing in Billings*

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

*For all ranchers and farmers caring for their livestock in blizzards and all who are affected by bad weather*

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### May Birthdays/Anniversaries:

**Marlene Holland** - celebrating her birthday on May 1

**Shirley Ketchum** - celebrating her birthday on May 1

**Noah Thennis** - celebrating his baptismal birthday on May 4



**Cruz Trudgeon** - celebrating his baptismal birthday on May 8

**Dale Schultz** - celebrating his baptismal birthday on May 8

**Eli Corbin** - celebrating his birthday on May 9

**Kacy Bond** - celebrating her birthday on May 12

**Patricia Coleman** - celebrating her birthday on May 13

**Brieson Campbell** - celebrating his birthday on May 13

**Kim Mickelson** - celebrating her birthday on May 14

**Peggy Dean** - celebrating her birthday on May 17

**Arlene Munyon** - celebrating her birthday on May 19

**Byron DeWaay** - celebrating his birthday on May 19

**Doug Drew** - celebrating his birthday on May 20

**Ginger DeWitt** - celebrating her birthday on May 21

**Parker Langford** - celebrating her baptismal birthday on May 29

**Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick** - celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6

**John & Valerie Tadday** - celebrating their 55th anniversary on May 27

**Sandi & Gary Wenger** - celebrating their 45th anniversary on May 21

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Notices

### Deaths

04/06/2022 Lola Krueger

## Memorials & Honorariums

**In Memory of Shirley Erickson from:**

Vern & Jeanette Nielsen  
Colleen Tamblyn  
Shelly Anderson, estate gift  
Jody Bickford, estate gift

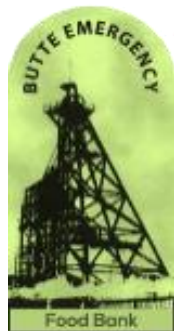
**In Memory of Susan Sansouci from:**

Colleen Tamblyn  
Carol Butler

**In Memory of Jean Brothers from:**

Vern & Jeanette Nielsen

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



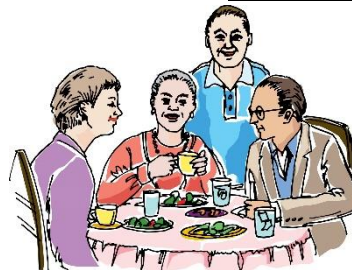
**Sunday School is up and running at Gold Hill! We are meeting after the 9:30 service.**

Ages 3 on up are welcome!

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

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### 55+ Lunch Bunch



**55+ Lunch group will meet on Friday, May 20th, 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**

# Gold Hill ELC Directions

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Financial Summary

by Danette Fitzpatrick

March 2022	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	32,100.79	12,000.00	20,100.79
Expenses	10,758.32	11,329.27	570.95
Net Income	21,342.47	670.73	20,671.74

Year to Date	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	66,015.99	36,000.00	30,015.99
Expenses	36,105.50	33,987.81	-2,117.69
Net Income	29,910.49	2,012.19	27,898.30

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 Committee meets monthly to discuss upcoming events at our Church. We make plans for the Sunday worship service and select music for the services and Choir. Our music is under the

direction of Dave Coleman. We discuss with Pastor Carrels the preparation needed for services and ensure items needed for the ceremony are available.

Over the past two years there have been members who felt more safe staying at home, but we look forward to returning to the sanctuary in the near future. We will post our lists for Lectors, Ushers, Communion Preparers, and Communion bread providers in the Fellowship Hall as in the past before we were placed under so many changes. I will review our previous lists for these services and make phone calls in May for any new participants that may want to help for when we return to the Sanctuary. These positions allow the service to unfold more smoothly and allow everyone to be an active part of worship.

We have tried a couple different seating arrangements in the Fellowship Hall. Do you have a favorite arrangement?

Previously, we talked about the opportunity to change the seating in the Sanctuary. Let Pastor Carrels know how you feel so this matter can be directed to the appropriate committee.

Our hymn selection will take place on May 2, 2022. Members have asked us to choose some more familiar hymns for our Sunday services. We will respond to those requests!

We will change the sign board when we receive the sign board letters which are currently in storage. The Church color for May is white. Thank you to Dorothy Tallon and Karen Galpin for the beautiful Altar paraments for Easter season.

Thank you to everyone who brought food for our Lenten soup and bread suppers with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The meals were delicious! We are happy to have Sue Repola assist with the music at our Worship services.

We are currently meeting on Thursday for Choir practice at Gold Hill at 6:00 PM with Dave Coleman. We would like to see our Choir grow in size. Everyone is invited to join-no expertise required, simply a desire to Praise the Lord through music!

We are awaiting the reopening of our restored Gold Hill Lutheran Church! I am so excited I have almost forgotten the inconveniences of the past two years with Covid and the smokey fire! My heart is filled with gratitude for our Church and all the Congregation. Praise be to God!

