

The Nugget



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

September 2024

Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church
934 Placer Street - Butte, MT 59701
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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!

Are you tired of talking about faith, talking about the things that you wish would change, are you ready to do something about it? I certainly am!! And this month, we have an amazing opportunity to make a difference in our community, doing God's Work with Our Hands.

This month, we, the Copper City Parish, are inviting everyone in the community to stage an attack on Butte hunger! And we need YOU to help make it happen!

There are so many people in our community who are not having their daily needs met. And, as Christians, we are called to do something about that. We are called to serve our neighbors in need. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us, "I was hungry and you gave me food...Just as you did it for one of the least of these, you did it for me."

How can you help? There is a sign-up sheet posted at church for specifics, but we are asking everyone to bring a dish to share for the potluck, items for a donation for the Butte Emergency Food Bank, and your presence at the event to provide fellowship, and to have fun! Financial donations will be appreciated as well, to help pay for the meat for the grill out, buns, condiments, bouncy houses, and other expenses.

On September 8th, we get to feed people, but even more than that, we get to help connect people to resources to help them be less hungry going forward. We have invited many of our community resource organizations to be present to provide information and sign people up for their programs. Representatives from Butte Rescue Mission, Action Inc., the Butte Emergency Food Bank, The Native Wellness Center, Butte 4 C's, the School District, SNAP, and WIC will be on hand to answer questions and offer assistance to those in need.

This is an opportunity for us to come together as a community to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Together, we can work towards a future where no one in Butte goes hungry.

By participating in this event, you are not only providing support to those struggling with food insecurity, but you are also showing the power of unity and compassion in our community. We can take the judgement and the stigma out of needing help, by offering dignity and accompaniment to those who are struggling.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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.
Ginger DeWitt- prayers for health and recovery.

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September Birthdays /Anniversaries:

Cheryl Neuhart- celebrating her
birthday September 2
Brittany Campbell – celebrating her
birthday September 6
Kayla Harvey – celebrating her birthday September 6
David Johnson – celebrating his birthday September 7
Ruschelle Tyvand- celebrating her birthday September
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Abby Biastoch – celebrating her birthday September
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Pam Cloonan- celebrating her birthday September 17
Chris Meeks- celebrating his birthday September 22
Ruth Matson- celebrating her birthday September 27
Pat Gruss- celebrating her birthday September 30
Kemera Thomas- celebrating her birthday September
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John & Barb Crnich- celebrating their anniversary
September 11
Paul & Kay Vang- celebrating their anniversary
September 17
Mike & Sheliah Vincent- celebrating their anniversary
September 19

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**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

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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The Gold Hill Lutheran
Church Choir will
reconvene its weekly choir
practice on Wednesday
evenings at 6pm beginning
on Wednesday, September 4th. If you love
to sing please come and join us. If you have
any questions please contact me, Dave
Coleman, at your convenience. My phone
number is 406.491.5393 and my email
is daveinconcert@live.com. Thank you!

We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry

Volunteers for August were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Phyllis Steinbach, Lynn Aniksdal, and Carol



Leach. Thank you!

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

We will meet this month on September 16th 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

August donations for the Butte School teachers were amazing. We received over 300 supply items (I did not count the individual pens, pencils, crayons, etc.) Also, we have received \$365 in donations that were matched by the Trust committee. In addition, we were given enough money to purchase 21 \$50 gift cards from Staples that were given to each of the new teachers in Butte School District #1. All of this will make a huge difference for our butte teachers and students. Thank you so much!

September's project will be to help with God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 8th. If you would like to make a contribution the Safeway totes are out and donations of paper products (plates, cups, napkins, and condiments) are welcomed. **Mostly** we would like volunteers to help in the kitchen and outside. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

Looking further ahead October we would like to help the Butte Rescue Mission. Their big fundraiser is a dinner on October 10th. In the past Gold Hill has sponsored a table and we would like to do that again. The cost for the table is \$500. A small thing we want to do is also collect new socks. Be thinking if you would like to help with that. Donations can be put in the Outreach Ministry Opportunity envelopes located in the pews. It will be a nice catered dinner with a program afterward and we could sit 10 people at our table. Let me know if you would like to attend!

