

The Nugget



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

July 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!

Did you know that life isn't always easy? As we journey together through the ups and downs of life, we are often faced with trials and challenges that can test our faith and resilience. In these moments of difficulty, it is crucial for us to remember that we are not alone. Our faith teaches us that God is always with us, offering us strength, comfort, and guidance as we navigate the storms of life.

In Isaiah 43:2, we are reminded of the promise that God will be with us through the waters and the rivers, and that we will not be overwhelmed by the flames. This powerful image of God's presence and protection brings us great comfort and reassurance as we face the uncertainties and struggles that come our way.

When we find ourselves in the midst of trials and tribulations, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and lost. However, it is during these challenging times that we are called lean on God for support and guidance. Through prayer, scripture, and seeking the support of our faith community, we can find the strength and courage together to face whatever obstacles come our way.

As we continue to navigate the uncertainties of the world around us, let us remember to turn to God in times of trial. Let us trust in God's plan for us, even if it differs from our own plan, knowing that God is always by our side, ready to provide us with the strength, comfort, and peace we need to endure and overcome all of life's challenges.

I don't find a lot of hope in the saying "God won't give you more than what you can handle", because it implies that our challenges come to us from God. Instead, remember the phrase, "God will help you to handle, all that comes your way."

May we find solace and hope in the knowledge that God is with us always, guiding us through the storms of life and leading us to a place of renewal and transformation beyond our wildest imaginations. May we draw closer to God in tough times, allowing the love and grace of God to sustain us and uplift us in all things.

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.
Aric Sorenson- prayers for health and healing.
Carl Campbell- prayers for health and healing.
Paul Vang-prayers for health and recovery.

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July Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Dorothy Schultz- celebrating her
birthday July 1
Lindsay Campbell – celebrating her
birthday July 3
Mary Jane Lillyblad – celebrating her birthday July 5
Jeanette Quist – celebrating her birthday July 11
Holly Schroder- celebrating her birthday July 11
JoAnn Farrow – celebrating her birthday July 16
Valerie Tadday- celebrating her birthday July 16
Ken Stamp-celebrating his birthday July 17
Carol Eddy- celebrating her birthday July 18
Wally Butt-celebrating his birthday July 19
Ron Gruss-celebrating his birthday July 20
Sheilah Vincent-celebrating her birthday July 23
Ashley Johns-celebrating her birthday July 27
Judy Bond-celebrating her birthday July 31



Terry & Cindy Munyon- celebrating their anniversary
July 2

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

06/23/24 Nora Jean Harvey

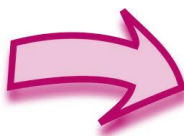
Deaths

06/08/24 Peggy Lutey

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Ed Engle

Carol & Larroll Leach
David & Revonda Stordahl
Dennis & Linda Moore
Peggy Shone Kelly
Jody Bickford
Paul & Kay Vang
Linda Williamson
Patty Callaghan



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

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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Gone for the weekend?

The evening service for those that will miss
Sunday service will be at 6:00 pm at First
Presbyterian for the month of July. There will
be no evening service July 3rd.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the council members and
especially David Stordahl for working so
diligently on getting the church office a new
copier/printer. It is very much appreciated
-One happy parish admin

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary

By Danette Fitzpatrick

MAY 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	9,219.38	12,716.88	-3,467.30
Expenses	33,793.52	12,840.94	20,952.58
Net Income	-24,574.14	-200.22	-24,373.92

Year to Date 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	60,162.28	63,583.40	-3,421.12
Expenses	83,495.60	64,204.70	19,290.90
Net Income	-23,333.32	-1,001.10	-22,332.22

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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PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Sarah will be out of the office for vacation and other pastoral duties July 1st through July 22nd.

OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Over the next year, we at Gold Hill will find wonderful opportunities to show how much we care for others. We hope each of you will want to participate.

Sometimes we might just be asking for monetary donations, but we also want to do projects that we can all physically be involved in. The outreach ministry committee will be planning a different service project each month.

