

The Nugget



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

October 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)

Greetings from Pastor Sarah

Happy Fall! We can feel that it is officially here, with the morning chill and the afternoon sun. It's the season for scarves and sweaters, and a cozy cup of hot apple cider. For me, cozying up in a warm blanket with a warm drink and a good book, is a wonderfully comforting activity. I feel safe, warm, protected, at peace.

2nd Thessalonians 3:16 says, "Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all."

We, as human beings, seek out places of comfort and of peace, we look for opportunities to feel at ease, places that we can be our true selves, we yearn to feel peace in our minds, in our bodies, in our lives. We often look for this comfort and peace in temporary places, financial security, a new relationship, a getaway. But there is only one place where we can find true peace, and that, is with God.

No matter what it is that we are facing in our lives at this moment, God is there with us, providing that comfort and that peace, if only we don't turn away from it. There are so many ways that the world attempts to distract us from what only God can give. It is our job to recognize that only God is able to give us the true desires of our hearts.

If you seek comfort, God is that source. "May the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all."

Peace,

Pastor Sarah



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.

DorothyAnne Honeychurch-prayers for health and recovery.

Sue Repola and her family-Myra DeMotts (*Sue's mother*) passed away, prayers for peace and healing.

Colleen Tamblyn-prayers for health and healing.

Dick Fitzpatrick-prayers for health and healing.

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October birthdays/Anniversaries:

Hunter Meeks – celebrating his birthday
October 1

Steven Hecker – celebrating his birthday
October 3



Maria Biastoch – celebrating her 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 17

Phyllis Steinbach-celebrating her birthday October 17

Ben Biastoch- celebrating his birthday October 18

Nancy Rowe- celebrating her birthday October 30

Hynten Welker – celebrating his baptismal birthday
October 5

Hutchen Welker- celebrating his baptismal birthday
October 27

Ed & Connie Engle-celebrating their
anniversary October 21



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Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Fay Taylor from:
Jeanette & Vern Nielsen

In Memory of Dave Jordan from:
Jeanette & Vern Nielsen

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

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).

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If you have any announcements or changes you would like to have in the Bulletin please submit them **no later than Thursday morning**.

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Food Bank Donations



Please consider donating to the food bank. Gold Hill is currently not accepting donations at the church.

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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Prayer Shawl

Knitters/All Knitters

We are running low on prayer shawls! Please get your needles out to help build up the supply. There is yarn at the church if you need some. We appreciate all of your help!

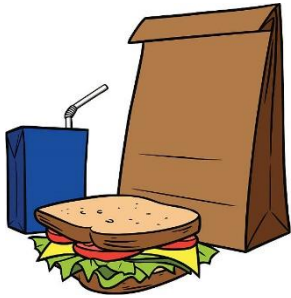
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The joint Gold Hill/Gloria Dei Sunday School is off and running! We had 12 students the first week and 15 the second. The children are from ages 2 through 6th grade. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews or neighbors, bring them to Gloria Dei on Sunday at 10:00 AM. The lessons follow the texts that are presented during worship.

We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry

Volunteers for September were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Bill Hill, Patti Chain, Ed & Connie Engle, Jeanette Nielsen, Cory Beck. Thank you!



Food supplies & donations for food provided by: Bill Hill, Annette Lawson, Jeanette Nielsen, Chris Ketchum, Thank you!

We will meet this month on October 23 at 9:00 am 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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THANK YOU!

Butte Glass-for doing an excellent job on the windows in the sanctuary.

Shelly Anderson and Linda Moore-for the beautiful flower gardens this summer!

Mike Lawson, Rande Farrow, Dave Stordahl-for working on the preschool storage room.

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Worship Schedule:

Sunday's at 9:00 am

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary

By Danette Fitzpatrick

August 2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
Income	10,136.85	11,460.00	-158.72
Expense	7,888.78	11,459.98	-3,571.20
Net Income	2,247.87	.02	2,247.85

YEAR TO DATE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
Income	107,446.18	92,280.00	15,166.18
Expenses	88,546.33	91,679.84	-3,133.51
Net Income	18,899.85	600.14	18,299.16

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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Lefse Making

Lefse making will be taking place soon! On October 23rd at 9:00 am in the Fellowship hall we will be peeling potatoes if you interested in joining. On October 24th at 9:00 am we will be cooking and rolling out the Lefse. Any help is appreciated, we look forward to seeing you!

