

The Nugget



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

November 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 November! I'd like to share with you a story by Nick Ortner.

"A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, 'I am blind, please help.'

There were only a few coins in the hat—spare change from folks as they hurried past. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. HE then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, 'Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?'

The man said, 'I only wrote the truth. I said what you said, but in a different way. I wrote, "Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it."'"

Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said that the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see."

November is the month that we are intentionally directed towards gratitude. While we should find ways to feel and to express our gratitude year round, I, for one, am grateful that we at least have this one intentional month.

It's easy to take all that we are blessed with for granted. We often feel that what we have, we have earned, and it is rightfully ours, without recognizing the gifts of God that have gone into even our ability to earn what we have. Everything is a gift, everything is a blessing. And we are not blessed with what we have because God loves us more than those who are without, but rather, God blesses us to be a blessing to others.

Where are you blessed? What gifts has God given you that you can share with others? Be generous with what you have been given, so that we can be truly grateful for all that we have. Thanks be to God, for being such a generous God to each and every one of us.

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.

The family of Jon Williamson- prayers of comfort
following his death.

The family of Bob Matson- prayers of comfort
following his death.

DorothyAnne Honeychurch-prayers for health and
recovery.

Colleen Tamblyn-prayers for health and healing.

Dick Fitzpatrick-prayers for health and healing.

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November birthdays/Anniversaries:

Anna Jones – celebrating her birthday
November 8

Elinor Johns – celebrating her birthday
November 11

Rochelle Kriewald – celebrating her birthday
November 12

Bob Brown – celebrating his birthday November 15

John Tadday – celebrating his birthday November 17

Julie Corbin – celebrating her birthday November 19

Mattea Dean-celebrating her birthday November 29

Chris Ketchum- celebrating her birthday November 30



Samantha Ross- celebrating her baptismal birthday
November 30

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Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Myra Demotts from:

Jeanette & Vern Nielsen

In Memory of Bob Matson from:

Kay Peavy

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Pastoral Care Acts

Notices

Deaths

10/09/2023 Robert Matson

10/25/2023 Jon Williamson



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!

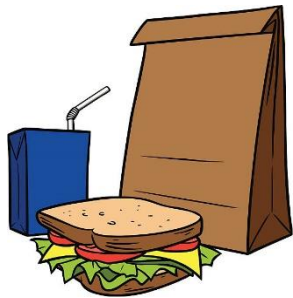
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The joint Gold Hill/Gloria Dei Sunday School will be
having a Christmas Program on December 17th. Your
children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and/or
neighbors should attend Sunday School in November to
take part in this event.

We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry

Volunteers for October were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Dick Fitzpatrick, Patti Chain, Ed & Connie Engle, Jeanette Nielsen. Thank you!



Food supplies & donations for food provided by: Patty Callaghan, Ed & Connie Engle,

Tonia Nilson, Bill Hill, Annette Lawson, Jeanette Nielsen, Chris Ketchum, Thank you!

We will meet this month on November 20th 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!

Shelly Anderson-for the lovely fall decorations!

Dave & Revonda Stordahl-for sponsoring a table for Gloria Dei's "Bids for Kids"

All of the volunteers-that helped with the lefse making this year!

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Advent Schedule & Christmas

Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer Service will be at **Gold Hill** this year and will start **November 29th** and be every Wednesday until **December 20th**. Soup Supper will start at **5:45 pm** and Holden Evening Prayer will begin at **6:30 pm**.

December 24th will be Advent Four service at **Gold Hill** at **9:00 am**.

Christmas Eve Service will be at **5:00 pm & 11:00 pm** at **Gloria Dei**.

Christmas Day Service will be at **10:00 am** at **Gloria Dei**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary

By Danette Fitzpatrick

September 2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
Income	8,678.57	11,460.00	-2,781.43
Expense	2,516.38	11,459.98	-8,943.60
Net Income	6,162.19	.02	6,162.17

YEAR TO DATE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
Income	115,590.80	103,104.00	12,450.80
Expenses	89,572.58	103,139.82	-13,567.24
Net Income	25,609.73	600.18	25,009.55

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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"Bids for Kids" Dinner Update

Thanks to Gold Hill for supporting the "Bids for Kids" dinner at Gloria Dei on October 12! A special thank you to Dave and Revonda Stordahl for sponsoring a table and for all of you who came and celebrated. I am happy to report that not only did we have a record turnout, we also raised a record amount of money to start on the fire suppression system in the church basement. Not all receipts are in, but I am confident that our net will be in the \$7700-7900 range. We are blessed! Marilyn Krause, Stewardship Chair

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Photo Directory

If you did not get your picture taken please email a picture to the church office (goldhill.elca@gmail.com). Thank you!

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Gold Hill Family Church Family,

The family of Myra Demotts, Susan Reploa's mother, would like to thank you for your prayers and love that you expressed during the past months. The time we spent caregiving for our mother was hard, but precious. Your kindness and God's grace sustained us through this time.

God Bless you all,
Susan, Greta, and Fred

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Worship Schedule:

Sunday's at 9:00 am

CHURCH COUNCIL October 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

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

Help Us to Stock the Pastor's Pantry!