We have chosen projects for each of the next three months, but we want to hear from you as we move forward.

In July, we want to restock the pastor's pantry, which is running pretty low right now. We will have grocery bags at the sanctuary doors if you can purchase items to donate. Needed items are:

Also, you will find OUTREACH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY envelopes in the bulletins if you want to donate money and we will do the shopping. You can take the envelope home and bring it back anytime.

In August, we will be collecting school supplies for local students and teachers, (you might want to be watching for sales on school items), and our project for September will be to help with "God's work. Our hands Sunday".

Committee members are Linda Moore, Peggy Probasco, Patty Callahan, and Miriam Haley. Talk to any of us if you have a special interest you would like to see us help with.

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

MANY GIFTS, COMING TOGETHER

by Sara Carson

Paul in Romans 12 is writing to a church that was still new. People were only just beginning to learn what it meant to follow Christ in community with people from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds. Conflicts were bubbling up. People were finding it hard to come together. (Does any of this sound particularly apt for our own modern times?)

So, when Paul says, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect,” he is speaking to a community that is still trying to learn how to best get along with one another.

Paul reminds the Romans that we each are gifted with skills and talents that not only benefit our community, but that are needed. “We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,” he writes. We each have our own unique way to “contribute to the saints” or to “extend hospitality to strangers.”

What is Stewardship?

Miriam Haley, Leadership Chairperson

Wednesday as I arrived for LWR Quilting I said hello to a visitor who was leaving after preparing his mother’s funeral with Pastor Sara. He responded by telling me his history with Gold Hill from the 50’s: confirmation, the new Fellowship Hall, the beautiful Rudy Autio mural, and the importance of the brothers, Pete and Ralph Godtland in designing and developing our building. He loved his years at GHEL C.

I could not let him leave without sharing Gold Hill’s amazing journey these last few years including the arson fire and three-million-dollar restoration; and offering to show him our new Sanctuary. He loved walking into the Sanctuary, spinning 360 degrees about every other step. He loved the huge open ceiling above the Chancel, seeing the stained glass, and the grand arch on the back wall of the Chancel. We continued his brief tour through the office hallway and into the Fireside room where he had Confirmation classes, and into the “old kitchen.” He continued spinning his memories into stories. Gold Hill has played a vital role in his life.

My visit with Mike was a good reminder that GHEL C is important to so many more folks than you and I. As we care for this building, we pay respect to all the previous Confirmation classes and other ministries; and to all the ministers both lay and ordained of the last 90 years. We are the current stewards. With God’s help we are good stewards.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Gold Hill Lutheran

934 Placer Street, Butte, MT 59701

FREE

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Dates: 07/29/24-08/01/24

From: 9:00 am to 1:30 pm



For: Children who have finished kindergarten through 6th grade.

Please also pack a lunch for your child.

Leadership Ministry Team

Members: Derek Harvey, Peggy Probasco, Linda Moore

Chairperson: Miriam Haley

Water on the kitchen floor is never a good sight! But that's exactly what we had after cleaning up from Coffee Hour...a small amount of water under the dishwasher. A service call determined the 30 Y O machine was kaput! What's more, the water was very near a 220 power source. With guidance from Harrington's Restaurant Supply, a new dishwasher/sterilizer from Lowe's, and installation by Lochmer Plumbing, our multiple kitchen crews are happy again. Thanks also to Derek Harvey for the Bozeman pick-up and delivery to the church. Cost \$4,865.00

While replacing the dishwasher, the plumber noticed our hot water tank was very old. I had images of gallons of water flooding our beautiful, newly remodeled preschool. He didn't need to tell us twice. That tank is gone. Cost \$3,015.00

Some of you have noticed the outside ramp door casing has almost no paint and the water stain on the corner bricks. Mark from GGG Gutters has repaired that gutter corner. Upon inspection of all gutters, he found lots of loose screws and gutters to repair. If you look now, you will see they are tight to the building—not leaning outward—and draining the water correctly. Mark happens to be the neighbor of our Church Secretary, Tristyn Howard. Cost \$618.00

The carpet in the church office was cleaned. Cost \$112.00.

