

The Nugget



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

April 2025

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 we enter the month of April, we find ourselves on the cusp of one of the most significant times in the Christian calendar: Holy Week and the glorious celebration of Easter. This is a season that invites us to reflect deeply on the profound love of God revealed through Jesus Christ—love that triumphs over sin and death, offering us new life and hope.

Lent has been a time of introspection, fasting, and prayer—a journey that has led us to the foot of the cross. On Palm Sunday, we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, met with shouts of joy and praise. As we move through Holy Week, we witness the events that led to the crucifixion, the ultimate sacrifice made for us. We remember the Last Supper, Jesus'; betrayal, and the agony of Gethsemane. Each moment invites us to reflect on the depth of Christ's love and the call to take up our own crosses.

Yet, as we approach Easter Sunday, we are reminded of the promise of resurrection. The empty tomb symbolizes a new beginning, a new life that breaks forth from darkness into light. Just as spring brings forth new growth after the long winter, so too does the resurrection of Christ herald new beginnings for each of us. In John 10:10, Jesus reminds us that He came to give us life—not just any life, but life abundantly. This abundant life is filled with hope, joy, and purpose.

As nature begins to bloom around us, we are called to reflect on our own growth and the ministries that God is calling us to pursue within our community. Each of us has unique gifts and passions that can contribute to the life of our church and the needs of our neighbors. As we celebrate the resurrection and the promise of new life, I urge you to consider: What is God calling you to do?

Are there individuals in our community who need a listening ear or a helping hand? Perhaps you feel called to serve in our children's ministry, to visit those who are lonely, or to engage in outreach programs. This is a time to be bold in our faith and to step into the abundant life that Jesus offers.

As we gather for worship on Easter Sunday, let us celebrate not only the resurrection of our Lord but also the resurrection of our own spirits as we commit to living out our faith in action. Let us embrace the call to serve, to love, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ with a world that is longing for hope and healing.

May this season of Easter fill your hearts with joy and inspire you to live abundantly in the light of Christ's love.

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.

Patricia Coleman- prayers for health and healing.

Aric Sorenson- prayers for health and healing.

Ginger DeWitt- prayers for health and healing.

Terry Nash- prayers for health and healing.

Joanna Tempel- prayers for health and recovery.

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April Birthdays /Anniversaries:

April 3 Mike Vincent

April 4 Tim Rowe

April 7 Kolby Sukut

April 7 Mike Lawson

April 15 Christy Chain

April 18 Derek Harvey

April 28 Susan Stamp

April 30 Jeff Williamson



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

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NOTICES

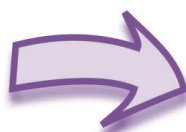
MARRIAGES

3/15/25 Brant & Brinna Lumpkin

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Lenten & Easter Service Schedule

- Lenten Midweek services (3/12/25-4/9/25):
5:45 pm Soup & Bread; 6:30 service @ Gold Hill
- 5:45 pm Maundy Thursday (4/17/25): Gold Hill
- 6:30 pm Good Friday (4/18/25): Gloria Dei
- 8:00 am Easter Service (4/20/25): Gold Hill
- 9:30 am Easter Breakfast (4/20/25): Gloria Dei
- 11:00 am Late Easter Service (4/20/25):
Gloria Dei



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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Hope Lutheran welcomes Copper City Parish WELCA to their Springtime WELCA Luncheon on May 6th from Noon - 2 PM. Featuring vintage quilts and their stories.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

By Jim Anderson

February 2025	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	9,288.52	12,716.68	(3,428.16)
Expenses	11,364.24	12,840.94	(1,476.70)
Net Income	(2,075.72)	(124.26)	(1,951.46)

Year to Date 2025	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	24,916.54	25,433.36	(516.82)
Expenses	24,098.27	25,681.88	(1,583.61)
Net Income	818.27	(248.52)	(1,066.79)

We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry



Volunteers for March were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Patti Chain, Carol Leach, Larroll Leach, Brad Fitzpatrick, Byron DeWaay, JoAnne Farrow. Thank you!

Food supplies & donations for food provided by: Patty Callaghan, Tracy Sukut, Annette Lawson, Carol Leach, Lynn Aniksdal. Thank you!

