

# ***The Nugget***



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

***June 2025***

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!

As we welcome the beautiful month of June, we are excited about the adventures, opportunities, and the vibrant community that awaits us this summer! Summer is a special time, not just for relaxation and fun, but also for growth in our faith and connection with one another.

One of my favorite Bible verses reminds us of the beauty of community, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25). These verses encourage us to remain connected, to engage in acts of kindness, and to uplift one another as we grow together in faith.

To kick off our summer, we have created a Summer Bucket List for our kids! We invite you to pick up the bucket list in the narthex after worship! This list includes fun activities, service projects, and faith-based challenges designed to help our little ones grow spiritually while enjoying the sunshine. We can't wait to see how they engage with these opportunities throughout the summer!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, which will take place from June 23-26. VBS will be filled with fun, learning, crafts, and opportunities for our children to deepen their relationship with God. It's a fantastic chance for kids to make new friends and explore faith in a joyful and creative environment. If you haven't already, fill out a registration form in the narthex!

Then, we are thrilled to join together with our sister congregation for a joint worship service at Stodden Park on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This outdoor gathering will be a beautiful way to celebrate our community and enjoy the great outdoors together. Following the service we will have a potluck, a great opportunity to share in delicious food and fellowship!

Remember, just because summer is here, it doesn't mean that our church activities come to a halt! In fact, June kicks off many exciting events and opportunities for fellowship and faith exploration. There is something for everyone, so we hope that you will stay involved as these activities are designed for our growth as a community.

Let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds, celebrating the wonderful gifts that God has given us in each other. May your summer be filled with joy, love, and countless blessings!

Peace,

Pastor Sarah



## Prayer Concerns

Please call the Church Office

(723-4242) or email us:

([goldhill.elca@gmail.com](mailto: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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## June Birthdays/Anniversaries:

June 1 Jonathan Schilcher

June 2 Ashlie Engle

June 5 Marshall Mickelson

June 5 Quinn Corbin

June 9 Revonda Stordahl

June 23 Connie Engle



June 5 Pastor Sarah & Dan Schilcher

June 29 Dave & Patricia Coleman

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

## PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday: Gloria Dei by appointment (Visit day)

Wednesday: 8:30-5:00 pm Gold Hill

Thursday: 8:30-5:00 pm Gold Hill

Friday: 8:30 am--5:00 pm 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](mailto: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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## VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at Gloria Dei this year from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>. The program will run from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM each day. Please pack a lunch for your child. Don't forget to register; we hope to see you there!

## **We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry**

**Volunteers for May 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 June 16<sup>th</sup> 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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## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rande, Ron, and Mike for all the effort you've put into fixing up the parsonage. Your hard work really means a lot!

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Parish Admin. Assistant Tristyn Howard

## **Outreach Opportunities**

**By: Linda Moore**

I walked into the sanctuary on May 4th, Quilting Sunday, and sat in my usual pew behind the Engle's. I was sitting there admiring how nice all the quilts and kits looked when someone (I won't say who, but she has red and blue hair) leaned over my shoulder and told me there was one particular quilt up on the railing that had caught Pastor Sarah's eye. It had one strip of the fabric that her grandmother had used to decorate her childhood bedroom and another piece of fabric that she had made a pillow case out of in Jr. High. I said, "Oh, we should keep it out and give it to her!"

Pretty soon I had an Outreach Opportunity envelope passed back to me, with "Pastor Sarah's Quilt" written on it. That lady (w/red and blue hair) had put some cash inside and passed the envelope and story to a couple of other front pews. When I received the envelope, people on both sides of me (who had heard the earlier conversation) also handed me money. Just that easy, we had the \$65 suggested donation per quilt to be sent to LWR for shipping costs! ...and Pastor Sarah will have a memory/comfort quilt!

I want to emphasize that all this came from a few people who sat up front and heard the story! If those of you sitting in the middle and back had known, we probably would have had enough donations to give her whole family a quilt!! That is how kind and generous you all are, and I am proud to know this is the reputation Gold Hill has around town.

