

# *The Nugget*



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

**October 2024**

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 Pastor's Study**

Greetings from Pastor Sarah!

Matthew 25:34-35, 37-38a, 40, "Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you...?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'"

YOU were the sheep in this parable. YOU fed the hungry. YOU gave drink to the thirsty. YOU welcomed the stranger, sat with them, ate with them, listened to them, gave them dignity. YOU did this, not just for the 1000+ people that we fed on September 8<sup>th</sup> in our Attack on Butte Hunger, but you did this for Jesus. "Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me."

I am so proud to be a part of these congregations and the good work that we are allowing the Holy Spirit to do through us, and the Attack on Butte Hunger was an example of just that. We took on a challenge, a big challenge, and we concluded that hunger is unacceptable, that every person, no matter their background or story, deserves dignity, deserves food, deserves help when help is needed.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, we fed over a thousand people. We connected people with resources from the Butte Rescue Mission, WIC, SNAP, Butte 4 C's, and the Butte Emergency Food Bank, so that they will hopefully be less food insecure going forward. We also donated 432 pounds of food and \$1,465 to the Butte Emergency Food Bank! But beyond that, we partnered with 8 churches beyond our Copper City Parish, and we showed the Butte community that the Gospel isn't just talk, that we take our call from God seriously, seriously enough to feed our community, to account for the needs that we see, and to allow God to work through us to do good in our community.

THANK YOU ALL for everything you did to make this project a success! I can't wait to do it again next year!!

Peace,  
Pastor Sarah





## 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.

**Ron Coleman**- prayers for health and healing.  
**Lynn McGlynn**- prayers for health and healing.  
**Bill Hill**- prayers for health and recovery.  
**Aric Sorenson**- prayers for health and healing.  
**Carl Campbell**- prayers for health and healing.  
**Ginger DeWitt**- prayers for health and recovery.

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### October Birthdays /Anniversaries:

Oct. 1 Hunter Meeks  
Oct. 9 Maria Biastoch  
Oct. 13 Dorothy Tallon  
Oct. 14 Josie Harvey  
Oct. 17 Linda Moore  
Paul Vang  
Phyllis Steinbach  
Oct. 18 Ben Biastoch  
Oct. 19 Miriam Haley  
Oct. 30 Nancy Rowe  
David Crnich  
Sam Ross



**If your birthday or  
anniversary is missing  
please notify the church  
office!**

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### NOTICES

#### DEATHS

09/15/2024 John Tadday  
09/29/2024 Ruth Matson

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Check it out!*

Please make sure to like and follow our Facebook  
page so that you can stay up to date on  
announcements!

<https://www.facebook.com/Gold.Hill.ELCA/>

If you have anything that you would like to have  
posted on our Facebook page please email the  
office at [goldhill.elca@gmail.com](mailto:goldhill.elca@gmail.com)

Important announcements or pictures of the  
services are always welcomed!

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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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### **ATTENTION LEFSE ROLLERS, POTATO PEELERS AND ANYONE ELSE WILLING TO HELP**

*Lefse making will be on Thursday,  
Friday, and Saturday  
October 24, 25, and 26th  
Starting at 9 AM each day at Gold Hill*

*This is a joint effort between The  
Daughters of Norway and the  
members of Gold Hill. Please come if  
you are able.*

## **We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry**

**Volunteers for September** were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Cory Beck, Lynn Aniksdal, and Carol Leach. Thank you!



**Food supplies & donations for food provided by:** Annette Lawson, Chris Ketchum, and Lynn Aniksdal, Thank you!

**We will meet this month on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am** in the fellowship 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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## **OUTREACH** **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**by Linda Moore**

Thank you all for contributing food and helping prepare and serve lunch for approximately a 1000 people on September 8th, God's Work. Our Hands. The Attack on Butte Hunger was a fantastic day thanks to many hands who helped set up, serve, participate, and clean up! Wow! It was a mindboggling day!

Our focus for October will be the Butte Rescue Mission. Their largest fundraiser for the year is their annual Banquet on October 10th at the Civic Center. Gold Hill will sponsor a table at the Copper level (\$500.00). This allows us to have up to 10 people sitting at our table enjoying a nice meal (catered by Pintler View) and program. Our support also provides an evening snack for reach child at the Rescue Mission for one month. You can help support this by making a contribution in of the Outreach Ministry Opportunity envelopes in the pews or designating OMO under other in your regular offering envelope. Also, if you would like to attend the banquet and sit at the Gold Hill table, let me know so I can get you preregistered. It will be fun and we can wear our gold shirts!

