

The Nugget



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

May 2024

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)

From the Pastor's Study

Greetings from Pastor Sarah!

Happy May! It seems to me that May is a month that is full of transitions. Kids are graduating, getting confirmed, and finishing up a school year. We are preparing for vacations, time with family, and time to relax and enjoy the sunshine. It's also the time in the church, that we tend to miss seeing a lot of you, as you become busy with summer festivities. But, even if we aren't attending worship as regularly during the summer, we still are called to live out our faith, no matter where we are, or what we are doing.

I just love the profound message we read in Micah 6:8 – “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” This verse encapsulates the essence of our Christian faith and serves as a guiding light for how we should live out our lives as followers of Christ.

We are called to act justly. In a world filled with injustice, poverty, and oppression, we are called to stand up for what is right and advocate for those who are marginalized and oppressed. As Lutherans, we are reminded of our commitment to social justice and standing in solidarity with the vulnerable and marginalized in society.

We are called to love mercy. God's mercy and grace are freely given to us, and we are called to extend that same mercy to others. In a world marked by division and conflict, we are called to be agents of reconciliation and forgiveness, showing compassion and kindness to all those we encounter.

We are called to walk humbly with our God. Humility is the foundation of our Christian faith, as we acknowledge our dependence on God and recognize our own limitations. Walking humbly with God requires a posture of surrender and obedience, trusting in God's guidance and wisdom in all aspects of our lives.

As we prepare to go about our summer activities, let us be inspired to live out these values in our daily lives. Let us be advocates for justice, ambassadors of mercy, and humble servants of our God. May we be a beacon of light in a world that is in need of God's love and grace.

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.

Ron Coleman- prayers for health and healing.
Lynn McGlynn- prayers for health and healing.
Bill Hill- prayers for health and recovery.

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May Birthdays /Anniversaries:

Eli Corbin- celebrating his birthday May
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Kacy Bond – celebrating his birthday
May 12

Brieson Campbell – celebrating his birthday May 13

Kim Mickelson – celebrating her birthday May 14

Peggy Dean- celebrating her birthday May 17

Arlene Munyon – celebrating her birthday May 19

Byron DeWaay- celebrating his birthday May 19

Doug Drew-celebrating his birthday May 20

Ginger DeWitt- celebrating his birthday May 21

John & Valerie Tadday- celebrating their anniversary
May 27

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Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Dick Fitzpatrick

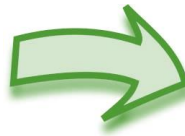
Paul & Kay Vang
Mike & Shelia Vincent
Phyllis Steinbach
Dorothy Tallon
Bob Drain
Jody Bickford
Carol & Larroll Leach
Dave & Revonda Stordahl
Kathleen & Erik Nelson
David & Sue Repola
Ron & Sandy Sperry

In Memory of Jeanette Nielsen

Paul & Kay Vang
Carol & Larroll Leach
Robin Jordan

In Memory of Dorothy Anne Honeychurch

Carol & Larroll Leach
Robin Jordan
David & Sue Repola
Robert Honeychurch & Sylvia Sweeney
Ginger DeWitt
Paul & Kay Vang



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check it out!

You are invited to check out our new Facebook
page: <https://www.facebook.com/Gold.Hill.ELCA/>
check it out to stay up to date on news and events.

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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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FACEBOOK

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

Important announcements or pictures of the
services are always welcomed!

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THANK YOU

We, Danette, Brad, Monica, Maryjane, Rosalie, the
Fitzpatrick, O'Neill, Hall, James, Haavisto, Harvey, and
Villa families would like to thank everyone that gave of
themselves for Dick's services, luncheon, and firetruck
procession. May God Bless each of you as you have
blessed us.

-Dick's Family

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary

By Danette Fitzpatrick

March 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	8,823.53	11,916.67	-3,093.14
Expenses	11,435.60	12,840.94	-1,405.34
Net Income	1,262.07	-200.22	-1,061.85

Year to Date 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	33,570.99	36,100.33	2,529.34
Expenses	38,388.14	33,522.82	-134.68
Net Income	-1,709.41	-600.66	-1,108.75

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!

