

The Nugget



**EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
UNITED TO SERVE**

March 2023

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)

Dear sibling in Christ,

We have seen many changes throughout the years and throughout the world. Sometimes we've been left yearning for the days when things didn't feel so complicated. Other times, we have seen something new happen and have asked, "Why did this take so long?" The church has been through our own changes as well. Some of these have left us wishing for simpler times while others have us waiting for even more to come about.

But, dear church, God still is unchanging. God's love is still the foundation on which the church was built. While we have seen many changes, both in the world and at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the eternal love of God and the good news that dwells with Christ's death and resurrection continue to provide hope for everyone. This is why our mission remains steadfast, whether that is through our traditional mission work in places near and far or from new ventures and visions that encourage us to think of different ways to reach even more people.

We are all answering the call to continue to do good work with the help of your support, whether that is through your resources, your time or your talents.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (13:16). That could not be truer in the work we have been doing in each expression of the church. Your gifts continue to benefit the good work of spreading the good news throughout your communities, your synods and the whole church. We are all answering the call to continue to do good work with the help of your support, whether that is through your resources, your time or your talents.

I am grateful for your generous support of each expression of the church. God calls all of us to continue to do the good work, and you continue to answer that call. We also continue to join you in that call and will remain true to looking toward God's unchanging promise. There is still much change and learning that will come before us, but God's steadfast love energizes us for the work God is still doing in the world through this church.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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.

Ron Coleman-prayers for comfort and healing

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March Birthdays /Anniversaries:

Patti Chain – celebrating her birthday

March 6

Dale Schultz – celebrating his birthday

March 10

Linda Williamson – celebrating her birthday March 14

Tony Cloyd – celebrating his birthday March 14

Noah Coleman – celebrating his birthday March 18

Pat Burns – celebrating her birthday March 19

Lynn Aniksdal – celebrating her birthday March 19

Bruce Gravings-celebrating his birthday March 20

Bob Matson- celebrating his birthday March 27



Jennifer Flemming- celebrating her baptismal birthday

March 28

Savanna-Flemming- celebrating her baptismal

birthday March 28

Cierra Flemming- celebrating her baptismal birthday

March 28

Bruce Graving- celebrating his baptismal birthday

March 29

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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).

This is the first notice for a
Congregational meeting to choose a call
committee. We must announce 3 times
and vote on it on the 3rd Sunday of
announcements. The dates are February
19th, February 26th and March 5th when
we will vote after worship.

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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!

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.

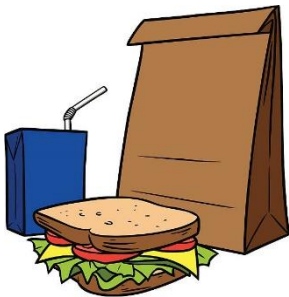
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We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry

Volunteers for January were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Bill Hill, Shelly Anderson, Jeanette Nielsen, Connie & Ed Engle. Thank you!

Food supplies & donations for food provided by: Bill Hill, Shelly Anderson, Chris Ketchum, Linda Williamson, Linda Moore, Ty Englis, Annette Lawson. Thank you!

We will meet this month on March 20th in the Hall to put these lunches together. If you have any questions please feel free to call Annette Lawson, at 406-490-7751.



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



Financial Summary

By Danette Fitzpatrick

JANUARY 2023	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	11,970.30	11,460.00	510.30
Expenses	10,857.63	11,459.98	-602.36
Net Income	1,112.68	0	1,112.68

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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!

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Trust Committee

The Give Back Program task force decided to distribute the \$493.61 as follows: \$100 to Action Inc., \$100 to the Rescue Mission, \$100 to Safe Space and \$193.61 to undesignated fund GHELCA

Thank you
Ron Gruss
Trust committee chairperson

Worship and Music

March 1, 2023 begins our season of Lent this year. We will have Lenten worship services on Wednesdays at 630 PM here at Gold Hill Lutheran. Pastor Sara



Schilcher will preside at these services and plans to use the Holden Evening Prayer. We welcome Gloria Dei to worship with us. Soup and bread suppers will be served in our Fellowship Hall at 5:45 prior to worship. Everyone looks forward to the wide variety of soups.

Come share your favorite recipe! There are sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. All the Lent services will be here at Gold Hill Church. Music is a very vital part of worship. We appreciate Dave Coleman who plays faithfully every week and directs the Choir. Many thanks to Sue Repola who is playing for the Lenten services throughout March 2023 and fills in when necessary. We are blessed with these two talented Musicians. Welcome to Shelly Anderson who will be the Worship and Music Chairperson. We look forward to working with her. Easter and Holy Week are approaching in early April. If you or a group would be interested in making a banner for Holy Week let us know. It is fun! During this time of waiting for a Pastor, please express your sincere gratitude, to those members who preside over our Sunday service, for their Ministry. We treasure them! Even though it is so cold, there are lengthening days and Daylight savings on March 12, 2023. Mark the calendar- for Spring is coming! We pray for guidance as we go forward in yet another set of challenges at Gold Hill Lutheran. We are a strong, committed and resilient Congregation. May we seek Gods will and remain hopeful for the plans in store for Gold Hill Lutheran and our Congregation.