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### **NEW PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday: Gloria Dei by appointment (Visit day)

Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>: **8:30-11:30 Gold Hill,**  
11:30-1:45 Gloria Dei  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>: **8:30-1:45 Gold Hill**

Thursday: **Gold Hill 8:30-1:45**

Friday: Gloria Dei 8:30-1:45, 3:30-5:30

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

By Danette Fitzpatrick

August 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	9,082.72	11,916.67	2,433.95
Expenses	,14,082.60	12,842.00	1,241.66
Net Income	-4,122.38	-124.26	1,241.66

Year to Date 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	91,443.43	101,600.08	-10,155.65
Expenses	108,553.80	102,727.52	-5,839.28
Net Income	-17,936.49	-1,601.76	-16,334.73

**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. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BUDGET. Danette Fitzpatrick at 406-565-6310 or email at [danenurse@yahoo.com](mailto:danenurse@yahoo.com). Thank you!

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### **COPPER CITY PARISH** **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

The 2024-2025 confirmation class of the Copper City Parish will be accepting food for the Butte Emergency Food Bank as one of our service projects this year. The food drive will begin accepting food starting October 15th and will end on November 15th. Thank you!



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY HARVEST AUCTION**

Get ready for the fun when Stephen Ministry's Harvest Auction returns on November 3rd right after worship!

There will be a brunch potluck, silent auction, and raffle baskets too. The 3 baskets are themed and are A Night at the Theater, Family Game Night, and Wine and Cheese. Raffle boards will be available in mid-October, and you can buy squares for \$5.00 each.

Both Gold Hill and Gloria Dei congregations are invited to participate and join in the fun of this annual Harvest Auction. Proceeds from this event go to costs incurred in training new ministers and new Stephen leaders, as well as our costs for continuing education every year.

Our Stephen Ministry program is in full force with Gold Hill and Gloria Dei participating together. We have ministers and care receivers from both congregations and are currently training a new group of ministers from both congregations.

The Stephen Ministry program would not be possible without your support. Our Harvest Auction proceeds and personal gifts are our sole income.

**So, please be thinking about what you can donate!** We welcome craft items, home canned and baked goods, items that you don't need but are in excellent condition, and homemade items for delivery at a future date.

Continue to watch the newsletters and bulletins for further information! It's going to be a really good time!

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### **LEADERSHIP**

Miriam Haley, Chairperson; Derek Harvey, Peggy Probasco, Linda Moore, Members

Moving the speakers in the sanctuary has improved sound greatly for many members. Many members were unable to hear Pastor Sarah during her announcements and sermons but now say that has changed for the better. Thanks to Ron G for this commitment along with Dave S, and Rande F.

Thanks also to Chris K who has learned to broadcast when Ron is away. One or two more backups are necessary. Please help with this if you are able; Ron says this is a fairly simple task.

The Tool Room is at the bottom of the stairs across from the Boiler Room. It has been a catch-all for a couple years. If you can help sort tools, grow out junk, etc., you're needed! Ron and Ken S have begun and are

hoping for assistance from a couple more folks. To volunteer speak to Ron, Ken, the church office, or me.

Soil remediation continues. Isn't it simply amazing how beautiful the grass, new sidewalk, curbs, and handicapped accessible sidewalk approaches now look! This time next year we plan to have painted all the exterior windows, doors, and eaves. Your special gifts to this project will be appreciated.

Our membership has been downsized but our commitment to continuing God's ministry of to GHCLC members, this community, and world remain solid.

Thanks for your prayers, your time, your encouragement, and financial gifts.

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## **SOCKTOBER**

Outreach Ministry Opportunities  
LINDA MOORE, CHAIRPERSON; PATTY CALLAHAN, PEGGY PROBASCO, MIRIAM HALEY, MEMBERS



### **OCTOBER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**



Socks are the **MOST** requested item at rescue missions. Next time you're at Costco, Walmart, or Murdoch's pick up a pair or a package for this October Outreach. Please use the boxes by each sanctuary door for your gift.

Or you may use the **OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY** envelopes in the hymn book racks for your monetary gift which will be used to purchase additional socks.





**Gold Hill Lutheran Church**  
**Council Minutes – September**  
**10, 2024**

*\*Council meeting was held at Gold Hill  
at 5:30 p.m. MDT.*

**1) Call to Order**

- President David Stordahl called the meeting to order.

**2) Attendance**

- Pastor Sarah Schilcher
- David Stordahl (President)
- Danette Fitzpatrick (Treasurer)
- Kolby Sukut (Secretary)
- Shelly Anderson (Worship)
- Pat Gruss (Spiritual Growth)
- Miriam Haley (Leadership)
- Linda Moore (Outreach)

**3) Devotions**

- Miriam shared the devotion.

