

The Nugget



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UNITED TO SERVE**

August 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!

As most of you know, myself, and 4 others from our congregations just returned from a week- long ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans! It was an incredible experience and one of these days our group will present some of our trip with you on a Sunday Morning.

The theme for the week was, Created To Be. Each day we explored a new chapter of this theme, Created to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive, and disciples. As we continue our journey of faith together, I wanted to give you a glimpse into the week and help you to be reminded of the powerful truths that we are created to embody. We are created to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive, and disciples of Christ.

We are created to be brave. Throughout the Bible, we see countless examples of individuals who exhibited great courage in the face of adversity. Just as David faced Goliath with unwavering faith, we too are called to stand firm in our beliefs and trust in God's plan for our lives. We are created to be authentic. God has uniquely created each of us with our own gifts, talents, and personalities. It is important for us to embrace our true selves and be genuine in our relationships with others. And, part of being our authentic selves involves allowing others to be their authentic selves with us. By being authentic, we can truly reflect God's love to those around us.

We are created to be free. Christ came to set us free from sin and death, and through his sacrifice, we have been given the ultimate freedom. Let us not be weighed down by the burdens of this world, but instead, live in the freedom that comes from knowing and following our Savior.

We are created to be disruptive. Jesus often challenged the status quo and pushed boundaries in order to bring about change and transformation. As followers of Christ, we too are called to disrupt the norms of society and advocate for justice, equality, and compassion. It's not always easy, but it wasn't easy for Jesus and his first disciples either!

We are created to be disciples. Our ultimate calling is to follow Jesus and spread his message of love and redemption to all corners of the earth. Let us be diligent in our Bible study, prayer, and service to others as we strive to live out our faith in tangible ways.

My hope for us all is that we embrace our identities as brave, authentic, free, disruptive, and disciples of Christ, and through recognizing who we have been created to be, we will continue to grow in our faith.

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.
Ginger DeWitt- prayers for health and recovery.

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August Birthdays /Anniversaries:

Cory Beck- celebrating his birthday
August 1



Danette Fitzpatrick – celebrating her
birthday August 2

Annette Lawson – celebrating her birthday August 9

Terry Munyon – celebrating his birthday August 9

Peggy Probasco- celebrating her birthday August 13

Kathy Hurlbert – celebrating her birthday August 16

Jack Corbin- celebrating his birthday August 18

Harold Johns-celebrating his birthday August 19

Peggy Graving- celebrating her birthday August 22

Norah Harvey-celebrating her birthday August 27

Carol Morrison-celebrating her birthday August 29

Kelly Bond- celebrating her birthday August 29

Dave Coleman-celebrating his birthday August 30

Deborah Brown-celebrating her birthday August 30

Larroll & Carol Leach- celebrating their anniversary
August 19

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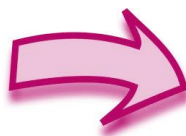
Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Ed Engle

Suzanne Stilwell

In Memory of Dick Fitzpatrick

Suzanne Stilwell



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 Gold Hill
on August 7th and 14th, and at First
Presbyterian on August 21st and 28th.

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



Financial Summary

By Danette Fitzpatrick

JUNE 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	12,477.32	12,700.01	-222.69
Expenses	10,432.74	12,840.94	-2,408.20
Net Income	2,084.70	-124.26	-2,208.96

Year to Date 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	72,679.12	76,300.08	-3,421.12
Expenses	93,992.56	77,045.64	16,964.68
Net Income	-10,116.96	-1,201.32	-20,154.24

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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OUTREACH **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

by Linda Moore

First of all, I want to give a huge thank you to all of you who so generously donated money or items for Pastor's Pantry in July. Pastor Sarah is so grateful.

School will be starting soon. Student supply lists are out at Walmart and Staples. Most Butte families are shopping for supplies their child will need for school, and service groups in town are putting together "backpacks" for students which many of Butte's children are able to receive. Even so, many kiddos come on the first day empty-handed.

Our Outreach team would like to help the teachers who quickly assemble items for these students. Schools sometimes have a few basic supplies, but mostly teacher's purchase items on their own so all kids can have things in their desks. Let's help them out!!

Suggestions from teachers for most needs supplies are:

-Crayons (the fat 8-pack for Kindergarten and 12 to 24 packs for older students)

-Scissors (blunt ends for little hands and pointed sharp ones for older kids)

-Pens

-Pencils

-Erasers

-Composition notebooks

-Single subject notebooks

-Plastic pencil boxes

-Sharpie pens

Teachers are also buying supplies for themselves, and I know from my teaching days that many would also appreciate an item or two. Some ideas are; a pair of good scissors, pens, erasable and permanent markers, binder clips, staplers, stickers, etc.

Again, thank you for caring and sharing! Let's fill the Safeway baskets with school supplies in August!



We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry

Volunteers for July were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Phyllis Steinbeck, Lynn Aniksdal, and Carol Leach. Thank you!

Food supplies & donations for food provided by:

Ron Gruss, Lynn Aniksdal, Chris Ketchum, Patty Callaghan, Annette Lawson, Linda Moore, Thank you!

We will meet this month on August 19th 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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Update from LWR Quilters

On May 8, Gold Hill sent 75 quilts packed in 9 boxes to Lutheran World Relief. They were loaded into a U-Haul truck driven by Billye and Jerry Roseleip from Deer Lodge. They picked up more boxed Quilts and Kits from ELCA and LCMS churches in Butte, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Helena, Townsend, Ennis, Belgrade, Bozeman, and Livingston.