Blessings to all,
Worship and Music Committee

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Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes - January 10, 2023



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

Absent: Nicholas Conlan

Mike Lawson called the meeting to order.

Pastor Carrels provided devotions.

Pastor Carrels announced his resignation from his call at Gold Hill. He is taking a call from Freedom in Christ Ministries at the State Prison. His last Sunday will be February 5, 2023 and his last day of work will be February 10, 2023. The Montana Synod will be in contact with Gold Hill regarding the transition.

It was motioned, seconded and carried (MSC) to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting

Pastor's report: Pastor Carrels provided his report on recent activities. He and his family are in the process of moving out of the parish house. He reflected on the future of the church. He reported that while he is resigning his call, his family will remain in Butte. Appropriate boundaries are important moving forward.

President's report: Mike reported that he has been preaching at the UCC. He reported that the Daughters of Norway want to be part of the lutefisk dinner again. We will split approximately \$1,600 with them from the last dinner. The slide shows on the television in the sanctuary have received overwhelmingly positive comments.

Administration Director report: Jon reported that the gift policy will be presented to the annual meeting.

Worship ministry report: Chris presented her written report that covered worship servers, hymn selection, Lent preparation with Gloria Dei. There will be a new worship chairperson elected at the annual meeting.

Leadership Ministry report: Lynn reported on two new committee members. Lynn announced her intention to resign her position before the annual meeting.

Spiritual Growth report: Pat reported on Sunday School attendance which has been between 3 and 11 people.

Outreach Ministry: Nicholas was absent

Treasurer's report: Danette presented the December financial statements. We received the last check from the insurance company. We need to resolve issues about utility bills during construction. We need to provide documentation of the increase due to construction in order to be reimbursed.

Other business:

It was motioned and seconded to authorize the council to rent the parish house for up to a year and to form a task force to study and evaluate the use of that property going forward.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting adjourned.

CHURCH COUNCIL January 2023:

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
goldhilloutreach@gmail.com

Pastor Marlow Carrels

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council

Minutes – February 14, 2023

Attendance: David Stordahl, Shelly Anderson, Danette Fitzpatrick, Ty Inglis, Pat Gruss, Jon Williamson, Nicholas Conlan

Absent: Miriam Haley

David Stordahl called the meeting to order.
Jon Williamson provided devotions.
Linda Moore was a guest. She and Miriam Haley, Leadership council member, have been working on an inventory of projects that need to be completed. They will ask members to sign up to complete the work needed on the facilities.

It was motioned, seconded and carried (MSC) to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting
Treasurer's report: Danette presented the January financial statements. MSC to accept the treasurer's report.

President's report: David reported that he walked through the parsonage and things looked good.

Administration Director report: Jon reported that the gift policy was approved at the annual meeting. Jon's meeting with Dave Coleman has been delayed and was rescheduled. We need to elect a call committee, review the constitution and update it, and establish by laws.

Worship ministry report: Shelly will be working with Dorothy Talen and Chris Ketchum to transition to her new role as worship ministry leader.

Leadership Ministry report: Miriam was absent. There was a discussion related to church keys and who has them. There was also a discussion of changing codes on the lock boxes. It was MSC to change locks, make new keys and look into changing the lock boxes. There was a letter sent to Pastor Carrels and his family thanking them for the good condition of the parish house after they vacated the property.

Spiritual Growth report: Pat reported on Sunday School attendance which has been between 2 and 4 people.

Outreach Ministry: Nicholas reported that we are waiting on the IRS for our 501(c)(3) determination letter. There was a discussion of the vacant lot and potential uses. We need to be mindful of liability issues if our usage of the property changes.

Other business:

The council discussed the visit from Bishop Laurie and her assistant. We need to announce the election of a call committee for three consecutive weeks.
The council discussed our current banking relationship and alternatives.

David Stordahl presented a letter from Gloria Dei's leadership. It was the consensus to have members from Gold Hill's council meet with Gloria Dei council members to discuss ways that we can work together during this transition.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.
The meeting adjourned.

CHURCH COUNCIL February/March 2023:

Dave Stordahl -
President

Jon Williamson -
Administration Director

Danette Fitzpatrick -
Treasurer


Ty Inglis -
Secretary

Pat Gruss -
Spiritual Growth
Ministry, Team Leader

Shelly Andersen -
Worship Ministry, Team Leader

Miriam Haley -
Leadership Ministry, Team Leader

Nicholas Conlan -
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			10:00 am LWR Quilters 5:45 Soup & Bread Supper 6:30 pm Lent Service GH Choir Practice after worship			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Coffee Hour 10:45 am Sunday School 11: 00 am Adult Forum	10:00 am GHELC Book Club	8:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Executive Meeting 5:30 pm Exercise class 6:00 pm Worship and Music	10:00 am LWR Quilters 5:45 Soup & Bread Supper 6:30 pm Lent Service GH Choir Practice after worship			
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