We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry



Volunteers for April were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Bill Hill, Ed & Connie Engle, Allen Podgorski, Cory Beck, William Christenson. Thank you!

Food supplies & donations for food provided by: Bill Hill, Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Linda Moore, Ed & Connie Engle, Thank you!

We will meet this month on May 20th 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.

The ladies of Hope Lutheran Church W.E.L.C.A Group in Anaconda invite the ladies from Gold Hill and Gloria Dei Lutheran to join with us for a Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 16th at noon at Hope Lutheran. We will provide a potluck luncheon, a short program, and good company. Let's get together! Please RSVP by Monday May 13th to Kay at 406-563-7381.

Prayer Shawls



Get those needles and hooks warmed up! We desperately are in need of prayer shawls. We only have two left. There is yarn available at the church, if you have questions please contact Jeanette Quist 406-490-3551.

Bible Study

Please join us for a 6 week Bible study on healing led by Dave Coleman. Beginning April 28th through May 26th. Gold Hill @ 10:15 am and Gloria Dei @ 11:45 am. We hope to see you there!

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Be Brave

By Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power” (Ephesians 6:10).

Just before my 9-year-old daughter read in church for the first time, she turned to me and said, “I’m nervous.” Once a month our congregation invites children to read the lessons and psalm. As my daughter continues to gain fluency and confidence in her reading, I asked her if she’d like to read in church. She said yes but with a lot of nerves. We practiced at home and in the sanctuary with the microphone, and each time the words flowed more easily.

When it was time to walk to the front of the church, she did so with determination and courage. I stood by her side to support and encourage her as she read the first lesson. When she finished, she told me, “I did it.” Her pride showed in her smile and again as members of the congregation told her how nice a job she did.

One gift of being in community is feeling safe enough to try new things. To be brave and confident. To know that we are surrounded by love and grace. This is the only church my daughter knows, and the members have loved her since before she was born. They’ve watched her grow and learn in faith. And they were there to encourage her when she stepped out of her comfort zone.

I pray that you have this sense of welcome in your community. Or, if not, that you can find a place where you belong. Is there something you’re nervous about but would like to try? Maybe there’s a desire in your heart to start a small group for parents or to lead a book study. Perhaps you feel inspired to share your music with the congregation. Or maybe you see something in your children and want to encourage them to volunteer and share their gifts.

The Easter season is full of surprises—the empty tomb being the greatest of them all. In the spirit of this resurrection hope, what brave thing can you try? As you do something new, remember that God is with you.



Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council

Minutes – April 9, 2024

*Council meeting was held at Gloria Dei 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), Ty Inglis (Administrative Director), Danette Fitzpatrick (Treasurer), Kolby Sukut (Secretary), Shelly Anderson (Worship), Pat Gruss (Spiritual Growth), Linda Moore (Outreach)

3) Approval of the Minutes: March 12, 2024

- It was motioned, seconded, and carried (MSC) to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for March 12th, 2024.

4) Pastor’s Report

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

- Check-in Phone Calls: 63
- Community Outreach: 14
- Home Communion Visits: 13 (6 Gold Hill; 7 Gloria Dei)
- Counseling Sessions: 9
- Funeral Services: 2
- Nursing Home Services: 2
- Average Weekly Hours: 54.08

- Pastor Sarah notified the Council she would be gone the 2nd week of May and the first 3 weeks of July for vacation, continuing education, and other events. Gold Hill/Gloria Dei will coordinate to schedule her substitute.

- Pastor Sarah shared the following important events/dates:

- Bible study will begin next Sunday (4/14).
- Installation of new members and the Council will be April 14th.
- New Testament Books & Recitation is scheduled for April 21st.
- Blessing of the quilts is scheduled during worship on April 28th.
- Dave Coleman will lead the May 5th service in Pastor Sarah’s absence.