There are many food insecure people in our community who come to us looking for something to hold them over until the next time they are able to get supplies from the Food Bank. Here are some items that would help to stock our pantry:

(*items are in most demand)

*Granola Bars	Blankets
*Tuna Salad and Cracker kits	Cereal (boxes and individual cups)
*Chicken Salad and Cracker kits	Chef Boyardee individual cups
*Fruit cups	Easy Mac
*Vegetable cups	Mac and Cheese
*Crackers	Tuna or other canned meat
*Peanut Butter and Granola Bites	Canned Soup (Pull Top)
*Can openers	Diapers
Pasta	Bottled water
Pasta sauce	Juice boxes
Peanut Butter	Cookies (Treats for kids-when you are food insecure you tend to only get the essentials, and kids don't get treats often.)
Jelly	Other shelf stable items
Canned goods with pull tops	
Diapers	
Wipes	

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY!!!



Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council

Minutes – October 10, 2023

MEETING HELD AT GLORIA DEI

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

Absent: Jon Williamson

David Stordahl called the meeting to order.

Dave provided devotions.

It was motioned, seconded and carried (MSC) to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting.

Pastor Sarah: Pastor Sarah provided a list of her monthly activities. She noted upcoming joint worship on October 29 at Gloria Dei and November 5 at Gold Hill. There was discussion of the order of worship for All Saints Sunday

Treasurer: Danette previously sent the September financial statements. There are functionality issues with Quick Books. Gloria Dei uses a different accounting software. Tristyn's benefits will remain the same.

President's report: Dave provided an update on the front step water problems which have been resolved. Dave reported on the dirt work. There may be some dirt work done yet this calendar year. We haven't received a bid on the windows.

Administration: Jon sent a written report prior to the meeting. He continues to work on the constitution and is using Gloria Dei's recently revised document as a guide. Pastor Sarah's vice pastor contract has been extended to March 2024.

Worship: Shelly reported that some of the banners have arrived and there are more to come. There was discussion on the candles needed for All Saint's Day. There was discussion regarding placement of the Christmas tree.

Leadership: Miriam reported that she has a list of projects that need to be completed.

Spiritual Growth: Pat reported that the joint Sunday School is going well. She is coordinating the use of time with Gloria Dei. She is in the early stages of planning a Christmas program. Due to the wide range of kids' ages, we may want to split the Sunday School classes.

Other business:

The council discussed the Good Samaritan fund with a balance of \$561.51. There may be options for disbursing these funds more effectively by combining funds with other churches and non-profits.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve a request to allow the use of the church for a piano concert at Gold Hill.

The open Outreach council position was discussed. We will refer this matter to the nominating committee.

The Christmas program will be December 17 at Gloria Dei.

The next joint executive committee meeting with Gold Hill and Gloria Dei will be November 2, 2023

The Council moved into a joint meeting with the Gloria Dei council.

The following issues were discussed:

The Butte Rescue Mission is offering to administer funds to distribute to people in need. The Churches would provide the people with a referral card to the Mission.

The Harvest Auction/Dinner is upcoming. There will be silent and live auctions. The proceeds will benefit the basement sprinkler project at Gloria Dei.

The schedules for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were discussed.

The Youth will serve a meal at Easter for campership funds.

Gold Hill will host a piano concert

The services for Advent and Lent were discussed

The meeting adjourned.

1 American Indian Heritage Month Give thanks for our Indigenous neighbors and siblings in Christ, whose diverse gifts, traditions and wisdom help shape and enrich society and the church. Pray for Indigenous ministries and faith communities in the ELCA and the work of ELCA Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations, and ask God to guide and further the work of our church and society to build better, right and just relationships with Indigenous peoples.

2 Pray for our neighbors who have experienced great losses and turmoil as a result of the earthquake in Morocco and the unprecedented flooding in Libya, that they will find hope, comfort, relief, resources and assistance for the difficult recoveries ahead.

3 “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (Jeremiah 31:33). The new covenant that God made with us long ago permeates every aspect of our life and can’t be broken or voided, because its foundation is God’s enduring grace. Give praise and thanks to God!

4 Remember in prayer those who have been impacted by recent tropical storms and hurricanes, that they might find relief, assistance and hope in the support provided by neighbors, faith communities, synods and relief agencies, including Lutheran Disaster Response. Ask God to strengthen our resilience and wisdom to meet the mounting challenges of natural disasters and climate change.

5 Pray that we will take to heart and respond to the same instructions Jesus gave to his disciples: to care for our neighbors who suffer poverty, hunger and illness and to bless those who commit their lives to caring for others, pursuing justice and making peace.

6 Pray for outdoor ministry professionals, staff and board members as they gather for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry conference in Lake Geneva, Wis. Ask God to bless their time together for worship, renewal, networking and enhancing their skills.

7 Election Day Ask the Spirit to help us exercise concern for our neighbor, the well-being of communities, and racial, gender and economic justice as we discern whom to elect as our leaders and public

servants. Give thanks for ELCAvotes, an initiative to help us citizens and people of faith understand our role in promoting dignity and respect for all.