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Harvest Auction

The Harvest Auction is quickly approaching! If you have something for the auction you may leave it in the office with Tristyn. We are looking forward to all the crafts and goodies this year!

"BIDS FOR KIDS " COMING SOON **TO GLORIA DEI**

Tickets go on sale October 1 for the dinner on October 12th at Gloria Dei. Tickets are \$30 each and the dinner will be catered by Casagrand's. Your ticket includes dinner, the restaurant gratuity, appetizers, dessert and a variety of beverages. Tickets will not be sold at the door because we need to give a firm number to the caterer. Last day to purchase tickets is October 5.

Gloria Dei is raising money to make the basement of the church fire safe so it can once again be used as a day-care or preschool. Depending on grants and other fund-raising efforts, this may be a multi-year project.

Festivities will kick-off at 5:00 pm on October 12th with appetizers and beverages. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and the live auction will start about 7:00 pm with Bob Green as auctioneer. One of the highlights of the evening is the silent auction. There are always lots of goodies (think lefse and pies) along with themed baskets and crafts.

Childcare will be available. For dinner tickets, contact Marilyn Krause at 406-490-7486 or Susanne Whelchel at 406-391-4829 by October 5.



MEETING HELD AT GOLD HILL

Attendance: David Stordahl, Shelly Anderson, Ty Inglis, Pat Gruss, Jon Williamson, Danette Fitzpatrick, Miriam Haley, Pastor Sarah Schilcher

Absent: Nicholas Conlan

Guests: Call committee members

David Stordahl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Sarah provided devotions.

It was motioned, seconded and carried (MSC) to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting.

Treasurer: Danette previously sent the August financial statements.

President's report: Dave provided an update on various repair and maintenance projects. We don't know when the outside dirt work will begin.

Administration: Jon is working on the constitution revision. He reported that the pre-school water issues have been resolved. He discussed the need for a joint committee to work on expectations and context for Pastor Sarah's work with Gold Hill and Gloria Dei.

Worship: Shelly reported that Pastor Sarah's father (who is a pastor) will be in Butte. Pastor Sarah and her father will lead worship. Banners have been ordered for the church.

Leadership: Miriam reported about the water leak in the storage area. The pre-school is in need of more storage.

Spiritual Growth: Pat reported that Sunday School will be held jointly at Gloria Dei. She sees great possibilities for the joint program.

Outreach: Nicholas was absent. He sent a video report to Pastor Sarah. The video contained his resignation from both the Council and from Gold Hill membership. Due to its length, the video will be sent to council members to view on their own. The council discussed the need for his replacement or someone to fill in until the annual meeting.

Pastor Sarah: She extended a formal invitation to a joint council meeting with Gloria Dei. Gold Hill members will meet at 5:30 with the joint meeting beginning at 7:00pm. Pastor Sarah provided a list of her monthly activities.

Other business:

The council discussed the Good Samaritan fund with a balance of \$561.51. It was the consensus to maintain the fund at Gold Hill for the near future. There will be further investigation of a comingled fund among other churches in Butte.

There was discussion about formation of a joint committee with Gloria Dei. This group will plan and coordinate the details of an agreement for Pastor Sarah to serve each congregation. There will need to be two congregational meetings that are three months apart. The Montana Synod will also need to approve the final agreement.

Gold Hill received a request to send a Jerusalem Bible to someone in the pre-release facility. There was no motion on the issue.

The council discussed the upcoming special congregational meeting to vote on sidewalk and window projects.

Aric Sorenson, call committee chair, provided an overview of the call committee's process over the past few months. The call committee's recommendation is to enter into a Shared Ministry Agreement with Gloria Dei for Pastor Sarah to be the pastor of Gold Hill. Aric noted that Pastor Sarah is eligible to supervise a seminary student intern. This option will be investigated.

It was MSC to accept the call committee's recommendation to enter into the Shared Ministry Agreement with Gloria Dei.

It was MSC to thank the call committee for their faithful work.

It was MSC to disband the call committee because their work is complete.

The council discussed the Outreach ministry council position and option for moving forward after Nicholas Conlan's resignation.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Special Congregation meeting

Minutes - September 17, 2023

Congregational President David Stordahl called the meeting to order.

