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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)

GROUNDED IN SABBATH

By Mindy Holland

The world has grown crazier than usual; life as we knew it has tilted and won't right itself. This takes energy to process and navigate, energy we'd rather pour into work or study, into cherished relationships and communities. More people seem to be growing sick, or breaking bones, or losing heart and dying. It's hard on the heart and soul to carry all this, to keep going forward each day with faithfulness, courage and grace.

We remind ourselves that God remains sovereign, that Jesus is Lord. Christ's Spirit keeps working creatively and vibrantly through us, in our parishes and service organizations, amid our camps and campus ministries. We watch for and often find the helpers and the God moments, glimpses of hope and positive change. We count our blessings. Yet the weight of it all still encumbers the soul. Even breathing deeply takes more attention and time.

Some days I want to scream for it all to stop, for everyone to step back and just wait. Then I remember: though I can't make the world pause, I can choose a different rhythm for myself with God's help by honoring and embracing the gift of sabbath. Our Lord commanded sabbath not only that we might take one day in seven for worship and praise, thanksgiving and communion, yet also that we would take that wholly holy day to stop and lay it all down: the lists, responsibilities and unrelenting details; the conflicts and sheer craziness of the world. We're called to let one day in seven nourish our spirits with community, as we surrender life's burdens and recall we're but creatures—mortal, fragile, yet deeply beloved.

However busy you've become, however important your role or leadership, I adjure you to make more time for sabbath worship, rest and play over the coming months. Invite a friend to come with you to church. Linger at coffee hour to greet a new member. Set aside screens and sit with the sun on your face. Plan a picnic with loved ones. Reread your favorite Scriptures and favorite books. Take a long walk in a tree-shaded park with a dear friend. Pray together with a family member or prayer partner. Invite your neighbors over for dinner. Sing a silly song with little ones, or hold the frail hands of beloved elders, letting your touch and your presence become a song of love.

Taking weekly sabbath time grounds us in godly play and refuels us for the demanding work yet ahead.

Whatever your age, rise up and dance at the wedding reception, anniversary gala or block party, even if you don't have a partner. Be the joyful, bold one who invites others to the dance floor or who starts the conga line. Yes, you can!

Taking weekly sabbath time grounds us in godly play and refuels us for the demanding work yet ahead. Amid this oppressive season, we'd do well to interweave sabbath pauses even within each day, strategic moments of laughter and quiet, of prayer and spaciousness.

During a particularly intense evening while preparing for a fundraiser, tempers were growing short. One of my young alumni, a member of the planning team, stopped everything and said matter-of-factly, “We need to pray.” She led us in a short yet beautiful petition, asking God’s blessing upon the event and for a spirit of cooperation and peace. It stopped me in my tracks. Her prayer drew us out of a frenzied fuss into a united sabbath space of looking to Jesus and seeking his face. Her courage and clarity realigned the evening as we focused on Christ’s presence.

Even as the world’s craziness intensifies, remember that small, daily acts of invitation, play, prayer and connection can reinvent and redirect someone else’s day by allowing others to feel seen, included, heard—even loved. Gentle summons and timely prayers, quiet walks and dance-filled entrances, Sabbath slivers alight with God’s love just might save the day. Trust that our Gentle Shepherd can use the tiniest gestures born of love to communicate holy grace and to send out ripples of peace-building hope beyond our knowing.



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.

Colleen Tamblyn- prayers for health and healing.

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July Birthdays /Anniversaries:

Deb Young	July 7th
Faith DeWaay	July 9th
Jeanette Quist	July 11th
Joann Farrow	July 16th
Ken Stamp	July 17th
Ron Gruss	July 20th
Sally Carlson	July 22nd
Sheilah Vincent	July 23rd
Cindy Munyon	July 24th
Hynten Welker	July 29th
Judy Bond	July 31st



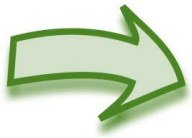


Terry & Cindy Munyon	July 2nd
Rande & Joann Farrow	July 19th
Ron & Pat Gruss	July 19th

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If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please notify the church

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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Jennie Schotte Memorial Scholarship applications for Gold Hill members are now available. They must be submitted by July 2, 2026. You can pick up a scholarship from the office.

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Prayer Shawl Knitters will not be meeting for the rest of summer and will start meeting again in September.

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Copper City Parish YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday's 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Preschool through Highschool Welcome!

