

The Nugget



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October 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)

GHLC President's Congregation Letter

By Mike Lawson

Greetings; Family of Gold Hill Lutheran Church,

As the bird Phoenix, from Greek mythology, obtains new life by arising from the ashes of its predecessor, so we here at Gold Hill, have seen our church building/congregation arise up out of covid and the fire, we experienced, that kept us out of our "Sanctuary" to worship. Those of you who have come to worship, you not only have experienced the joy of our coming together as a family in Christ, again, but you have seen the beautiful structural changes/improvements that are uplifting and add to our worship. Our attendance is improving weekly and we are seeing more children attending. The whole building has been renovated and the improvements have updated it to the building codes of 2022. We have a new Secretary, Tristyn Howard, who has her office organized and functioning again. She works from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM during the week. Pastor Marlow is getting his office up to par and is working out of it. Our ladies have gotten the kitchen cleaned/organized and have had funeral luncheons out of it already. The Knitters/Quilters have their rooms organized and functioning. The list goes on of activities starting to return to our Gold Hill building home. I would encourage those of you who have been away from worship to return to worship and see everything that is happening.

Some possibilities concerning worship, we the church council would like your input on. We will introduce two of them at Sunday Worship to think about, for a week and then with a show of hands see if you approve or disapprove of them. The first one concern is whether to install the big tv screen high the side wall behind the piano. This would allow the service/bulletin/songs be displayed for those who wanted to follow the service in that format. Others could still use the hymnals or regular bulletins. One group of people, whom I visited with, are some of the handicapped members in our congregation. Some of them have a hard time using the hymnals and bulletins, because of their disabilities. They expressed how beneficial it would be to follow the service by seeing it on the big screen. We would appreciate your comments concerning this possible worship enhancement. The second issue is the displaying the American/State flag in the Sanctuary and where, or have it displayed in the Fellowship Hall. This has been a controversial subject in different churches across our country from the Civil War to the present. Flag edict is involved where some feel that the Christian flag should have prominence, as the separation of Church and State is of importance. Pastor Carrols will address this in more detail. We have had these flags displayed in our Sanctuary in the pass, so you the congregation members are asked to make your wishes known concerning this.

Some of our Gold Hill Traditions have been put on hold these pass two years. One of these is the "Lutefisk Dinner" that has taken place on the first Saturday of December every year. Not only do many folks attend from the Butte Community but many out of town folks come to enjoy this Norwegian dinner. As many of you know we serve "Swedish Meatballs" as an alternative to the Lutefisk. Also served is boiled potatoes/carrots, beets, pickled herring, Norwegian cookies/fruit soup/lefse and more. It's always a joyous occasion for the community and beyond, to come together. I'll coordinate it and will ask for volunteers to do such duties as serving on the floor and the food line, dishwashers, cooks, table set-up, clean-up, etc. It's always been amazing how our members have stepped forward to make this happen. This year the Daughters of Norway have volunteered to help put it on and help make the lefse/cookies. I'll get volunteer sheets out in November for those who want to help, to sign up. I'm excited!!

The other tradition is the "Harvest Auction" put on by the Steven Ministry in November. It's always fun with many items auctioned after the potluck dinner. Lots of wonderful baked goods and handcrafted items.

As you can see our church is coming alive and many God's Work, Our Hands are beginning to happen.

I'll close for now and pray for blessings on each one of you.

Mike Lawson

GHLC President



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.

The Family John Stordahl.-John passed away from injuries sustained in a car accident. John of the son of Phyllis Steinbach, the brother of David Stordahl and Debra Seymour.

Bill Andersen- friend of Julie Corbin, he is in Seattle for heart repair and things have not gone well. He is in critical condition, please pray for knowledge for the doctors and healing for Bill.