President Stordahl described two projects that require congregational approval.

The first project is to replace sidewalks to be ADA compliant. There was a motion and second to approve the project. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The second project relates to outside painting needed around the windows. We need to obtain bids and authorize the congregation Council to execute a

contract for painting around the outside windows. There was a motion and second to approve the project. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Aric Sorenson, chair of the call committee, provided an overview of the call process for a new pastor. The recommendation from the call committee is to enter into a shared ministry agreement with Gloria Dei. Also, the call committee recommends that we begin the process to have an intern serve at Gold Hill and Gloria Dei. There was a motion and second to authorize the executive committee to enter into the agreement for Pastor Sarah Schilcher to serve Gold Hill. The vote was unanimous.

CHURCH COUNCIL September 2023:

Dave Stordahl -
President

Jon Williamson -
Administration Director

Danette Fitzpatrick -
Treasurer

Ty Inglis -
Secretary

Pat Gruss -
Spiritual Growth
Ministry, Team Leader

Shelly Anderson -
Worship Ministry, Team Leader

Miriam Haley -
Leadership Ministry, Team Leader

Outreach Ministry

Pastor Sarah Schilcher

1 Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and renew our trust in the authority of his teachings and actions as the Son of God, born among us for our salvation.

2 Remember in prayer those who have suffered tragedy, displacement and loss as a result of the wildfires in Maui. Ask God to stir their hope and strength for the long recovery ahead and inspire our generosity in supporting relief and rebuilding efforts, including the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and the Pacifica Synod.

3 “Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). Pray that our lives might reflect the selflessness of Jesus and the work of the Spirit, which enable us to act with compassion and empathy for the well-being of our neighbor, our communities and the church.

4 *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi* Pray for the Spirit to stir within us humility, generosity and respect for our neighbors in need and for all living creatures. Give thanks for pets that provide joy and companionship and for service animals that benefit people with physical and cognitive disabilities.

5 Pray for those gathering for the Center of Addiction & Faith annual conference in Bloomington, Minn., including rostered ministers and lay leaders, health care professionals, addiction specialists, people in recovery and those who love people affected by addiction. Pray that we might grow in our awareness of addiction and respond with compassion.

6 Praise God for the love and mercy woven into the Bible, pray that we might share God’s story and the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere, and ask the Spirit to inspire our belief, faith and awe. “We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done” (Psalm 78:4).

7 Pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger in feeding the hungry and connecting people with education, health care, clean water and sustaining sources of income. Give thanks for our partners in this work, including global companion churches, the Lutheran

World Federation, Bread for the World, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief.

8 Jesus, the Son of God, was humble yet strong, and endured suffering and death to be resurrected for our sake. This is the cornerstone of our faith and salvation. Praise God and sing with thanksgiving and joy for all to hear.

9 *Indigenous Peoples’ Day* Remember in prayer and give thanks for Indigenous communities that have lived in the Americas and other parts of the world for thousands of years. Pray that we will not waver in our commitment to repentance, reconciliation, healing and unity as neighbors and children of God.

10 Pray for a peaceful resolution to the war in Ukraine, and be mindful of how it impacts every nation and our daily lives.

11 Praise God for our faith in Jesus Christ, who frees us from the restraints and shortcomings of our past so that we can move forward in our baptismal journey of connecting our faith with everyday life, serving neighbors in need, spreading hope and living with gratitude.

12 Ask God to guide and, when needed, temper our words so that others will know God’s love and forgiveness and the truth of the gospel through what we say. “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer” (Psalm 19:14).

13 Pray for the vitality and effectiveness of our seminaries as they prepare leaders who will respond to God’s call, equipping congregations and other communities of faith to nurture disciples of Christ and do God’s work in the world.

14 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are overwhelmed by confusion, conflict and suffering. Ask the Spirit to make us bearers of hope, encouragement and wisdom for our neighbors, reflecting the trustworthy light of Jesus Christ and the comforting love of God.

15 We trust in the promise of eternal life with God. Pray that, rather than take this gift for granted, we might be inspired to live in joy and gratitude, sharing

that joy with others and proclaiming what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

16 Remember in prayer the 131 ELCA missionary households and 25 Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers who serve alongside our siblings in Christ and global companions in 45 countries.