July 8th - at Gold Hill-Art/Food
July 15th - at Gloria Dei-Active Games/Food
July 22nd -at Gold Hill-Outdoor Games/Food

ALL SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF **JULY** WILL BE AT GOLD HILL

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 AM

We Deliver-Sack Lunch Ministry



Volunteers for June were: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Carol & Larroll Leach, Machelle Keim, Lynn Aniksdal. Thank you!

Food supplies & donations for food provided by: Annette Lawson, Patty Callaghan, Machelle Keim. Thank you!

We will be meeting July 20th at 9:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Annette Lawson, at 406-490-7751.

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A Request from the Gloria Dei Service Committee and Gold Hill Outreach Ministry!

Local stores will be offering bargains on school items during July and August! Please take advantage of these low prices and help us shop for school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The items you purchase will be stored until in the spring when many School Kits will be compiled to be sent to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis for distribution. Please help us with this very important project if you can!

Here's what we need for each backpack:



***Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper**
***One ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other**
***One pencil sharpener**
***One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**
***Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**
***Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
***One box of 24 crayons**
***One 2½" eraser**

Please bring ANY of the above items to either church anytime while the items are on sale!! There will be plastic containers at Gloria Dei and Gold Hill for the school items.

Outreach Opportunities
Linda Moore

Our Outreach Opportunity project for July is something I know our entire congregation of Gold Hill [and Gloria Dei] can take part in. It's time to clean out some closets and drawers!

The Butte Furniture Bank is low on kitchen items and linens. With college students arriving soon and winter ahead, they have a need to fill their shelves! Please donate new or gently used items. Their needs include:

- Small kitchen appliances [Can openers, utensils, whisks, spatulas]
- bed linens - Twin, full, queen and king
- bath towels, washcloths, kitchen towels, etc.
- Four-person table utensil sets
- Pots and pans

We will have totes at both entrances to the sanctuary for your donated items.

They are always looking for the following furniture: couches, dressers, recliners, small kitchen tables, and chairs. If you would like to donate any of these larger items, please call the Furniture Bank at 406-565-9382 and they will happily pick them up from you.

The swim day that our churches sponsored was again very successful. 400 children were able to swim at Ridge Waters on June 23rd. Thank you for your generous support for this free day of swimming for the children of Butte. I would also like to especially thank Kyleen Fuller for organizing the talent show and silent auction that raised most of the money needed to support the swim day. The talent was amazing, and the silent auction items were well received. Thank you to all who took part and supported that fundraiser!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH
Kyleen Fuller

The Copper City Parish Youth Group Silent Auction and Talent Show raised $1,350.00 for the swim day. Thank you to all of our talent and all of the businesses that donated. We hope everyone enjoys their winnings. The youth are looking at doing another talent show along with a cake walk and bake sale in the fall, start thinking about those talents!

The youth group would like to hold a lock in, we are looking for volunteers to provide food, snacks and help with supervision. The date has not been set but we are looking at August 8th or 15th please contact Kyleen Fuller for more information.

Thank you to all of the people who have donated time, food and entertainment for our youth group this summer. Each week has been very well attended and we are looking forward to the rest of the summer.

Kyleen

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Congratulations to Mike Lawson who will be grand marshal of the Fourth of July parade in Butte!

Church Directory

Hello everyone! I want to remind you that we have a church directory available for use through an app or on the web. It's quite user-friendly, and I highly recommend it if you're looking for a member's phone number or address.

Additionally, I want to assure you that Instant Church is very secure and not accessible to the public, so your information is safe. Please follow the provided directions, and if you encounter any issues, feel free to reach out to me for assistance. I'm happy to help!

Thanks!
-Tristyn



Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes – June 9, 2026

****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
- David Stordahl (President)
- Ty Inglis (Administrative Director)
- Jim Anderson (Treasurer)
- Kolby Sukut (Secretary)
- Shelly Anderson (Worship)
- Jody Bickford (Leadership)
- Kyleen Fuller (Spiritual Growth)
- Linda Moore (Outreach)

3) Devotions
- Kyleen shared the devotion.

4) Approval of the Minutes: May 12th, 2026
- It was motioned, seconded, and carried (MSC) to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for May 12th, 2026.

5) Treasurer's Report
- Jim shared the May Financial Report, discussed notable items, and addressed Council questions; it was MSC to approve the report.

6) President's Report
- Nothing to report.

7) Administrative Director's Report
- Ty reported on the 2026 Synod Assembly held in Billings on May 29th and 30th; noteworthy items include that Ty was approved as an LMA and elected to the Secretary role for the Synod.

8) Worship Ministry
- Shelly report on Worship Ministry activities; the Stodden Park service is scheduled for August 30th.