Please notice the appalling condition of the rafters on the east and the windows and doors on the south and west. Share your thoughts with one another and with me.

Apologies for the overgrown grass this summer. We have been told almost weekly that soil remediation

work would begin “next Monday”; it seems poor stewardship to \$50.00 to have it mowed as remediation begins. Many thanks to Rande for helping with that as he is able.

HELP WANTED: Folks with weed eaters to keep our parking lot looking neat occasionally.

One last request: if you see something, say something, or better yet: fix it, move it, or clean it. I need to know from you what needs attention

Our church is a wonderful place to worship. Here, we are inspired to better serve God and His world. I appreciate your help in maintaining and improving for ministry in this holy space.

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Howard



Gold Hill Lutheran Church **Council Minutes – June 11,** **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), Ty Inglis (Administrative Director), Danette Fitzpatrick (Treasurer), Kolby Sukut (Secretary), Miriam Haley (Leadership), Linda Moore (Outreach)

3) Devotions

Linda shared the devotion.

4) Approval of the Minutes: May 14, 2024

It was motioned, seconded, and carried (MSC) to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for May 14th, 2024, with the correction that the Sanctuary door will be locked while “pre- school” (not Sunday school) is out.

5) Pastor’s Report

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

- Check-in Phone Calls: 65
- Community Outreach: 6
- Home Communion Visits: 14 (9 Gold Hill; 5 Gloria Dei)
- Counseling Sessions: 6
- Funeral Services: 0
- Nursing Home Services: 1
- Average Weekly Hours: 64.33

Pastor Sarah asked if Gold Hill would be willing to split the cost for food/travel expenses for her to attend the National Youth Gathering. Although no Gold Hill youth would be attending, the Council discussed and agreed that it fell into the list of shared pastoral costs to be split by both Gold Hill/Gloria Dei. The request was MSC.

Pastor Sarah provided an update to the Council on the Synod Assembly. Highlights from the Synod Assembly included:

- 12 of 68 congregations increased mission support.

- Gold Hill’s mission support increased 69%.
- Dave Coleman was commissioned as a Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA).

A Missoula congregation voted to leave the ELCA, however the result of the synodical vote was that the Synod gained control of the assets of the congregation to be distributed amongst that community in consultation with the members of the congregation.

6) Treasurer’s Report

Danette shared copies of the May financial reports during the meeting. It was MSC to accept the May 2024 Financial Report.

7) President’s Report

Dave provided an update on remediation activities. Utility locating has begun and the areas from last year were seeded. Excavation activities are anticipated to commence soon.

8) Administrative Director’s Report

Ty provided an update on his recent activities, which included recent meetings with Tristyn and Melissa (pre-school) and evaluating the potential for a Mutual Ministry Committee.

9) Worship Ministry

Shelly was absent. Nothing to report.

10) Leadership Ministry

Miriam asked the Council to consider replacing the water heater. She received a quote for \$3,015. It was MSC to replace the water heater.

Miriam shared and discussed a list (project inventory) of maintenance and housekeeping items that need addressed around the church. It was discussed that the inventory would be shared with the congregation to get some of them addressed.

11) Spiritual Growth Ministry

Pat was absent. Nothing to report.

12) Outreach Ministry

Linda presented and Pastor Sarah discussed incorporating a Mission of the Month (MOM) for a giving effort separate from typical offerings. The MOM will be for a variety of topics/efforts (Butte Food Bank, Lutheran World Relief, etc.).

It was suggested that a committee be formed to field and vet requests from the congregation on MOM. It was MSC to form a Mission of the Month Committee, headed by Linda for identifying and providing recommendations to the Council for MOM.

13) Other Business:

It was noted that the replacement sanitizer has been installed.

The replacement copier is still in the works.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL June 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 *Disability Pride Month* Give thanks for the gifts, leadership and abilities of our neighbors and siblings in Christ who live with disabilities — about 42.5 million in our nation. Pray for the work of congregations, synods, ELCA Disability Ministry, the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf Association, Lutheran Services in America Disability Network, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries' Total Inclusion! initiative, and community organizations to address the inclusion, active participation and full involvement of people with disabilities in the life and leadership of the church and society.