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

By Danette Fitzpatrick

JULY 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	8,267.00	12,700.01	-4,434.00
Expenses	16,284.00	12,842.00	-3,443.00
Net Income	-8,017.00	-124.26	-7,893.00

Year to Date 2024	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	81,612.00	88,900.00	-3,421.12
Expenses	96,780.00	89,886.00	6,893.00
Net Income	-16,109.00	-1,402.00	-14,708.00

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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ATTENTION PLEASE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

9:00 AM TO 10:30 AM SET UP AT GOLD HILL

10:30 JOINT WORSHIP WITH GLORIA DEI AT GOLD HILL

12:00 PM TO 5:00 PM ATTACK BUTTE HUNGER EVENT AT GOLD HILL

CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

INVENTORY 6/3/2024

Chairperson, Miriam H; Members, Derek Harvey, Peggy Probasco, & Linda Moore

Maintenance and finishing the fire restoration work is on-going as you can see. Many thanks for all who have put in time and expertise already! This list is also posted in the bulletin board. Each of us have skills, talents, and commitment to Gold Hill's ministry and maintenance. Please find a job you can do; they are varied and so many. You, your time, and your tools are needed!

PARKING LOT ENTRY

As the most-used entry this space is disappointing. It looks like a storage closet for brooms, shovels, and multiple buckets and needs attention. The hangers for the shovels and brooms need to be replaced. The ceiling light needs to be replaced with the new one in the second-floor "extra" room. Vinyl baseboards need to be installed.

KITCHEN

Needs a cleaning crew.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Some touch-up paint is needed on the radiator covers. The northeast corner of the floor needs a patch. Sound System Speakers need to be rehung. The sound system works well in this room. Paint the frame of the wall cross to give it a better definition. We have the paint. This could be done as we contract for other professional painting.

FIRESIDE ROOM

The Fireside Room space has been doubled with The Fire Reconstruction. The "old kitchen/library" never had heat registers. Now this larger room is not adequately heated during much of the year. A 110 electric fireplace insert has been suggested.

INTERIOR RAMP HALLWAY

Install Prayer Shawl Hooks above the windows similar to what we had before the fire. I have a photo. The aluminum thresholds throughout the building need attention to remove paint spills and dirt.

SANCTUARY

The speakers need to be improved; we suggest trying other locations; and eventually, wall-mounted.

The balcony needs to have one pew removed and the others adjusted so it can be used for seating. The ceiling/wall corner above the large balcony window needs new caulk.

OUTSIDE

All wood needs needs paint.

The Preschool entry door needs a light.

The drain cover by the Preschool door needs to be replaced. The grid is too large for small children; it could catch their feet.

PARSONAGE AND GARAGE

Linda M, Peggy P., and I also walked through the Parsonage. The Coleman's have done no damage and appear very comfortable living there. Construction on their new home has begun. They expect to leave the Parsonage before the end of this year.

However, multiple maintenance and update projects are awaiting.

The front porch lights need to be replaced...one is broken.

Most of the lights in the house and garage are inadequate. We suggest replacing all with LEDs. We have two LED fluorescent-style light fixtures suitable for the laundry room.

Many of the carpet thresholds need to be replaced; they are broken or bent.

The living room door handle needs to be replaced.

The back porch and fence need sanding and paint.

The rain gutters will be checked at the same time as the church.

The eaves need paint.

There seems to be a water problem on the west side of the roof which is discoloring the west inside seam where the wall and ceiling meet. It is worse than when checked a year ago. That attic can be entered from the second-floor stairwell landing. This leak shows up in the living room wall and ceiling and the west bedroom.

Sunday School

Will begin September 15th at
10:15 am at Gloria Dei. We look
forward to seeing the kids there!

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.

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, this is the time to start 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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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES for OCTOBER

Linda Moore, Chairman; Patty C, Peggy P, Miriam H, members

Many thanks for your gifts to Pastor's Pantry in July and to Back To School supplies in August.

October will be SOCKTOBER! The number one need in Rescue Missions is socks. So in October we are collecting socks which will be given to our local Rescue Mission located at the east end of Platinum Street.



Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes – August 13, 2024

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), Miriam Haley (Leadership), Linda Moore (Outreach)

3) Devotions

Pat shared the devotion.

4) Approval of the Minutes: July 9, 2024

It was motioned, seconded, and carried (MSC) to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for June 9th, 2024, with an addendum that the God's Works Our Hands was discussed at the meeting.