9) Leadership Ministry
- Jody reported on church grounds maintenance; the Council discussed weed spraying the north lot.

10) Spiritual Growth Ministry
- Kyleen updated the Council on Spiritual Growth activities; including the Ridge Water Swim Day fundraiser, and Youth Group is ongoing on Wednesdays (Gloria Dei on 6/10; Gold Hill on 6/17).
- The Ridge Waters Swim Day fundraiser/auction is scheduled for June 13th at 6:30 PM at Gold Hill with a 7:00 PM start time for the talent show with seven acts scheduled.

11) Outreach Ministry
- Linda updated the Council on the Outreach Ministry's efforts; the Ridge Waters swim Day is scheduled for June 23rd, and July will be either Safe Space (if they are still operating) or accepting gently used linen donations for the Furniture Bank.

13) Other Business:
- David shared there has not been any update on the insurance claim.
- David is going to temporarily move the parsonage money into new CDs until further financials decisions are made.
- The Council discussed the latest progress and status of the Call Committee and related activities; the Call Committee recently met with the Bishop and the Council discussed a potential candidate.

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

July 2026 Prayer Ventures

1 Remember in prayer adult vocalists and musicians attending the Lutheran Summer Music Choral Gathering at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. Pray for the Spirit to stir their joy in singing, making music, expressing their faith through song and inspiring the faith of others.

2 Pray for congregations and hunger ministries as they apply for ELCA World Hunger's Domestic Hunger Grants. Ask God to strengthen their work of addressing food insecurity, housing, employment and human rights in their communities, and of advocating for policies that attend to neighbors in need.

3 Pray for vacation Bible school and day camp ministries, that they will inspire faith, nurture caring relationships, provide safe spaces for learning and play with others, and touch the lives of children with the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

4 *Independence Day and Semiquincentennial Celebration* Today we celebrate the history and independence of the United States as well as the long history of Native Americans in North America before the birth of our nation. Pray for the wisdom and resolve we need to ensure freedom, justice and equity for all people — in our nation and around the world.

5 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest," Jesus said. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29). Pray for the gentle, humble and caring spirit of Jesus to be our example and inspiration for how we attend to the needs of our neighbors and siblings in Christ.

6 Remember in prayer ELCA deacons, pastors, bishops and candidates approved for call who are attending the Rostered Ministers Gathering in Indianapolis, Ind. Pray for the Holy Spirit to renew and inspire them for their ministries through fellowship, continuing education, worship, Bible study and mutual care and encouragement.

7 "By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care" (*ACS* 966). Praise God for giving us the sacrament of Holy Communion, which gathers us around the sacred meal where we are reminded of and experience God's gifts of grace, love, forgiveness, mercy and renewal through Christ's presence in the bread and wine.

8 Give thanks for Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) and its partners as they provide aid and relief to those affected by the ongoing crisis in the Middle East. LDR assistance includes food, shelter, trauma-informed care and support for long-term recovery efforts.

9 Pray for summer camp staff at our ELCA outdoor ministries across the country, that the Spirit will renew and sustain their faith, energy and enthusiasm at the midpoint of their summer season. Give thanks for how they impact the lives and faith of campers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

10 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times for the church and society.

11 Pray that our lives will express gratitude and praise for God's ever-present, boundless love, patience and forgiveness. Ask the Spirit to help us bear public witness to God's grace and what God is doing in our lives and the world.

12 Pray for the Gathering Expeditions, regional retreats that enable youth and the adults who walk alongside them to step away from everyday life together and dive into questions of faith, purpose, identity and calling in preparation for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering.

13 "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate" **(**Romans 7:15). Give thanks and praise to God for the boundless love, forgiveness and patience that enfold us just as we are — complex and wonderful children of God who nevertheless are often weak, broken and undisciplined.

14 Give thanks for ELCA Racial Justice Ministries. Ask God to bless and further its ministries, which that equip leaders, provide anti-racism education, build relationships across differences, and develop resources to help congregations address racism and move toward reconciliation and healing.

15 Praise God for our life in Christ, which sets us free from the darkness and despair of sin and death, and for the Spirit, which dwells in us and keeps us focused on what pleases God — faith, humility, love, mercy and caring for our neighbors in need.

16 Remember in prayer the women gathering for worship, advocacy, inspiration, learning, service and relationship-building at the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa. Ask God to bless and advance the organization's mission to mobilize women of all ages to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

17 *Emanuel Nine Commemoration and Day of Repentance* Reflect on the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, killed by a self-proclaimed white supremacist on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. Ask the Spirit for the power to be agents of change in society, confronting racism and injustice and living as children of God who value, respect and love one another.