2 Pray for the needs and ministries of congregations, synods, the churchwide organization and the community organizations that serve with us as we do God's work in the world. Pray for the Spirit to help us support each other through prayer, shared resources, volunteerism and Mission Support.

3 *Thomas, the Apostle* Give thanks and praise to God for the grace embodied in Jesus Christ, which brings purpose to our lives and assures us that God loves us — questions, complexities and all.

4 *Independence Day* Promise God to cherish and not abuse the blessings of liberty, to work for change wherever there is injustice and inequity, and to accompany our global neighbors and companion churches in striving for freedom, justice and voice.

5 “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!” (Psalm 130:1-2). Lift up your worries and fears to God, trusting that God listens and responds to our lamentations.

6 Ask God to guide and bless the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy to accompany migrants as the church expands it to respond to humanitarian crises that drive migration and displacement in other areas of the world.

7 “[Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two” (Mark 6:7). Give thanks for the companionship, support, encouragement and wisdom we receive from our faith communities and siblings in Christ, which strengthen our ability to share the good news, care for our neighbors in need and inspire hope and peace in the world — together.

8 Pray that the Spirit will stir enthusiasm, creativity and wisdom in the leaders, volunteers and staff of the churchwide organization as they serve youth and adults from congregations across the country during the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

9 Ask God how we can best provide care, comfort and support to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who grieve and suffer. Pray that, in our words and actions, we might consider how situations and needs differ from person to person.

10 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. 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, especially as the denomination moves forward following its vote in favor of LGBTQ inclusion.

11 There have been over 13,000 gun-related injuries and deaths in our country this year (gunviolencearchive.org), and firearm injuries are now the leading cause of death among children and youth. Pray for an end to the senseless deaths and the trauma, grief, anxiety and anguish that spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to lead us out of hopelessness and inaction so that we will be bold and unwavering in our work and advocacy to end gun violence.

12 Thank God for 35 years of the ELCA International Leaders Program, which provides leadership development experiences to current and future leaders through scholarships, the International Camp Counselor Program, leadership development programs and building equitable access to education for systemically excluded groups.

13 Pray for young people of color and those whose primary language is other than English as they gather for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and for youth living with disabilities as they attend the tAble event, both of which precede the ELCA Youth Gathering. Pray that these young people — with their adult companions — will grow as wise, faithful and courageous followers of Christ.

14 Pray that we will listen carefully to God and seek to understand God's ways and commands, which provide guidance for our life and faith and show us how to love and serve our neighbors.

15 Remember in prayer the residents of New Orleans and give thanks as they open their community and extend their enthusiasm, assistance and hospitality to youth, adults and leaders during the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events. Give thanks for ELCA congregations and ministries in New Orleans that help make the Gathering a faith-strengthening, life-changing experience for everyone.

16 Pray for youth and young adults participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering as they explore what it means to be created by God as free, brave, authentic, disruptive disciples — all invaluable parts of our faith and identity in a world of ongoing challenge, crisis and suffering.

17 Generation Zero-Hunger is a youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Pray for the Spirit to inspire our generosity and compassion for our neighbors as we respond to this challenge to usher in a world without hunger and futures filled with hope.

18 Pray for our neighbors who suffer and long for peace in places of conflict and war. Pray that we will not grow weary in our concern, support and prayer and that we will not rest until there is peace and healing.

19 Give thanks for everything that God has revealed and given to us through Jesus Christ that stirs our hope and joy: God's abundant grace and mercy, God's will for our present life and future, and the promise of eternal life in the kingdom of God.

20 Pray that youth, young adults and adults attending the ELCA Youth Gathering will return home safely, bringing with them enthusiasm for sharing the impact of their faith-building experience and a renewed understanding of the task we share in common — doing God's work in the world.