17 “Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times” (Psalm 106:3). Ask the Spirit to fill us with love and reverence for our neighbors as children of God, that people of all backgrounds, abilities, ages, beliefs, needs and circumstances might be treated with respect, fairness and compassion.

18 Give thanks for the gifts and service of military chaplains, who care for U.S. military personnel and their families across our nation and in their countries of deployment.

19 Give thanks for writers, editors and photographers who serve the church by sharing the gospel, telling stories of faith and service, inspiring us and revealing how God works through our church, congregations and siblings in Christ.

20 Pray for those whose lives and communities have been forever changed by severe weather and wildfires, and who are immersed in the long, demanding work of rebuilding their lives and communities, here and around the world.

21 Ask God to bless the work of the Christian Education Network of the ELCA and its members, professionals and volunteers who are involved in lifelong faith formation ministries in congregations and ELCA-affiliated organizations.

22 Pray that we will be obedient and loyal to God and, at the same time, respond to God’s call to live as responsible, involved citizens in our communities and the world.

23 Give thanks for Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the ELCA, and pray for their ministries, which nurture faith, promote healing and wholeness, help people discern their spiritual gifts and vocations, and equip them to serve as disciples of Christ.

24 Pray for our congregations and synods, affiliated ministries and organizations, and full communion partners that we might encourage and support one

another, share resources and ideas, and work together to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

25 Pray that God will further the work of our church’s AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) for welcoming and protecting migrant children and their families, accompanying them in court, advocating for just and humane immigration policies and supporting companions in Latin America who care for deported and returned migrants in their countries of origin.

26 “Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples” (Psalm 96:2-3). Ask the Spirit for the words we need to share our faith and tell God’s story of love, hope and forgiveness.

27 Ask God to make us a dynamic and engaged church of the present and future, driven by God’s redemptive love to be attentive to the world and culture and agile in how we proclaim the gospel and do God’s work in the world.

28 Give thanks for grandparents who inspire our faith, share their wisdom and gifts, care for grandchildren and enrich our communities of faith with diverse perspectives and ideas.

29 *Reformation Sunday* Give thanks for Martin Luther and other Protestant reformers who, at significant risk, challenged traditions and practices of the church that strayed from Scripture and proclaimed that God’s love and forgiveness are ensured through Jesus Christ.

30 Pray for ELCA World Hunger’s Education and Networking Grants, which assist congregations, synods and partner organizations throughout the United States and the Caribbean in developing education and service-learning programs that deepen our understanding of hunger and poverty.

31 *Reformation Day* “Faith is a living, bold trust in God’s grace, so certain of God’s favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God’s grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures” (Martin Luther). Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and praise for God’s grace, which comes to us as a gift and sets us free, lifting our spirits and restoring our relationships with God.

October 2023		Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church Empowered by the Holy Spirit, United to Serve			934 Placer Street Butte, MT 59701 406-723-4242	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 am Worship Service Coffee Hour 9:55 am Sunday School at Gloria Dei	10:00 am GHELC Book Club	8:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Worship and Music	10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm GH Choir Practice			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 am Worship Service Coffee Hour 9:55 am Sunday School at Gloria Dei	Office Closed for Columbus Day	8:30 am Bible Study 10:00 am Gather Bible Study 5:30 pm Council Meeting	10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm GH Choir Practice	5:00 pm Bids for Kids @ Gloria Dei		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 am Worship Service Coffee Hour 9:55 am Sunday School at Gloria Dei	6:00 pm Stephen Ministry	8:30 am Bible Study	10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm GH Choir Practice	10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters	12:00 pm 55+ Lunch Bunch	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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<div><div><div><u>Ushers</u> October 1 Jeanette Nielsen & Chris Ketchum October 8 Kolby Sukut & Tracy Sukut October 15 Dorothy Tallon & Byron DeWaay October 22 Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick October 29 Revonda Stordahl & Annette Lawson</div><div><u>Worship Helpers</u> <u>Lectors</u> Heatherlynn Meeks Vern Nielsen Aric Sorenson Julie Corbin Sandi Wenger</div><div><u>Coffee Hour</u> Susan Stamp Shelly Anderson Chris Ketchum Peggy Probasco Danette Fitzpatrick</div></div></div>						