5) Treasurer's Report

- Danette shared copies of the March Financial Reports during the meeting. It was MSC to accept the March 2024 Financial Report.
 - Danette reported that the "Money Market" account was setup at the bank and had a 4% annual interest.
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Council Meeting Minutes

6) President's Report

- Dave reported that Easter service and breakfast were a great success. The Council specifically thanked Dave for his efforts on preparing breakfast.
- It was brought up that the advertisement in the newspaper was not updated for the 8:00 service and caused some confusion. A reminder was put forth to ensure that the notice should be updated next year in advance.
- Dave notified the Council that the soil remediation (RMAP) work could resume as early as this week.

7) Worship Ministry

- Shelly shared that Soup & Bread Services were going great; and the Easter services were a success.

8) Leadership Ministry

- Miriam was absent. Nothing to report.

9) Spiritual Growth Ministry

- Pat reported that several parent volunteers were available to support Sunday school activities, which was a great help given the number and age range of students.

10) Outreach Ministry

- Linda discussed conducting a fundraiser for providing clothing to those in need.

11) Other Business:

- Ty presented and discussed the options for renewing insurance for the church. Ty recommended changing the coverage to Renewal Option #1 (coverage = \$2.6M, deductible = \$10,000, premium = \$12,382) and paying the renewal in full. The recommendation was MSC.
- Rande was invited to the meeting and discussed several opportunities for church improvements, which included:
 - Managing/locking the double doors to the sanctuary.
 - The windows/screens in Pastor's office.
 - The potential to adjust the positioning/location of the front pews.

- Evaluating the potential for investing in solar panels. The council took Rande's suggestions under consideration and agreed to delegate the evaluation of several of the items to smaller working groups.

*The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

CHURCH COUNCIL March 2024:

David Stordahl -

President

Ty Inglis-

Administration Director

Danette Fitzpatrick -

Treasurer

Kolby Sukut -

Secretary

Pat Gruss -

Spiritual Growth

Ministry, Team Leader

Shelly Anderson -

Worship Ministry, Team Leader

Miriam Haley -

Leadership Ministry, Team Leader

Linda Moore -

Outreach Ministry, Team Leader

Pastor Sarah Schilcher

1 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month give thanks for our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ, and for their cultures, languages and contributions to our nation and church. Pray for the well-being of Asian and Pacific Islander congregations and ministries of the ELCA as well as the work of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

2 National Day of Prayer Join with our siblings in Christ in praying for the well-being of the church, our neighbors in need and the leaders of our communities and nation. Ask God to help us resolve the problems and issues that keep us from thriving in unity.

3 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Minneapolis Area, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Arkansas-Oklahoma and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

4 Pray for congregational young-adult ministries, ELCA Young Adult Ministry, Abide small-group ministry, Young Adults in Global Mission, Lutheran Campus Ministry Network, Lutheran outdoor ministries and long-term volunteer service organizations. Ask God to bless leaders who serve young adults as they seek community, strengthen their faith, find opportunities to serve, and discern their gifts and vocations.

5 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). These words, spoken by Jesus to his followers, seem simple and unambiguous, yet we respond with resistance and stipulations. Pray that we might turn to the word of God and the example of Jesus to see the power of humility and fearless, unconstrained love.

6 National Nurses Week Pray for faith community nurses, who nurture and care for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — and promote wellness in Lutheran congregations, ministries and agencies; other denominations; and our communities. Give thanks for the ministry of the Lutheran Faith Community Nurse Association, which promotes health and well-being in

faith communities and supports nurses serving in a variety of roles across the country.

7 Pray that our love for God will move us to seek God’s ways, wisdom and Commandments, which exist for the benefit of all humanity.

8 Give thanks for the creative gifts of church musicians and music ministry leaders, who enrich the worship experience in our congregations and help us express to God our joy, concerns and praise.

9 Remember in prayer our neighbors in Haiti, who yearn for peace, safety and hope amid persistent suffering and violence. Ask the Spirit to guide us as unwavering advocates for the peace and relief of our neighbors and siblings in Christ.

10 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Saint Paul Area Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

11 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota, Southeast Michigan, North/West Lower Michigan and New Jersey synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

12 Praise God that the truth of our faith, assurance of salvation and call to participate in God’s work in the world are revealed to us through Jesus Christ, the Spirit, and the nurture and affirmation we experience in our faith communities.