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October/Anniversaries:

Hunter Meeks – celebrating his birthday
October 1

Steven Hecker – celebrating his birthday
October 3

Maria Biastoch – celebrating his birthday October 9

Dorothy Tallon – celebrating her birthday October 13

Josie Harvey – celebrating her birthday
October 14

Linda Moore – celebrating her birthday
October 17

Paul Vang – celebrating his birthday October
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Phyllis Steinbach-celebrating her birthday October 17

Ben Biastoch- celebrating his birthday October 18

Fay Taylor- celebrating her birthday October 23

Hynten Welker – celebrating his baptismal
birthday October 5th

Hutchen Welker-celebrating his baptismal
birthday October 27

Ed & Connie Engle – celebrating their anniversary
October 21

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Pastoral Care Acts

Notices

Deaths

08/06/2022 Tammie A. Engle

08/14/2022 Dorothy Killoy

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Ken Yates from:

Harold & Elinor Johns

In Memory of Charmain Griffin from:

Harold & Elinor Johns

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Check it out!

You are invited to check out our new website: <https://goldhillelca.org/> which is now fully operational and being updated now that there is a full time secretary. You can donate to Gold Hill online through our new website by clicking on the donation button! If you have any questions, please call the office (723-4242) or talk to Pastor Carrels.

Hope Lutheran has invited everyone to attend the worship service on October 23rd at 9:00 am. Bishop Lori will be presiding and there will be a luncheon at 11:30 am.

Installation of Pastor Trina Johnsten at Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Helena

You are invited to a Service of Holy Communion and Installation on Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 pm, as the people of Our Redeemer's welcome their new lead pastor, Rev. Trina Johnsten. Special guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. David J. Lose, senior pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran (Minneapolis), with Rev. Jason Asselstine, associate to the bishop of the Montana synod, officiating. All are invited to worship in person at 3580 North Benton Ave, Helena, Montana, 59602. The service will also be livestreamed, with a link on the front page of Our Redeemer's website (ourredeemerlives.org). Clergy who attend are invited to process. The color of the day will be green. There will be a reception following the service.

Dr. Lose will also be preaching at the two morning services (8:30 and 11:00).

Butte Rescue Mission Banquette is October 12th at 6:00 pm at the Maroon Activities Center. If you would like to purchase tickets please visit <https://butterescuemission.org/>



Painting of window sills and soffits continue on the parsonage. Most sills have received a second coat. Painting will continue throughout the week until finished, weather and conditions

permitting. Anyone interested in helping can meet at the parsonage at 6:00 pm weeknights, and after noon on weekends.

Sprinklers are on schedule for end-of-the-season blow out in preparation for winter.

Much thanks and appreciation to the woman who have taken care of the flowers that looks so beautiful. Great work ladies!!

-Your sister in Christ,
Lynn McGlynn

A Little Intro from the Parish Admin

Hello everyone! I thought I would take a little time to introduce myself. My name is Tristyn Howard. I was born here in Butte and went to elementary school here and then started going to Whitehall where I graduated in 2015. I grew up working on ranches and working with cattle, not much will motivate me to wake up at 3:30 am but the back of a horse and pushing cows is my happy place. When I graduated I wanted to explore a little bit so I moved down to Arizona with my now husband and lived there for 4 years. I also attended Arizona State University online and have a bachelor's degree in Health Science. My first summer in Arizona I experienced what it felt like to be baked in the oven and I definitely don't miss that extreme heat! I really enjoyed Arizona and discovered my love for tacos and good spicy salsa-yum! Eventually my husband and I decided to move back to Butte in 2019. I worked at a mental health facility for a couple of years which was a challenging, rewarding, and a difficult experience. My husband and I recently had the opportunity to buy a home up in the Highlands which we have been working on remodeling. Most of the time you can expect to find me outside working in my flower beds and garden, riding a horse, hiking, and baking. I am very grateful to be working here and I feel right at home. I have loved all of the visits I have received in my office over the past couple of weeks and getting to know everyone. I look forward to getting to know you all better and helping out in any way possible!