We will meet this month on April 21st at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall to put these lunches together. If you

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday: Gloria Dei by appointment (Visit day)

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

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

Friday: Gloria Dei 8:30-1:45, 3:30-5:00

have any questions please feel free to call Annette Lawson, at 406-490-7751.

April's Mission Opportunity for Gold Hill Lutheran

We will be gathering items for and putting together Personal Care Kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief this spring; there is always a great need for the many people in refugee camps and elsewhere and LWR does such wonderful work with dislocated people.

We would like to have all items brought to Gold Hill by April 20; you can put them in the Safeway boxes in the church entry. We plan to gather on April 27, at 2 p.m. in the Gold Hill fellowship hall to put kits together and pack them. The kits will be shipped with the quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

These are the items needed for each kit:

- One light-weight bath-size towel at least 20" x 40" and not larger than 52" x 27"; dark color is recommended.
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap (8 to 9 oz.) in original wrapping.
- One adult-size toothbrush in original packaging.
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging.
- *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

Remember that none of the items can be used, or have any religious, military, or patriotic symbols.

All items should be new and in good condition.

Thank you for any donations and we hope you will join us for a busy and companionable work session as we prepare these much-needed kits.



Assistive Listening Devices Available

Pastor Sarah asked me to investigate getting receivers for people with moderate to severe hearing loss. After working with Shelly from the music and worship committee the solution we came up with is to add an FM transmitter to our sound system. The FM systems can be used in conjunction with hearing aids and meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for accessible design. The Gold Hill Trust Committee provided funding for the system.

In 1982, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the use of frequencies within the 72-76 MHz band as the designated radio frequencies that could be used by people with hearing loss. Our system is operating on channel 01 (72.1 MHz).

If you would like to try one of the devices just check out a receiver at the ramp door usher's station. The usher will help you get up and running. It is highly recommended that the parishioners bring their own earphones or earbuds. However, the church can provide you with earphones or headphones.

I'm following Proclaim AV recommendation where only speech is transmitted in this system. You won't hear anything until the service begins.

Please return the receiver after the service as they must be cleaned after each use.

Bring your own device

Users have several options to choose from when it comes to our FM system. You may prefer to use your own device. Mini-FM radios are low cost (\$10 to \$15). The only requirement is that the radio must be able to be tuned to 72.1 MHz. Below is a link that will work with our system. Feel free to contact me if you would like some help with the setup.

https://www.amazon.com/EXMAX-60-108MHz-Wireless-Portable-Transmitter/dp/B0742BMXW3/ref=sr_1_4

There are other FM radio models, so feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Hearing Aids Options

You may not want to use the receiver and prefer to use your hearing aids with FM boot. Also called "hearing aid boots," FM boots connect directly to the bottom of behind-the-ear hearing aids to transmit audio. They can also be used in conjunction with cochlear implant processors. See your audiologist for more information.

Another option for people with moderate to severe hearing loss is a neck loop. The neck loop functions as a wireless connection to hearing aids equipped with a "T" coil, also known as T-Switch or telecoil. Listeners simply connect the loop into the receiver's headphones output, place the loop around their neck, and the hearing aid receives the sound and amplifies it into the ear. See your audiologist for more information. Neck loops were not included in our package, so please let me know if I need to order one.

Earbuds/Headphones Options

As I mentioned before, I recommend using your own earbuds or headphones. Any wired earbuds or headphones will work if they have a 3.5mm jack (stereo or mono). Earbuds or headphones with a microphone, Wireless, or Bluetooth will not work as the receiver uses the wire as an antenna.

Ron Gruss



Gold Hill Lutheran Church
Council Minutes – March 11,
2025

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

1) Call to Order

- President David Stordahl called the meeting to order.

2) Attendance

- Pastor Sarah Schilcher
- David Stordahl (President)
- Ty Inglis (Administrative Director)
- Jim Anderson (Treasurer)
- Kolby Sukut (Secretary)
- Shelly Anderson (Worship)
- Jody Bickford (Leadership)

3) Devotions

- Shelly shared the devotion.

4) Approval of the Minutes: February 11, 2025

- It was motioned, seconded, and carried (MSC) to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for February 11th, 2025.