Thank you to each of you for your continued support of Outreach Opportunity projects. June donations will go toward a Community Swim Day at Ridge Waters/Stodden Park on June 18th. What an exciting day that will be! Watch for more information on posters and flyers.



**Gold Hill Lutheran Church**  
**Council Minutes – May 13,**  
**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)
- Shelly Anderson (Worship)
- Miriam Haley (Leadership)
- Jody Bickford (Leadership)

**3) Devotions**

- Miriam shared the devotion.

**4) Approval of the Minutes: April 8, 2025**

- The Council Meeting Minutes for April 8th, 2025 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:

Check-in Phone Calls:	51
Community Outreach:	8
Home Communion Visits:	12
	(5 Gold Hill; 5 Gloria Dei; 2)
Counseling Sessions:	4
Funeral Services:	1
Average Weekly Hours:	57.07

**6) Treasurer's Report**

- It was MSC to approve the April Financial Report.

**7) President's Report**

- A letter to the congregation was discussed to let congregation members know about the meeting and the matters that required voting. Miriam will write the letter and then get it to Tristyn to mail out.

**8) Administrative Director's Report**

- There is still work being done to convert the constitution from PDF to word. Ty found a new insurance policy for the church.

**9) Worship Ministry**

- Shelly provided an update worship services. June 8th will be a joint worship service at Gloria Dei at 11 AM. June 29th will be a joint worship service at Stodden Park at 11 AM.

**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.
- Tristyn will mow the church and parsonage on Friday's/weekends.
- Rande installed the TV in the Fellowship Hall
- A new purse hook was installed in the unisex bathroom.

**11) Spiritual Growth Ministry**

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

**12) Outreach Ministry**

**13) Other Business:**

- The council discussed all the work Rande, Ron, and Mike have put in to making the minor repairs needed to update the parsonage.
- The Council discussed the parsonage and the remaining updates as well as the estimates.

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

## June 2025 Prayer Ventures



1 Pray that our words and actions will glorify God and reflect the immeasurable, unprejudiced grace God has shown humankind through the gift of Jesus Christ.

2 Pride Month Give thanks to God for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us as we work together for justice, total inclusion and love for humanity in all its diversity.

3 Remember in prayer ELCA outdoor ministries across the country as they equip young adults to lead summer camp programs for people of all ages and abilities, encouraging spiritual growth, developing life skills and fostering relationships in Christ-centered communities.

4 Give thanks for the beauty, bounty and awe-inspiring complexity of nature — a gift from God that nourishes all of us. Promise to exercise wisdom and responsibility in using, protecting, sharing and restoring creation.

5 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Central States, Indiana-Kentucky, Lower Susquehanna and New Jersey synods, 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.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the La Crosse Area; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Southern Ohio; and Southwestern Minnesota synods, 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.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Eastern North Dakota Synod, 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.

8 Day of Pentecost “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you” (John 14:26). We are never alone or forgotten.

Give thanks to God that we have received the gift of the Spirit, who accompanies us throughout our baptismal journey.

9 Pray for summer ministries that serve congregations and their surrounding communities by sharing the gospel, stirring faith, providing day care and serving neighbors in need.

10 Ask God to help us nurture a new generation of leaders for our church, our communities and our nation — people of faith, wisdom, compassion, creativity and courage.

11 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who languish in jails, prisons, correctional facilities or immigration detention centers, that the Spirit will inspire their faith and hope and that they might access skilled legal, physical, spiritual and emotional care.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Grand Canyon and South Carolina synods, 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.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Washington, Upper Susquehanna, Virginia and Western Iowa synods, 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.

14 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, 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.

15 The Holy Trinity “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). Pray that our faith in Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s unwavering love and forgiveness, will strengthen our confidence in both the reality and the mystery of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

16 For Father's Day (June 15), remember in prayer biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and foster fathers, that they will treasure the joys of fatherhood and find support and wise counsel for the challenges of parenting, passing along their faith, teaching compassion and respect, and encouraging and guiding their children.

17 Pray that in times of uncertainty and anxiety, we will find comfort and strength in God's steadfast love and that, from this foundation, we will confidently and courageously bear God's peace, justice and reconciliation into the world.