**4) Approval of the Minutes: August 13, 2024**

- It was motioned, seconded, and carried (MSC) to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for August 13th, 2024.

**5) Pastor's Report**

- Pastor Sarah provided a list of her monthly activities which included:

Check-in Phone Calls: 65  
Community Outreach: 28  
Home Communion Visits: 15  
(10 Gold Hill; 5 Gloria Dei)  
Counseling Sessions: 4  
Funeral Services: 2  
Nursing Home Services: 0  
Average Weekly Hours: 44.25

- Pastor Sarah requested time off from October 1st through October 7th.

**6) Treasurer's Report**

- Danette reported that she was still working on the August financial reports and would provide them as soon as they were complete.
- Danette gave an update on God's Work Our Hands "attack on hunger" event; the total expenses for Gold Hill was \$2,110 and donations received during the event was \$2,175.

**7) President's Report**

- David provided an update on remediation activities. Remedial activities are continuing to progress and work is complete to the Parsonage. A church member agreed to pay for additional curbing to be replaced along the Parsonage. The lava rock will not be reinstalled and will instead be included as an item in the Harvest Auction. Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church 2 | Page Council Meeting Minutes

**8) Administrative Director's Report**

- David provided the Administrative Director's Report on Ty's behalf:
  - o The lease agreement with the Pre-School has been signed.
  - o A short-term task force has been formed to review and revise the existing church constitution.

**9) Worship Ministry**

- Shelly reported the service at Stodden Park was a great success and had a higher attendance then last year.

**10) Leadership Ministry**

- Nothing to report.

**11) Spiritual Growth Ministry**

- Pat reported that Sunday School starts next Sunday (9/15).

**12) Outreach Ministry**

- Linda reported on recent Mission of the Month efforts, which included providing school supplies and \$50 gift cards to new teachers.
- The Council discussed purchasing a table at the Butte Rescue Mission Banquet on October 10th. Donations will be pursued to cover the \$500.00 cost.



**13) Other Business:**

- The Council discussed the God's Work Our Hands "attack on hunger" event and recommendations for improving the event in the future; takeaways from the event included:
  - o Approximately 1,000 people were fed with two-thirds of those being the target audience.
  - o 432 pounds of food and \$1,400 raised for the Butte Emergency Food Bank.
  - o Multiple people signed up for support services.
  - o Potentially 3 new families are considering joining the church as a result of the event.
- It was noted that Lefse making is scheduled for October 24th through the 26th.

*\*The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer*

# October 2024

**Church Office Hours: 11:35 AM-2:35 PM, Mon. – Fri. CLOSED Sat. – Sun.**  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>8:30am</b> – Perkins bible study <b>10:30am</b> - Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei <b>5:30 pm</b> Executive Committee <b>5:30pm</b> Worship and Music  <b>Pastor Sarah Out of Office</b>	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 am</b> LWR Quilters  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School @ Gloria Dei	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 am</b> GHELC Book Club	<b>8</b> <b>8:30am</b> – Perkins bible study <b>10:30am</b> - Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei <b>5:30pm</b> Council meeting <b>5:00pm Gloria Dei's Harvest Dinner</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10:00 am</b> LWR Quilters  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>10</b> <b>Butte Rescue Mission fundraiser</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School @ Gloria Dei	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Stephen Ministry	<b>15</b> <b>8:30am</b> – Perkins bible study <b>10:30am</b> - Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei	<b>16</b> <b>10:00 am</b> LWR Quilters  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Prayer Shawl Knitters	<b>18</b> <b>12:00 pm 55+ Lunch Bunch</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School @ Gloria Dei	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>8:30am</b> – Perkins bible study <b>10:30am</b> - Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei	<b>23</b> <b>10:00 am</b> LWR Quilters  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Lefse making	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Lefse making	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Lefse making
<b>27 Joint Worship @ Gloria Dei</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Hour <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship Service	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Stephen Ministry	<b>29</b> <b>8:30am</b> – Perkins bible study <b>10:30am</b> - Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 am</b> LWR Quilters  <b>6:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>31 Halloween</b> 		
Date	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Worship Asst.	Communion Asst.	Coffee Hour
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Linda Williamson Jeff Williamson	Derek Harvey	_____	Heatherlynn Meeks	_____	Peggy Probasco
<b>Oct. 13</b>	Kolby & Tracy Sukut	Patti Chain	Allen Podgorski	_____	Miriam Haley	Dorothy Tallon Karen Galpin
<b>Oct. 20</b>	Patti Chain & Shelly Anderson	Paul Vang	_____	Dorothy Tallon	_____	Chris Ketchum
<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>Joint Worship @ Gloria Dei</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