8 Remember in prayer foster families and programs that provide transitional and long-term homes and care for infants, children and youth. Ask the Spirit to inspire people to consider becoming foster parents, and give thanks for foster care services provided by member organizations of Lutheran Services in America.

9 Pray for the leaders of our church as they gather for the ELCA Church Council, that the Spirit will guide their deliberations and decisions to further our mission of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our neighbors and growing the church.

10 Give thanks and praise to God, creator of diverse, abundant creatures in the seas and oceans that feed the hungry, inspire awe, reveal secrets that lead to medical discoveries and keep aquatic ecosystems healthy and thriving.

11 Veterans Day Remember and give thanks for those who have served our country in times of peace and conflict — here and around the world. Pray that they will never be forgotten or taken for granted.

12 We all want to know what the kingdom of heaven is like and when Jesus will come again. Express your trust that Jesus Christ has made a place for us in the kingdom of God, and pray that the Spirit will focus us on doing God’s work in the world now, as we look forward with gratitude to life eternal.

13 Give thanks for ELCA Campus Ministry and the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin), which bear witness to God’s grace through worship, study, fellowship and service with students, faculty, staff and others at 230 college and university campuses across the country.

14 Pray for youth and family ministry leaders in our congregations, and promise to express appreciation, support and encouragement for their work of faith formation and caring for young people and their parents.

15 Give thanks to God for the comfort of knowing that we, and those who have gone before us, will one day be gathered together in the kingdom of God — forever.

16 “O God, to you I cry in pain when sickness makes me weak, when mind and body out of tune bring fears I cannot speak” (ACS 1021). We are never alone in times of distress. Praise God for being attentive to us through caring neighbors and siblings in Christ, especially when we find it difficult to express our infirmities and suffering.

17 Pray for the 800-plus rostered ministers who have responded to God’s call to provide specialized pastoral care in ministries across the ELCA and in our communities, including hospice, counseling, corrections, long-term care, and police and fire chaplaincy.

18 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

19 Thank God for the example of Jesus Christ, who guides our understanding of generosity, for the sake of the world and our neighbors at the margins of society.

20 Pray for the success of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service’s Preferred Refugee Employer Program, which helps employers offer support and services of particular benefit to the refugees in their communities.

21 Pray for youth, parents, youth leaders and congregations registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Ask the Spirit to stir their enthusiasm, guide their preparation for their experience in New Orleans, and help those who are discerning whether to participate.

22 Pray that our acts of generosity will come from a place of gratefulness to God and concern for our neighbor and will “produce thanksgiving to God through us” (2 Corinthians 9:11).

23 *Thanksgiving Day* “We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering” (ELW 692). Pray that we will see

every aspect of our life as an offering for the sake of our neighbor and the well-being of the world — an expression of thanksgiving for the blessings and resources that God has generously given to us.

24 *Native American Heritage Day* Praise God for the rich and diverse legacies of Native American neighbors and siblings in Christ. Give thanks for the continuing influence of Indigenous cultures, traditions, spirituality, arts and concepts of community.

25 Remember in prayer neighbors and siblings in Christ who are without safety, shelter, food or basic social services. Promise to be tireless, creative and respectful in providing immediate and long-term care for those who are homeless, and in boldly advocating for just laws that yield appropriate and truly affordable housing.

26 Pray that our concern, empathy and service for the well-being of our neighbors in need will be bold and boundless, especially when we are pressured to serve only select groups.

27 Remember in prayer pastors and their families, and pray that we will demonstrate our concern for their well-being and renewal through ongoing encouragement, support, affirmation and guidance.

28 Pray that our daily lives will reflect joy and thanksgiving to God, our maker and the rock of our salvation.

29 The suffering and devastation mount with every day the Russia-Ukraine War continues. Pray for an end to the war, and that our allies will remain steadfast in valuing and pursuing peace, justice and recovery for Ukraine.

30 *Andrew, the Apostle* Andrew, a humble fisherman, was the first person to respond to Jesus’ invitation to set everything aside and follow him. Pray that we too will answer the call to learn, to serve and to spread the gospel with our unique gifts.

November 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
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			10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm GH Choir Practice			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Harvest Auction 9:00 am joint Worship Service 9:55 am Sunday School at Gloria Dei		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	Office Closed	Office Closed in observation for Veterans Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 am Worship Service Coffee Hour 9:55 am Sunday School at Gloria Dei	9:00 am We Deliver Sack Lunch Ministry 	8:30 am Bible Study	10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm GH Choir Practice	Office Closed Thanksgiving 	Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
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<div> <div> Worship Helpers <u>Ushers</u> November 5 Jeanette Nielsen & Chris Ketchum November 12 Kolby & Tracy Sukut November 19 Dorothy Tallon & Byron DeWaay November 26 Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick </div> <div> <u>Lectors</u> Heatherlynn Meeks Lynn McGlynn Aric Sorenson Patti Chain </div> <div> <u>Coffee Hour</u> Dorothy Tallon & Karen Galpin Jeanette Nielsen Heatherlynn Meeks Linda Moore </div> </div>						