18 Amid conflict and war, pray for national leaders, diplomats and other representatives whose negotiations might bring ceasefires and lasting peace. Ask the Spirit to guide their deliberations and stir their humility, respect, compassion and mercy.

19 Juneteenth This day of celebration, dating back to June 19, 1865, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Give thanks and praise to God for creating humankind in all its diversity, and ask God's forgiveness for yielding to fear, suspicion and intolerance of others. Ask God to guide and strengthen our work of including all people in the church and society.

20 World Refugee Day On this day, we honor the courage and resilience of refugees and immigrants, and work to build empathy and support for people who have fled their home countries because of conflict, natural disaster or economic crisis. Give thanks that we can respond together through AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Global Refuge and Lutheran social service organizations.

21 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere (June 20). Give thanks for longer days, growing crops and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors — gifts from God that awaken our senses and lift our spirits.

22 Pray for high school youth attending the Lutheran Summer Music program at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., that their musical gifts will be nurtured and encouraged in a welcoming faith community of youth from across the country.

23 Give thanks for community resilience, support and justice grants, which our church awards to programs and projects, in the United States and around the world, that focus on global mission, social justice and humanitarian assistance in vulnerable communities.

24 Give thanks for the relief work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, and remember in prayer those impacted by disasters and severe weather as they rebuild their lives and communities. Pray that we will be generous with our prayers, encouragement, volunteer assistance and financial support until they recover — physically, spiritually and emotionally.

25 Pray for Seafarers International House in New York City, a mission affiliated with the ELCA that has served mariners and immigrants since 1873. Remember in prayer seafarers who work under difficult and dangerous conditions and are isolated from family, friends and faith communities for long periods.

26 Give thanks that God teaches us love, mercy and radical hospitality through the example of Jesus, the wisdom of Scripture and the encouragement of our siblings in Christ.

27 Pray for synods, newly elected bishops and leaders, and mission endeavors initiated during assemblies, that they will be effective and fruitful in spreading the gospel and doing God's work in the world.

28 Pray that, where religions conflict, the Spirit will help us bridge divides through dialogue, collaboration and mutual respect as we care for neighbors in need and advance justice in our communities.

29 "Peter felt hurt because [Jesus had asked him], 'Do you love me?' ... [Peter] said to [Jesus], 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep'" (John 21:17). Ask God to forgive us when we stray from the work Jesus left us, the work of loving and serving our neighbors and our siblings in Christ. Pray that Christ's selfless, sacrificial, far-reaching love will inspire us to embrace God's work in the world.

30 Ask the Spirit to open us to new insights and wisdom when we read Scripture — the ageless word of God that guides, inspires and informs our daily life.




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour	<b>2</b> 10:00 am GHELC Book Club	<b>3</b> 10:30am- Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Dei 5:30 pm Executive Committee	<b>4</b> 10:00 am LWR Quilters	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 11:00 am Worship Service @ Gloria Dei	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Gather Bible Study 5:30pm Council meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00 am LWR Quilters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Sack Lunch	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Ridgewaters Swim Day  10:00 am LWR Quilters	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitters	<b>20</b> 12:00 pm 55+ Lunch Bunch	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee Hour	<b>23</b> <b>VBS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 am LWR Quilters	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Stodden Park</b> 11:00 am Worship Service @ Stodden Park	<b>30</b> 10:30 am John Jacobson's funeral					

Date	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Worship Asst.	PowerPoint	Communion Asst.	Coffee Hour
<b>June 1</b>	Christy Chain & Aaron Hoffenbacker	Brieson Campbell	N/A	Heatherlynn Meeks	Chris Ketchum	N/A	Linda Williamson
<b>June 8</b>	Joint Service @ Gloria Dei						
<b>June 15</b>	Revonda Stordahl & Annette Lawson	Chris Ketchum	N/A	Mike Lawson	Ron Gruss	N/A	Dorothy Tallon Karen Galpin
<b>June 22</b>	Christy Chain & Shelly Anderson	Dorothy Tallon	Allen Podgorski	N/A	Aaron Hoffenbacker	Linda Williamson	Danette Fitzpatrick
<b>June 29</b>	N/A	Patti Chain	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A