5) Pastor's Report

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

Check-in Phone Calls: 30

Community Outreach: 8

Home Communion Visits: 3 (1 Gold Hill; 2 Gloria Dei)

Counseling Sessions: 18

Funeral Services: 1

Nursing Home Services: 0

Average Weekly Hours: 76.58 (excluding her vacation week)

Pastor Sarah provided a summary breakdown, including the plan and needs, for the God's Work Our Hands event scheduled for September 8th, 2024. Signup sheets will be provided for volunteers and necessary items.

Pastor Sarah inquired about Gold Hill sponsoring a bench for the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC) fundraiser.

6) Treasurer's Report

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

It was again noted that expenses were higher, and giving is down in 2024, which has resulted in a net loss in the year-to-date financials. The Council agreed to reevaluate this trend and discuss potential solutions at the next meeting.

7) President's Report

Dave provided an update on remediation activities. Remedial activities are continuing to progress and sod has been installed on the north side of the property.

8) Administrative Director's Report

Ty presented the lease agreement for the pre-school, and it was MSC to approve the new lease as written (same as previous years).

9) Worship Ministry

Shelly reported the Stodden Park service was a success.

10) Leadership Ministry

Miriam provided an update on property. Miram suggested the Council should evaluate the benefit and cost of holding onto the parsonage versus selling the property. The discussion was tabled until next month's meeting.

11) Spiritual Growth Ministry

Pat reported that Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a success and a total of 23 kids attended in 2024.

12) Outreach Ministry

Linda reported that she was pleased with the results of Pastor's Pantry for the previous month's mission of the month (MOM). The next MOM will be to provide school supplies for new teachers.

13) Other Business:

Ron Gruss presented to the Council on what the Trust Committee does, and it was discussed how the Council and Trust can work better together to meet the needs of the congregation.

Dave brought up the need to acquire a lockable file cabinet for the office to store documents containing sensitive information.

Ty Inglis requested the Council endorse him to become an LPA. Dave agreed to prepare a recommendation letter on his behalf.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL August 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 “It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly” (Mark 7:21-22). Recognizing that evil intentions and actions come from the human heart, confess your weakness to God, who is rich in mercy and loves us even in our imperfection.

2 *Labor Day* Recognize and pray for the work people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, be renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor. Pray for those who seek employment and for the care, support and well-being of people unable to work.

3 *National Suicide Prevention Month* Pray for those who feel lonely, depressed and hopeless, that they will find compassion and spiritual renewal in times of darkness and suffering. Ask the Spirit how we might best respond to our neighbors and siblings in Christ who are struggling.

4 Ask the Spirit to help us be doers and hearers of the word of God, looking beyond our own needs and attending to the needs of our suffering neighbors.

5 Give thanks for the thousands of young people who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in July and raised nearly \$100,000 for Generation Zero-Hunger, supporting ELCA World Hunger in its work to end hunger and poverty and to transform lives, families and communities around the world.

6 Pray for communities and congregations vulnerable to the hurricanes, that they will be prepared, resilient and ready to serve their neighbors impacted by severe weather. Give thanks for the many ways — immediate and long term — that Lutheran Disaster Response gathers resources to relieve suffering, support recovery and healing, and stir hope.

7 Pray for ELCA campus ministries across the country as they engage students, faculty, staff and others to experience God’s abundant grace through worship, study, fellowship, service and pastoral care.

8 “*God’s work. Our hands.*” *Sunday* On this annual day of service, give thanks for the opportunity to

celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. Give thanks for our partnerships of compassion, service and advocacy with other congregations and ecumenical partners, Lutheran health and human service agencies, and community organizations.

9 “I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long” (Psalm 146:2). Thank God for all we have and for God’s loving and merciful presence in our lives.

10 Remember those who deliver food, goods and other resources by truck, merchant ship or train, across the country and around the world. Pray for their safety and well-being, especially when they are separated from family, friends and community. Pray that their loneliness might be eased by the knowledge that we are always connected, as children of God and siblings in Christ, through a faith that has no bounds.

11 Pray for ELCA missionaries and International Women Leaders serving alongside our global companions in the Middle East and North Africa to share the good news of Jesus Christ, advocate for justice and peace, support communities and leaders, and invite all to journey together as children of God.

12 Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith in God’s immeasurable power to heal, renew and create hope where there is tragedy, suffering and despair. Pray that God will equip us to respond to our neighbors in need and to bear hope, healing and love into the world.

13 Remember in prayer young adults using their faith, gifts and passion in the church, the workplace, the military, volunteer organizations and community service agencies.