Your new parish admin,
-Tristyn

Gold Hill is on YouTube!

Pastor Carrels is uploading Gold Hill videos which can be viewed on YouTube. If you're interested, use this link to check it out:



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCanBvgTwwtCgPHtYdz_OXw Questions? Talk to Pastor or call the church office (723-4242).

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Food Bank Donations

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Gold Hill cannot take physical donations of food. However, your monetary donations are still needed.

Mail your monetary donation directly to:

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



Thank you for your generosity!

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HARVEST AUCTION RETURNS!

Get ready for the fun of an after worship brunch potluck, silent auction, and raffle baskets on Sunday November 13. It's been such a long time since we've been able to do these fun things.

Here's a few details to help us remember. We welcome donations to the silent auction of craft items, home canned and baked products, and items you no longer use/need that are in excellent condition, and the promise of homemade items for delivery at a future date. There will be several silent auction tables open for bidding immediately following worship. Each will close for bidding at different times.

There will be two raffle baskets. One with a gift certificate to an Italian restaurant, one to a Mexican restaurant. Each basket will include other items fitting those themes. Tickets for the raffle will be \$5 each and will be available during coffee hours - watch for this!

Stephen Minister Training

We hope to offer Stephen Minister training in the near future. If you are interested in learning more about this caring ministry and feel you could be of service to others please talk to any one of Gold Hill's Stephen Ministers. We will be available after worship services during the coffee hour here at church. Or if you would rather speak to one of us with more confidentiality please call someone by phone.

We will offer this training as a joint project with Gloria Dei and their Stephen Ministers John and Nancy Sparks. Please pray that you or anyone who feels an interest in this program will get the information they want and will hopefully join the group.

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We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry

Volunteers for September were:
Patty Callaghan, Jeanette Quist,
Connie & Ed Engle, Annette
Lawson, Lynn Anikisdal, Bill Hill,
Cory Beck. Thank you!



Food supplies & donations for food provided by:
Patty Callahan, Bill Hill, Annette Lawson, Danette
Fitzpatrick, Lynn McGlynn, Shelly Anderson, JoAnn
Farrow, Jeanette Nielson. Thank you!

We will meet this month on October 17th in the Hall to put these lunches together. If you have any questions please feel free to call Annette Lawson, at 406-490-7751.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Danette Fitzpatrick

Financial Summary

AUGUST	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER
INCOME	6,319.19	12,000.00	-5,680.81
EXPENSE	12,345.04	11,329.27	1015.77
NET INCOME	6,025.85	670.73	-6,696.58

YEAR TO DATE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER
INCOME	84,735.74	96,000.00	12,173.44
EXPENSE	96,119.71	90,634.16	5,485.55
NET INCOME	12,053.73	5,365.84	6,687.89

Just a reminder that our new website, <https://goldhillelca.org>, has a donation button. You can donate to the church by clicking on the link and inputting some basic information. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BUDGET. Danette Fitzpatrick at 406-565-6310 or email at danenurse@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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



Worship and Music

The lists for the Lectors, Ushers, and Communion Assistants are posted in the Fellowship Hall monthly. Thank you for the responses to the Time and Talent sheets. The Church color remains green

until the end of October. Our Altar cloths were professionally cleaned and returned by Dayspring. They are as beautiful as new. We have purchased a cover for the Grand piano. All the pianos will be tuned this month. Choir has started on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Choir room with Dave Coleman as Director. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join! We discussed the noisy offering which we will start the last Sunday of

September with proceeds going to help feed those with limited resources. The Sunday school members will be asked to assist with this collection. Pastor Carrels said we will have Communion at the rail on the last Sunday of each month. Looking forward to next month-October 30, 2022 is Reformation Sunday. We have discussed having Adult Forum addressing why we celebrate