These are the total number of Quilts and Kits picked up from our area.

Baby Care Kits	528
Fabric Kits	36
Quilts	1310
Personal Care	548
School Kits	765

The Quilts and Kits from our area are taken to Belgrade, where they are loaded into a semi-trailer. That truck starts in Missoula and also picks up boxes in the Flathead and Bitterroot Valleys. Another truck picks up boxes from Billings and Glendive. From those pick-up points, the trucks travel to the LWR distribution center in St. Paul, MN. There is also a warehouse located in New Windsor, MD.

While most of our quilts go to LWR, they are also used locally. We have given them to the Rescue Mission, Furniture Bank or to people in need.

We also occasionally sell our quilts. The proceeds from purchased quilts, along with donations to the Gold Hill Quilt Fund are used to purchase batting (our biggest expense) and other supplies if needed, and to service

our sewing machines. We also help with transportation and shipping costs so the quilts and kits can get to where they need to be. The cost for LWR to ship quilts is about \$2.80/quilt. This year we were able to send a check to LWR for \$240 for that purpose.

If you are interested in seeing what we do, or would like to join us, we meet every Wed at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can see examples of our finished quilts hanging on the north wall.

Thank you to all who have donated fabric and gently used sheets and also for your financial gifts, which all support this ministry.

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Gold Hill ELCA Trust Committee **7/17/2024**

Members present: Ron Gruss, Annette Lawson, Revonda Stordahl, Vern Nielsen, Chris Ketchum, and Dave Stordahl, council president Ron Gruss Called the meeting to order and asked if there were any questions about the orientation information he passed out at the last meeting. There were no questions.

Old Business

Annette read the minutes from 3/14/2024. Vern(m) and Chris(s) to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed. Revonda gave the treasurer's report. Annette (m) and Chris(s) to accept the report. The motion passed. Revonda is to contact Danette (council treasurer) about the amount in the undesignated memorial fund so far from 2024. Dave asked Ron to come to the next council meeting to talk about the trust committee and the undesignated memorial fund.

New Business

One scholarship application was received from Sarah Stamp (an associate member). Vern(m) and Annette(s) to award her a \$1000 scholarship for her next scholastic year at Gonzaga University. The motion passed. Annette will send a letter to Sarah informing her of her scholarship.

Ron created a form for requesting funding from the trust committee. Dave will present the form at the next council meeting (8/13/24) for approval. The form states that all requests must first be reviewed by the church council to determine if the request can be funded by the church budget before any trust committee action can be taken.

It was suggested that in order to better engage the congregation in the Monthly Outreach Ministries, the

trust committee could match the funds donated each month. The Outreach Ministry for August is to collect school supplies for students and teachers. Revonda(m) and Vern(s) for the trust committee to match the Outreach Ministry fund in August for student and teacher supplies. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 9/18/2024 at 5:15 pm at Gold Hill.

Vern led in closing the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Lawson, secretary

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**Gold Hill Lutheran Church
Council Minutes – July 9,
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

David Stordahl (President), Ty Inglis (Administrative Director), Danette Fitzpatrick (Treasurer), Kolby Sukut (Secretary), Shelly Anderson (Worship), Pat Gruss (Spiritual Growth), Miriam Haley (Leadership), Linda Moore (Outreach).

3) Devotions

Shelly shared the devotion.

4) Approval of the Minutes: June 11, 2024

It was motioned, seconded, and carried (MSC) to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for June 11th, 2024.

5) Pastor's Report

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

- Check-in Phone Calls: 82
- Community Outreach: 6
- Home Communion Visits: 12 (5 Gold Hill; 7 Gloria Dei)
- Counseling Sessions: 6
- Funeral Services: 3
- Nursing Home Services: 1
- Average Weekly Hours: 50.16

6) Treasurer's Report

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

It was noted that expenses were higher, and giving is down in 2024, which has resulted in a net loss in the year-to-date financials.

7) President's Report

Dave provided an update on remediation activities. Excavation activities are anticipated to commence next week.

8) Administrative Director's Report

Ty provided an update on recent activities, including recent meetings with the preschool, Mutual Ministry Committee, and constitution updates.

9) Worship Ministry

Shelly discussed the upcoming schedule for worship services, which will include service at Stodden Park on July 28th.

10) Leadership Ministry

Miriam discussed recent repairs, purchases, and expenses which included a new sterilizer, gutter repair, boiler replacement, carpet cleaning and fan lights.

Miriam discussed the need to paint the exterior doors and windows.

11) Spiritual Growth Ministry

Pat reported that Sunday School was an overall success this past year with an average of 7 children attending (minimum of 3; maximum of 15).

Pat reported that Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for July 29th through August 1st and sign-up sheets will be provided for helping with VBS.

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:

The Council discussed the removal of a small pew in the balcony. It was determined that at this point, no action was needed and the discussion was tabled.

An insurance claim was received from an individual who slipped and fell on the sidewalk in front of the church. The claim was turned into Gold Hill's insurance and no additional updates were available at the time.

The Council discussed the procedure for conducting "communion at the rail". It was decided that it should follow a similar practice to "standing communion" and the need for a rail extension adjacent to the ramp was needed.

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

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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