13 Ask God to strengthen and be with all mothers — biological, adoptive and foster — in the daily joys and challenges of teaching values, passing on faith, and protecting and guiding their children.

14 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

15 Give thanks for the ELCA Life of Faith Initiative, an effort to equip people of all ages to live out their faith in their families, workplaces, schools, local communities and world, serving their neighbors and working for justice in everyday life.

16 International Day of Living Together in Peace Our words and actions speak volumes about our faith and values. Pray that we might move past our conflicts and that the Spirit will fill us with kindness, compassion, respect and sacrificial love for our neighbors.

17 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Southeastern Iowa Synod, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Greater Milwaukee Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington and Northern Great Lakes synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

19 Day of Pentecost Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which calls us to faith, focuses and strengthens us, accompanies us in our baptismal journeys and unites us in a diverse, global community of siblings in Christ.

20 Remember in prayer college, university and seminary students as they prepare for final exams, graduation and vocations that will direct their gifts and passions into service to their church, communities and world.

21 “The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, an advocate for us who stirs and strengthens our faith.

22 Give thanks to God that, in every corner of the world, the Spirit works to open hearts and minds to the

life-changing news of unconditional love, forgiveness, renewal and salvation that we receive in Jesus Christ.

23 Ask the Spirit how God is calling us to use our faith, gifts, experience and wisdom to uplift our society, nation and world. “Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?” (All Creation Sings 1003).

24 Give thanks for scientists, science teachers and researchers, who stir our understanding and awe of God’s creation and seek to improve our lives, communities and natural environment. Promise to be careful with technology and new advancements, using them for the sake of justice and the well-being of humanity and creation.

25 Pray for the work we do through the ELCA’s AMMPARO strategy to accompany migrants with protection, advocacy, representation and opportunities, which is an expression of our faith and understanding of the gospel. Promise to uphold basic human rights and to work alongside immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees that they might transition to life in the United States in safety, dignity and respect.

26 Holy Trinity Sunday Nicodemus came to Jesus with questions about faith, baptism and the kingdom of God. Rather than snub his curiosity, Jesus took the time to speak with him. What questions do you have about faith and theology? Share your uncertainties with God, trusting God to understand.

27 Pray for the ministry we pursue through ELCA Global Mission, and for the personnel, missionaries and volunteers who serve in long-term partnerships with our global companions in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries.

28 Sing a prayer of praise and worship to the Lord our God, creator of all that exists and sustains our lives.

29 Pray for teachers and professors in public and faith-based settings, who work with students of all ages and abilities to develop and nurture their faith, self-confidence, curiosity, creativity and caring relationships.

30 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Montana and North Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the

church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

31 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwest California, South Dakota, Southern Ohio, Lower Susquehanna, Western North Dakota, Southeastern and Florida-Bahamas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

May 2024		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
			10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm Choir Practice		Pastor out of office	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am Worship Service Coffee Hour 9:55 am Sunday School at Gloria Dei 10:15 am Bible Study with Dave Coleman	10:00 am GHELC Book Club 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry training	8:30 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Executive Committee 5:30 pm Worship & Music	10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm Choir Practice			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 am Worship Service @ Gloria Dei Coffee Hour 9:55 am Sunday School at Gloria Dei 11:45 am Bible Study with Dave Coleman @ Gloria Dei	9:00 am We Deliver Sack Lunches 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry training	8:30 am Bible Study	10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm Choir Practice			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Worship Helpers						
<u>Ushers</u>		<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Worship Asst.</u>	<u>Communion Asst.</u>	
May 5 Dorothy Tallon & Byron DeWaay		Paul Vang	Shelly Anderson	Chris Ketchum	_____	
May 12 Patti Chain & Chris Ketchum		Ty Inglis	Kayla Harvey	_____	Aaron Hoffenbacker	
May 19 Joint Service @ Gloria Dei		_____	_____	_____	_____	
May 26 Kolby & Tracy Sukut		Patti Chain	Dorothy Tallon & Karen Galpin	_____	Linda Moore	