Reformation Sunday. We ask that the Congregation wear red and will invite Gloria Dei to participate. Jeanette Nielson and Ginger DeWitt have been busy deep cleaning the kitchen and so be sure to give them a big thank you. We are ready for any occasion that we need to prepare and serve food in the Fellowship Hall. Dave has the Choir room organized and already we are practicing three new music pieces for October. Randy Farrow, Mike Lawson and Dave Stordahl have helped to put up shelves to hang our Paraments. We appreciate having a special place to keep them- thank you. I have heard many good comments about being back in the Sanctuary and opening the Church! This is an exciting time for us all to embrace and cherish. There is planning, singing, sewing, serving, Sunday school,

worship, fellowship and laughter every week again! I don't know about you but could we ask for more? My heart is bursting with happiness! Praise the Lord for He is very good!

-Chris Ketchum

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Worship Schedule:

9:30 am



Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council
Minutes – September 13,
2022

Minutes from Council Meeting 13 Sep 2022

Present: Mike, Marlow, Pat, Chris, Jon, Danette, Lynn; Guest Curt; absent: Nicholas, Ty, Begin at 6:04

Curt provides financial recap on Dayspring Project
We are withholding some money from Dayspring until Non-restore items inventory (approx. 10-15K owed to us).

Second paragraph page 2, should read “\$20060.08 to be used at council’s discretion” not 2060.08

New invoice from DS: Packout invoice for approximately 37K

Dayspring donated approximately 11K to the church.

Pastor report: See attached: Added conversation about flags, executive decisions, and building issues.

Pastor spoke about the Nominating committee discussion: we have one person who is willing to continue serving on the committee. The council can step in to help with nominations. We currently have two nominations. Pr. Carrels will provide the information needed to the council for nominations

Bulletin / screen discussion:

Mike presents an idea to put the “big” tv that was in the fellowship hall into the sanctuary. Can Pr. present this idea this Sunday for congregational discussion?

Dayspring Walk-through: There was a walk through with Dayspring. Minor issues were found, and DS is working on it.

What Groups are coming back to GH?: Does Overeater’s Anon want to come back? Yes. Cloggers? Unknown. Mike will call them to find out. Daughters of Norway are coming back. Heatherlynn Meeks will begin offering an exercise class in the old choir room on Tuesdays

Jon’s Report see attached:

Preschool has signed the contract, but renter’s insurance is needed from them. The preschool would like to build a second bathroom in the basement. They are willing to donate a tile floor and toilet...Pat moved to allow this: Lynn second, passed

Lutefisk Supper (stinky fish fry): Will we do a lutefisk dinner? Danette has passed the Lutefisk book off to Mike so that he, Kevin, and Lynn can plan the event. Danette moved to have Lutefisk Supper, Lynn seconds, passed

Advertising for Lutefisk Supper: We will need to advertise for the lutefisk, insty prints and pit printers. Can / Should outreach committee do this?

Harvest Auction: Can Stephen Ministry do harvest dinner on Nov 13 with a silent auction. Danette moved to have the auction, Jon seconds, passed

Butte Rescue Mission: Pr. will get information from Butte Rescue Mission for their various needs this autumn put out to the congregation.

Kogodus Retreat: Kogodus prison retreat is happening in November. Mike is acting as retreat master. Mike will provide a temple talk during worship the week after.

Quickbooks issue: Updating Quickbooks will cost \$500. We have several designated funds that need to be cleaned up and talked about, including some that need to be used. Danette will speak with Ty, Revonda, Joanne to take a look at the various funds and clean it up.

Painting Party: Lynn will purchase supplies for “painting party” on 18 Sep and recoup from the church at a later date.

Ended with Lord’s Prayer at 7:36

CHURCH COUNCIL September 2022:

Mike Lawson -
President

Jon Williamson -
Administration Director

Danette Fitzpatrick -
Treasurer

Ty Inglis -
Secretary

Pat Gruss -
Spiritual Growth
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Chris Ketchum -
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Pastor Marlow Carrels

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Calendar

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