In service,  
Chris Ketchum

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### Music News

Praise music needs singers to sing praises to the Lord, and the Gold Hill Lutheran Church Choir is just the place for you to join in singing these praises!

Join us Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. for choir practice.

Blessings,

Dave Coleman

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## Stephen Ministry



In the interest of transparency, and in the hope that becoming a Stephen Minister will appeal to you, we are sharing this information about the program.

Stephen Ministry is a quiet and confidential program wherein a trained Stephen minister provides comfort, support, encouragement and/or help making decisions during a stressful time for his/her Care Receiver. Each Stephen Minister agrees to go through 50 hours of training prior to teaming with another person and promises to keep any information confidential.

We are working with the Stephen Leaders at Gloria Dei (John and Nancy Sparks) to hopefully start a training session in the fall and will have an informational meeting to answer questions you may have this spring or early summer. Please ask yourself if you feel called to this ministry of providing help and support to others.

At Gold Hill, Stephen Ministry has never asked for any funding from the general church budget. We have raised funds by holding our annual Harvest Auction and through the receipt of three grants.

These funds support education of Stephen Ministers, so people do not have to buy their own training materials, or the books used for continuing education. Funds raised also provide for the training of new Stephen Ministry leaders. Stephen Ministry has designated a portion of the funds from the Harvest Auctions each year for other projects at Gold Hill. We hope to be able to have our next Harvest Auction this fall so watch for details.

In Christ, Gold Hill Stephen Leadership Team  
Jeanette Quist, Revonda Stordahl,  
Mary Johnston, Kay Vang

## Schotte Scholarship Applications

**The Jennie Schotte Memorial Scholarship** was established by George Schotte in memory of his beloved wife, Jennie Schotte, who had a keen lifelong interest in education. This scholarship is made possible through an endowment and generous gifts by members and friends of Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church to the Gold Hill Lutheran Church Trust Fund.

### **Requirements:**

Applicant must complete the application form. The scholarship application form can be obtained from the church office; online at [www.goldhillelca.org](http://www.goldhillelca.org); and is also included in this newsletter (*see page 6*).

Applicant must be a member or an associate member of Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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**Worship Schedule:**

**Worship 9:30 am**

**10:45 am Coffee Hour**

**10:45 am Sunday School**

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**Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 8-12 & 1-3

**Pastor Marlow Carrels**

**Mike Lawson, Council President**

**Parish Admin. Assistant Mary Johnston**

# JENNIE SCHOTTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## GOLD HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH TRUST FUND

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Phone#

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of

College or School of Advance Studies: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Year In School (Please Circle)

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Vocational

Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Membership

And Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_




Student and

Other Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

# GOLD HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

## May 2022

*Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church, 934 Placer Street, Butte, MT 59701  
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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                                       | Saturday   |
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| <b>1</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>10:45 Coffee Hour<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>11 am Adult Forum | <b>2</b><br>10:00 am GHEL<br>Book Club at The Springs  | <b>3</b><br>8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins<br><br>5:30 pm Exec. Comm. mtng<br>6:00 pm Worship & Music mtng          | <b>4</b><br>10:00 am LWR Quilters<br><br>5:30 pm Al-Anon                             | <b>5</b><br>6:00 pm GH Choir practice  | <b>6</b>                                     | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>10:45 Coffee Hour<br>10:45 Sunday School<br>11 am Adult Forum | <b>9</b><br>6:00 pm Stephen Ministry   | <b>10</b><br>8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins<br><br>10:00 am Gather Bible Study @The Springs<br>6:00 pm Council mtng | <b>11</b><br>10:00 am LWR Quilters<br><br>5:30 pm Al-Anon                            | <b>12</b><br>6:00 pm GH Choir practice                                       | <b>13</b>                                    | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30 am Joint Worship Service with Gloria Dei at Stodden Park                   | <b>16</b><br>9 am We Deliver – Sack Lunch Ministry <br><br><i>Nugget Deadline</i> | <b>17</b><br>8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins   | <b>18</b><br>10:00 am LWR Quilters<br><br>5:30 pm Al-Anon                            | <b>19</b><br>10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters<br><br>6:00 pm GH Choir practice | <b>20</b><br>12 Noon 55+ Luncheon at Perkins | <b>21</b><br> |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>10:45 Coffee Hour<br>11 am Adult Forum                       | <b>23</b><br>6:00 pm Stephen Ministry  | <b>24</b><br>8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins   | <b>25</b><br>10:00 am LWR Quilters<br><br>5:30 pm Al-Anon                            | <b>26</b><br>6:00 pm GH Choir practice                                       | <b>27</b>                                    | <b>28</b>  |
| <b>29</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>10:45 Coffee Hour<br>11 am Adult Forum                       | <b>30</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>Memorial Day Holiday</b>   | <b>31</b><br>8:30 am Bible Study at Perkins   |  |  |  |  |