21 We are called to do God's work in the world, both individually and with siblings in Christ who encourage, support and inspire us. Give thanks that we are not alone in our baptismal journey of service and that the

Spirit gives us diverse gifts that complement one another.

22 Pray for musicians and leaders gathering for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians conference at Valparaiso University, Ind., an annual continuing education event to nurture and equip church musicians, pastors and worship leaders.

23 Praise God and give thanks for the leaders and volunteers who planned and implemented the ELCA Youth Gathering, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), the tAble event and the Young Adult Gathering. Give thanks for congregations, community organizations, residents and community leaders in New Orleans who demonstrated hospitality and shared their wisdom and resources to help make the ELCA Youth Gathering experience safe, relevant and impactful.

24 "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). We may not be familiar with the work of shepherds anymore, but we do know the joy and relief of having God in our lives to guide us, comfort us, restore us and walk with us through darkness and evil. Give thanks and praise to God, our ever-present shepherd!

25 Remember in prayer young adults nearing the end of their yearlong volunteer service in the Young Adults in Global Mission program. Give thanks for their faith, gifts, witness and commitment to ministry, and pray that the Spirit will prepare them to pursue new opportunities for service and ministry in the church, our communities and the world.

26 Pray for peace and civility in our nation, for the mending of rifts and ideologies that isolate us and for the diverse gifts, perspectives and life experiences that enrich and inform our life together.

27 Pray that the companion synod relationships connecting ELCA synods and congregations with Lutheran churches around the world will flourish and will nurture and strengthen these congregations for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.

28 Do you see God doing great work with things that may seem small or insignificant to us? Lift up in prayer the things we witness that restore our faith, stir hope and reassure us that God is present and active in our lives, communities and world.

29 Pray for the Spirit to sustain the faith and energy of staff serving in summer camps and community ministries. Pray that their service experiences will enrich their lives and faith and will equip and inspire them to pursue other service opportunities and vocations.

30 Ask God to stir within us an enduring spirit of generosity toward others, including generosity toward ministries that touch the lives of our neighbors in need.

31 Remember in prayer teachers in public and faith-based schools as they experience the rest and renewal of summer break, and pray for those who teach year-round. Ask the Spirit to give them strength, creativity and hope as they educate and inspire children and youth.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 am GHELC Book Club Pastor Sarah on Vacation	2 5:30 pm Executive Committee 5:30 pm Worship & Music	3 10:00 am LWR Quilters	4 OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE 4th OF JULY	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour	8 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry	9 10:00 am Gather Bible Study 5:00 pm Council meeting Pastor Sarah @ Continuing Education	10 10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:00 pm Evening service @ First Presbyterian	11	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour	15 9:00 am We Deliver Sack Lunches	16 Pastor Sarah at Youth Gathering	17 10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:00 pm Evening service @ First Presbyterian	18 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters	19 12:00 pm 55+ Lunch Bunch	20
21 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour	22 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry	23	24 10:00 am LWR Quilters 12:00 pm Peggy Lutey Memorial 6:00 pm Evening service @ First Presbyterian	25	26	27
28 10:30 am joint Worship Service at Stodden Park	29 VBS @ Gold Hill 9:00 am to 1:30 pm	30 VBS @ Gold Hill 9:00 am to 1:30 pm	31 VBS @ Gold Hill 9:00 am to 1:30 pm 10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:00 pm Evening service @ First Presbyterian			
<div> <div> Worship Helpers </div> <div> <div> <u>Ushers</u> July 7 Kolby & Tracy Sukut July 14 Linda Williamson & Jeff Williamson July 21 Dorothy Tallon & Byron DeWaay July 28 Joint Worship at Stodden park </div> <div> <u>Lectors</u> Derek Harvey Patti Chain Chris Ketchum </div> <div> <u>Coffee Hour</u> Linda Williamson Patti Chain Linda Moore </div> <div> <u>Worship Asst.</u> ----- Heatherlynn Meeks ----- </div> <div> <u>Communion Asst.</u> Aaron Hoffenbacker ----- Cory Beck </div> </div> </div>						