18 Ask God to strengthen and expand the work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response as it provides emergency relief, supports disaster recovery and helps communities develop disaster preparedness and resilience. Give thanks that this work — our work — is mindful of people's spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs, including food security, shelter, self-sufficiency and community.

19 Who prompts joy in your life these days? What causes you to smile and laugh? Lift up prayers of gratitude and celebration for those people and things that lighten your spirit when life feels heavy and dark.

20 Remember in prayer those who serve in the military and are currently deployed overseas to areas of conflict and war. Pray for their safety, for the Spirit to strengthen their faith and hope, and for the support of their families and faith communities to comfort and renew them.

21 "Nothing helps more powerfully against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts than occupying oneself with God's Word, having conversations about it, and contemplating it" (Martin Luther, the Large Catechism). Ask the Spirit to stir our desire to study and reflect on Scripture together with our siblings in Christ to find encouragement, guidance and strength for our lifelong baptismal journeys and doing God's work in the world.

22 Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries who return to the United States every two years for two months to gather with friends and family, renew themselves and engage with congregations that support them. Give thanks that the Spirit works through their witness, inspiring others to do God's work in the world.

23 Pray for the Spirit to help us better understand God's ways and wisdom and incorporate them into our daily lives as we strive to follow Christ, love and serve our neighbors and reflect God's truth in everything we say and do.

24 Remember in prayer church musicians, music directors and worship leaders gathering at Augsburg Fortress Summer Music Clinics across the country, that the experience might nurture their skills, stir their creativity and enthusiasm, deepen their theology of worship and equip them with new resources to use in their congregations.

25 Give thanks and pray for our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ — our children, parents, siblings, elders, friends, co-workers and leaders. Pray that we will be persistent advocates and catalysts for intentional inclusion, full participation, and the valuing of diverse gifts and perspectives in the church and society.

26 Remember in prayer newly elected synod bishops, that God will grant them wisdom and strength for their ministry with their synods' leaders, congregations and special ministries.

27 Pray for Stephen Ministries, which minister one-on-one with people experiencing grief, illness and other crises. Give thanks for Stephen Ministries lay volunteers in communities of faith, caring and supportive companions who walk alongside those in need, embodying Christ's call to love and serve our neighbors.

28 Pray for the Spirit to remind us over and over again to be kind and merciful with others *and* ourselves.

29 Give thanks for Lutheran Disaster Response partners who together care for communities in times of crisis: synods, ecumenical partners, tribal nations, community-based organizations, social ministry organizations,

global companion churches, Catholic Charities, the Lutheran World Federation and many others.

30 "Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life" (*ACS* 1080). Lift up prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God for being an ever-present and dependable source of strength, courage and hope, particularly in times of struggle and crisis.

31 Pray for leaders, diplomats, mediators and others involved in peacemaking and reconciliation efforts around the world, especially in the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, Yemen and Haiti.

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Church Office Hours: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM, Mon. – Fri. CLOSED Sat. – Sun.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			**1** **10:00 am** LWR Quilters	**2**	**3**	**4** **Independence Day** 
5 **10:00 am Worship** **11:00 am Coffee Hour**	**6**	**7** **8:30 am** Perkins Bible Study **10:30 am** Women's Bible Study	**8** **10:00 am** LWR Quilters **5:30 pm** Youth Group @ Gloria Dei	**9**	**10**	**11**
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19 **10:00 am Worship** **11:00 am Coffee Hour**	**20** **9:00 am Sack Lunches**	**21** **8:30 am** Perkins Bible Study **10:30 am** Women's Bible Study	**22** **10:00 am** LWR Quilters **5:30 pm** Youth Group @ Gloria Dei	**23**	**24**	**25**
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Date	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Worship Asst.	PowerPoint	Communion Asst.	Coffee Hour
July 5	Chris Ketchum & Patti Chain	Julie Corbin	Tavia Broudy	N/A	Aaron Hoffenbacker	Cory Beck	Revonda Stordahl
July 12	Pat Gruss & Nancy DeBarathy	Peggy Probasco	N/A	Dorothy Tallon	Ron Gruss	N/A	Susan Stamp
July 19	Dorothy Tallon & Byron DeWaay	Kolby Sukut	Allen Podgorski	N/A	Chris Ketchum	Christy Chain	Linda Williamson
July 26	Jody Bickford & Shelly Anderson	Patti Chain	N/A	Chris Ketchum	Elaine Fuller	N/A	Jody Bickford Shelly Anderson