5) Pastor's Report

- Pastor Sarah provided a list of her monthly activities for February, which included:
 - Check-in Phone Calls: 34
 - Community Outreach: 12
 - Home Communion Visits: 10 (5 Gold Hill; 5 Gloria Dei)
 - Counseling Sessions: 8
 - Funeral Services: 0
 - Nursing Home Services: 0
 - Average Weekly Hours: 47.88
 - Personal Days Taken: 1
- Pastor Sarah notified the Council that she will be out for continuing education from 4/21 through 4/28 (week after Easter).

6) Treasurer's Report

- Several items in the February Financial Report were discussed. Following the discussion, it was MSC to approve the February Financial Report.

7) President's Report

- Nothing to report.

8) Administrative Director's Report

- Ty provided an update on pursuing a new insurance provider; an application was submitted to Marsh-McLennan.

9) Worship Ministry

- Shelly provided an update on planning Lenten/Easter services.

10) Leadership Ministry

- Jody provided an update on the activities of the Parsonage Evaluation Committee and noted that CLR was the new snow removal contractor for the Church.

11) Spiritual Growth Ministry

- Pastor Sarah noted that several parents were willing to lead Sunday School each week and the Council discussed the potential of identifying a Spiritual Growth leader if parents were willing to fill the Sunday School teacher role.

12) Outreach Ministry

- Linda was absent but provided a summary email of Outreach Ministry activities which included noting the Valentine's luncheon was a success and \$500.00 in offering was received which was sent to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

13) Other Business:

No new business was discussed.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL March 2025:

David Stordahl –

President

Ty Inglis–

Administration Director

Jim Anderson –

Treasurer

Kolby Sukut –

Secretary

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

April 2025 Prayer Ventures



1 Pray for lasting peace between nations and for the healing of people who suffer conflict, war and violence, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Syria, Haiti, Myanmar and regions of Africa.

2 Arab American Heritage Month Give thanks for the contributions and impact of Arab Americans in every aspect of society, including religion, education, science, business, government and the arts. Ask God to bless and further the work of ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries and the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage.

3 “You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow” (WOV 784). Praise God for seeking us out and, despite our imperfection, making us humble disciples, equipped and inspired by the Spirit.

4 Pray for church leaders, liturgists, scholars and scientists gathering to discuss including the Feast of Creation Day in liturgical calendars, an effort organized by the Roman Catholic Church in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, World Methodist Council, Anglican Communion and World Communion of Reformed Churches. Ask the Spirit to guide their study and discussion of climate justice, the Nicene Creed, the role of the Holy Trinity in creation, and how Christians engage with the creation story.

5 Remember in prayer worship leaders and musicians participating in the ecumenical Music that Makes Community workshop in Waco, Texas, a day of building community through singing, learning and fellowship.

6 Pray for a spirit of humble generosity that recognizes and encourages the diverse gifts and contributions of our siblings in Christ, who give as they are able and are inspired by their gratitude towards and love for God.

7 Praise the Creator for the new life of an emerging spring, which inspires our joy, awe and hope.

8 There are about 390,000 people in foster care in our country, ranging from infants to young adults. Pray that these young people will experience love, understanding, security and encouragement in their foster families. Give thanks for foster parents and remember those

young adults who, aging out of foster care, may face new uncertainties.

9 Seek God’s forgiveness and mercy for the times when we have hurt, offended or demeaned others, intentionally or unintentionally. Pray for the Spirit to grant us humility, penitent hearts and a compassion that stirs us to make amends and heal broken relationships.

10 Lift up in prayer farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers. Give thanks for their efforts to feed the world and care for creation, and pray for abundant harvests.

11 Give thanks that God is always doing something new in and through us, wonderful things that impact others when they witness Christ’s awesome love reflected in our lives as disciples.

12 Pray for youth in our congregations and communities, recognizing the challenges they face, celebrating the joys they experience and showing gratitude for what they add to our faith communities, which need the gifts of all generations to do God’s work in the world.

13 Palm Sunday Pray that we might accompany Jesus in his journey of persecution, suffering, death and resurrection, a journey of love and sacrifice for our sake.

14 Pledge to bear hope, grace and newness in Christ to our neighbors in need, especially those who are poor, hungry, sick, imprisoned, unemployed or plagued by war or domestic conflict.

15 Praise God for the strength we draw from Scripture, from our siblings in Christ, from living in community and from the tireless work of the ever-present Spirit.

