

The Nugget



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

May 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 step into May, we find ourselves in the beautiful season of Easter—yes, it's a season not just a day! This is a time when nature awakens, flowers bloom, and the world around us is filled with vibrant colors and warming weather. Just as spring brings new life to the earth, the Easter season reminds us of the new life we have in Christ through his resurrection.

Throughout this season, we have been reflecting on the incredible gift of salvation that God has given us. The joy of Easter doesn't end with the celebration of the Resurrection. Instead, it continues to grow in our hearts as we live into the promise of new beginnings and second chances. It's a time to rejoice in the hope that springs eternal from Christ's victory over death.

As we prepare for Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, which takes place on June 8th, we acknowledge how the Holy Spirit brings new life and empowers us to live as witnesses of Christ's love in the world. The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost transformed the Apostles, filling them with courage and boldness to share the Gospel. In the same way, we too are encouraged to embrace the gifts of the Spirit as we face the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

A beautiful passage that encapsulates this theme is found in 2nd Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!" What a powerful reminder for us that through Christ we are each made new. We are invited to shed our old selves and step into the new life that God offers to us.

During this month, let us take time to appreciate the signs of new life that are springing forth all around us. Spend some time outdoors, delight in the blossoming trees, and breathe in the fresh air (before the smoke inevitably comes back!). Reflect on the ways that God is nurturing new growth within you—whether it be in relationships, faith, or personal growth. As the days grow longer and warmer, may we also shine brighter as beacons of hope and love in our community.

I invite you during this Easter season, to consider how you are being called to bear witness to the new life that you have received through Christ. Let us open our hearts to the guidance of God to share the good news and embody the love of Jesus in everyday life.

May this season of Easter inspire you to embrace the warmth of both the sun and the Son, celebrating the new life that we have been given in him.

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.

Byron DeWaay- prayers for health and healing.

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May Birthdays /Anniversaries:

May 1 Pastor Sarah Schilcher

May 9 Eli Corbin

May 13 Patricia Coleman

May 13 Brieson Campbell

May 14 Kim Mckelson

May 17 Peggy Dean

May 19 Arlene Munyon

May 19 Byron DeWaay

May 20 Doug Drew

May 21 Ginger DeWitt

May 29 Robert McDowell

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



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

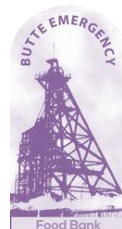
Important announcements or pictures of the services are always welcomed!

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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 last day of Sunday School
will be May 11th.

You are invited to the memorial service for Bonne Grimes May 9th at Hope Lutheran at 1 PM, followed by the burial at Mountain View Cemetery. Please join us for a luncheon at Gold Hill's fellowship hall around 3:00 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

By Jim Anderson

| April 2025 | Actual | Budget | Over/under budget |
|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Income | 12,901.40 | 12,716.68 | 184.72 |
| Expenses | 15,086.64 | 12,840.94 | 2,245.70 |
| Net Income | (2,185.24) | (124.26) | (2,060.98) |

| Year to Date 2025 | Actual | Budget | Over/Under |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Income | 37,944.80 | 38,150.04 | (205.24) |
| Expenses | 39,040.20 | 38,522.82 | 517.38 |
| Net Income | (1,095.40) | (372.78) | (722.62) |

We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry



Volunteers for April were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Nick Ellings, Carol Leach, Larroll Leach, Brad Fitzpatrick, Lynn Aniksdal. Thank you!

Food supplies & donations for food provided by: Patty Callaghan, Debbie

Ellings JoAnn Farrow, Linda Moore, Annette Lawson, Lynn Aniksdal. Thank you!

We will meet this month on May 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.

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

Outreach Opportunities

By: Linda Moore

Thank you to all who donated items or cash toward the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits in April. It's hard to imagine a life without basic items like a comb, toothbrush, nail clippers, soap and a towel. With your help, we assembled over 60 kits last Sunday! I also want to thank the ladies who came to assemble the kits on Sunday and those who provided yummy treats. These kits will be picked up the first week of May and be sent along with our quilts to LWR.

We have a very special Outreach Opportunity planned for this summer. Working together; Gold Hill and Gloria Dei are planning to sponsor a Community Swim Day at Ridge Waters, Stodden Park. Can you imagine a free day of swimming for all the children of Butte? We will be raising funds in May and June. Please donate whatever you can in the outreach envelopes or earmarked in your regular giving envelopes. Just \$3.00 will sponsor a child for the day. Our Trust Committee has agreed to match donations up to \$500. We are so grateful for their support.

CHURCH COUNCIL April 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



Gold Hill Lutheran Church **Council Minutes – April 8,** **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)
- Miriam Haley (Leadership)
- Jody Bickford (Leadership)
- Linda Moore (Outreach)

3) Devotions

- Miriam shared the devotion.