14 Racism and bias are persistent and perplexing problems that infect our society, church, institutions and systems. Ask God to forgive us when we disparage and separate ourselves from children of God whom we perceive to be different and less valued. Pray for the courage, wisdom and humility to confront our biases and to strive for love, respect, equity and unity.

15 *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latiné neighbors and siblings in Christ. Pray for the growth and vitality of the ELCA’s 147

Latine ministries as they share the gospel, support rostered and lay leaders, promote inclusivity and diversity, and serve their neighbors. Pray for the Spirit to guide and further the work of the ELCA Latino Ministries Association.

16 “[Jesus] asked [the disciples], ‘But who do you say that I am?’” (Mark 8:29). Pray for the Spirit to help us express our faith in Jesus Christ as Son of the living God — our savior, liberator, teacher, healer and true hope for the world.

17 Give thanks for the Christian Education Network of the ELCA, which connects professionals and volunteers and encourages their mutual care and support as they serve in vocations of lifelong faith formation in congregations and other ministries.

18 “[The Lord has] delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling” (Psalm 116:8). Give thanks and praise to God for hearing our pleas, responding, and accompanying us through every difficulty.

19 Pray that we might honor our Creator by treating people with love and mercy, giving thanks for what we have, practicing generosity, managing natural resources responsibly and telling others of God’s amazing power and grace.

20 Recognizing that we each have strengths and shortcomings, pray that we will attend to one another’s needs, mindful of God’s forgiveness and grace that surround us and of our renewal in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

21 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the United Church of Christ, 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.

22 Pray for a spirit of humility and attentiveness to the needs of our neighbor, a spirit shaped by the example of Jesus Christ and uninterested in personal recognition, reward or praise.

23 Pray for those gathered in Portland, Ore., for the conference offered by the ELCA Stewardship and Generosity team in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Ask

God to bless their time together, to strengthen stewardship leaders, to equip them with tools to encourage congregational generosity, and to cultivate new approaches to supporting Christ’s mission in the world.

24 Ask God to bless our synod bishops, presiding bishop and secretary as they gather in Chicago for the Conference of Bishops, that they might support and encourage one another and help identify, invite and equip new leaders in the church.

25 Pray that our actions, words and relationships will reflect the love of God, which stirs humility, joy, kindness and generosity.

26 Pray that God will strengthen and guide us in the essential work of ending poverty, hunger and homelessness, here and around the world, for the sake of humanity and to honor God as our creator and source of life.

27 Give thanks that God is our help and strength in every situation, and that our faith will be sustained through the work of the Spirit and the care we receive from our siblings in Christ.

28 “Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?” (*All Creation Sings* 1003). In this time of unrest and uncertainty we may feel that we have nothing of significance to offer. Pray that we will hear and respond to God’s call to use our unique gifts, experiences and wisdom to be an active, compassionate and faithful presence in the world.

29 Rejoice and give thanks to God for empowering us to gather our strength and resources as communities of faith, serving our neighbors in need in ways we could never imagine on our own.

30 Pray for the new members of your congregation, that they will feel included in a faith community that responds to their need for spiritual growth, shares in their joys and sorrows, and welcomes their diverse gifts for doing God’s work in the world.

September 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 10:30 am Ecumenical Service @ Clark's Park Potluck to follow	2 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am GHELC Book Club	3 5:30 pm Executive Committee 5:30 Worship and Music	4 Creative Factory Preschool open house @ 5pm 10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:00 pm Choir Practice	5	6	7
8 10:30 am Joint Service @ Gold Hill 12-5 pm Attack on Butte Hunger event @ Gold Hill	9 Creative Factory Preschool First Day 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry	10 10:00 am Gather Bible Study 5:00 pm Council meeting	11 10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:00 pm Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School @ Gloria Dei	16 9:00 am We Deliver Sack Lunches	17	18 10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:00 pm Choir Practice	19 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters	20 12:00 pm 55+ Lunch Bunch	21
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Worship Helpers						
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8 th Patti Chain & Mike Lawson		Lynn McGlynn	Kay Vang	-----	-----	-----
15 th Shelly Anderson & Jody Bickford		Vern Nielsen	-----	Linda Williamson	Lydia Schilcher	Sue Repola
22 nd Kayla Harvey & Danette Fitzpatrick		Dorothy Tallon	Julie Corbin	-----	-----	Susan Stamp
29 th Kolby & Tracy Sukut		Ty Inglis	-----	Peggy Probasco	Josie Harvey	Danette Fitzpatrick