16 Pray to the Lord for comfort, strength and renewed faith when you feel broken and worn-out.

17 Maunday Thursday Today we end our observation of Lent and shift our attention to what God has done for the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, son of God and son of humankind. Give thanks for the gift of new life in Christ, a life wrapped in God’s boundless grace.

18 Good Friday “Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don’t look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you

can do everything” (Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380).

Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our faith so that, through us, God’s love and mercy might shine brightly in the world.

19 Ask the Spirit for a faith that is certain and resilient, even when we don’t fully understand or appreciate what God has done for humanity through Jesus Christ.

20 Easter Day Sing praise and thanksgiving to God! This is the day the Lord has made for us to gather as loved and forgiven children, celebrating our freedom from the bondage of sin and death.

21 When you reflect on who might need your presence, comfort and reassuring words of love and hope, who comes to mind? Include them in your prayers and reach out to them.

22 Give thanks and pray for directors for evangelical mission, who serve in partnership with ELCA churchwide ministries and synods, helping them to found “new start” ministries, renew congregations, nurture stewardship, and identify, develop and equip leaders for ministry.

23 Every day, Jesus walks with us, sharing good news and wisdom just as he did with Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus. Pray that the Spirit will help us express that good news and wisdom in our conversations with our neighbors.

24 “We are not fed by only doing one way of ministry. Instead it is about seeing the face of God in every person who walks through the door, about embracing the inherent dignity of every individual, regardless of their circumstances” (the Rev. Esther K. Sianipar, “Serving With Shobi’s Table: A Reflection,” shobistable.org). Pray for our neighbors who suffer hunger, lack reliable access to nutritious food and yearn for the support of caring communities, and thank God for our congregational, synodical and churchwide ministries that serve them without bias or judgment.

25 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Alaska Synod, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod and Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, 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.

26 Thank God for the spiritual nourishment we receive when we gather around the table to celebrate communion, and for the Triune God, who calls and equips us to do God’s work in the world.

27 Like the apostle Thomas, we all experience moments of doubt and disbelief. Pray that God will be patient and forgiving with us, rekindling our trust in a Spirit that helps us when our faith weakens.

28 Thank God for volunteers who respond to the needs of the church and society by sharing their time, gifts and passion. Pray that we will extend to people of all ages the invitation to serve God.

29 Pray for those who suffer the trauma of gun violence in their communities and elsewhere. Ask for wisdom in responding to our stricken neighbors, for guidance in working to ending gun violence and for fearless respect for human life — a precious gift from God, our creator.

30 Again, we rejoice and shout, “Hallelujah! The Lord, our savior, is risen!” The good news and power of Easter that we experience cannot be confined to a single calendar day.

April 2025

Church Office Hours: 11:35 AM-2:35 PM, Mon. – Fri. CLOSED Sat. – Sun.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30am – Perkins bible study 10:30am - Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei 5:30pm Executive Committee	2 Midweek Lenten Service 10:00 am LWR Quilters 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm service	3 6:30 pm Choir practice	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School @ Gloria Dei	7 10:00 am GHELC Book Club	8 8:30am – Perkins bible study 10:00 am Gather Bible Study 10:30am - Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei 5:30pm Council meeting	9 Midweek Lenten Service 10:00 am LWR Quilters 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm service	10 6:30 pm Choir practice	11	12
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20 8:00 am Early Easter Service 9:30 am Easter Breakfast 11:00 am Late Easter Breakfast	21 9:00 am Sack Lunch Pastor Sarah Out of Office	22 8:30am – Perkins bible study 10:30am - Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei	23 10:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm Choir practice	24	25	26
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Date	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Worship Asst.	PowerPoint	Communion Asst.	Coffee Hour
April 6	Kolby & Tracy Sukut	Paul Vang	N/A	Dorothy Tallon	Breison Campbell	N/A	Revonda Stordahl
April 13	Revonda Stordahl & Annette Lawson	Patti Chain	Allen Podgorski	N/A	Chris Ketchum	Christy Chain	Linda Moore
April 20	Shelly Anderson & Jody Bickford	Heatherlynn Meeks	N/A	Julie Corbin	Ron Gruss	N/A	Susan Stamp
April 27	Chris Ketchum & Aaron Hoffenbacker	Courtney Raty	Josie Harvey	N/A	Ryan Raty	Tavia Broudy	Kayla Harvey