4) Approval of the Minutes: March 11, 2025

- The Council Meeting Minutes for March 11th, 2025 were amended to include a note that an additional \$130.00 was received in the Outreach Ministry offering for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC); following the amendment, it was motioned, seconded, and carried (MSC) to approve the minutes.

5) Pastor's Report

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

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| Check-in Phone Calls: | 94 |
| Community Outreach: | 14 |
| Home Communion Visits: | 13 |
| (6 Gold Hill; 7 Gloria Dei) | |
| Counseling Sessions: | 9 |
| Funeral Services: | 1 |
| Wedding Services: | 1 |
| Nursing Home Services: | 2 |
| Average Weekly Hours: | 47.08 |

- Pastor Sarah discussed the need for a Joint Council meeting. The Council discussed the interval for both Parish Committee meetings (to occur quarterly) and Joint Council meetings (to occur twice per year in March/April and September/October).

6) Treasurer's Report

- It was MSC to approve the March Financial Report; several items in the March Financial

Report were discussed and Jim inquired about information the Council would like to see in the report. Jim also notified the Council that Danette was still helping with writing the checks for the bills.

7) President's Report

- Nothing to report.

8) Administrative Director's Report

- Ty provided an update on pursuing a new insurance provider; Marsh-McLennan is still working on identifying a new provided.

9) Worship Ministry

- Shelly provided an update on planning for Lenten/Easter services; palms for Palm Sunday have been ordered and things are organized for the Seder Meal.

10) Leadership Ministry

- Miriam and Jody provided an update on Church maintenance activities; painters are scheduled for June 9th, discussed Church upkeep, and gifts for "parish admin day" which is April 23rd was discussed.

11) Spiritual Growth Ministry

- The Council discussed Vacation Bible School (VBS) which is scheduled for June 23rd through June 26th.

12) Outreach Ministry

- Linda proposed Gold Hill (and potentially Gloria Dei) sponsor one day of kids at the Stodden Waterpark. The Council discussed and agreed this was a worthwhile effort and it was decided that the day to sponsor should coincide with the last day of VBS (6/26) so that VBS kids could participate.

13) Other Business:

- Jodi and Kolby provided an update on the Parsonage Evaluation Committee's activities.
- The Council discussed and approved pay raises for staff.
- The Council discussed the results of a home inspection that was performed on the parsonage and need to repair/replace the existing roof (identified as an item in the report). The Council agreed to not pursue a claim with the Church's current insurance provided for the roof as it would appear on the Church's record and could affect premiums and the search for a new provided.

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

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.

May 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 |
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|  | | | | 1 6:30 pm Choir practice | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School @ Gloria Dei | 5 10:00 am GHELC Book Club | 6 8:30am – Perkins bible study 10:30am- Women’s Bible Study @ Gloria Dei 12:00 pm W.E.L.C.A Luncheon @ Hope Lutheran 5:30 pm Executive Committee | 7 10:00 am LWR Quilters | 8 6:30 pm Choir practice | 9 3:00 pm Bonnie Grimes Funeral luncheon @ Gold Hill | 10 |
| 11 Mother’s Day 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School @ Gloria Dei | 12 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry | 13 8:30am – Perkins bible study 10:00 am Gather Bible Study 10:30am- Women’s Bible Study @ Gloria Dei 5:30pm Council meeting | 14 10:00 am LWR Quilters | 15 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters 6:30 pm Choir practice | 16 12:00 pm 55+ Lunch Bunch | 17 |
| 18 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour | 19 9:00 am Sack Lunch | 20 8:30am – Perkins bible study 10:30am- Women’s Bible Study @ Gloria Dei | 21 10:00 am LWR Quilters | 22 6:30 pm Choir practice | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour | 26 Memorial Day Office Closed | 27 8:30am – Perkins bible study 10:30am- Women’s Bible Study @ Gloria Dei | 28 10:00 am LWR Quilters | 29 6:30 pm Choir practice | 30 | 31 |

| Date | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Worship Asst. | PowerPoint | Communion Asst. | Coffee Hour |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| May 4 | Danette Fitzpatrick & Patti Chain | Peggy Probasco | N/A | Heatherlynn Meeks | Aaron Hoffenbacker | N/A | Peggy Probasco |
| May 11 | Kyleen Fuller & Elaine Fuller | Aaron Hoffenbacker | DJ Schilcher | N/A | Dan Schilcher | Julie Corbin | Linda Moore |
| May 18 | Dorothy Tallon & Byron DeWaay | Derek Harvey | N/A | Chris Ketchum | Brieson Campbell | N/A | Shelly Anderson |
| May 25 | Linda Williamson & Jeff Williamson | Julie Corbin | Tavia Broudy | N/A | Ron Gruss | Cory Beck | Christy Chain |