



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

Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from the one who calls us to service with the Father and the Spirit, our Lord, Jesus the Christ.

I would like to take a moment to thank you. Thank you for calling us to Butte America. Thank you for preparing the parsonage for my family. Thank you for the phone calls, text messages, emails, and smoke signals that you have sent over the last month or so to make sure that everything was good to go.

I would also like to take a moment to let you know how excited we are. We are excited to be in this place, among all of you. We are excited to worship with you over Zoom, Facebook, the lawn by the church with an amp and guitar, heck, even in our Sanctuary when we can! Even in this strange time when we aren't sure of anything, we are sure that we are in the right place with the right folks to do the right things. I am excited to hit the ground running and start working with the various ministries, the council, and the congregation to do God's work with our hands.

On that note though, I understand that this is a scary time. It is one of the moments in our life when we simply don't know what we don't know. With the recent pandemic (and the deluge of information and rumors surrounding it) it is hard to nail down exactly when the doors of Gold Hill will open. However, we are God's people, and as God's people we worship God where ever we are. The Church is you. The Body of Christ is you. This beautiful building is just that, a building, a place to gather. I will work with the council to figure out exactly when we will reopen, but this is a process. And processes take time and patience. In the meantime, expect phone calls, texts, and masked appearances from me. It is my intention to call you all and introduce myself since I can't do that in person. It will take time, but it will get done. I have the gifts to dial a phone, repeatedly, all day, so your time will come, you will be called!

That being said, I do feel that there is one final thing that you need to know about me. I truly, and respectfully, believe that you have invited me into your ministry. Gold Hill is an amazing place with a lot going on and I thank you for inviting us here. Let us remember that "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness" (Romans 12.6-8).

I don't have all the gifts and I don't have all the answers. My goal is to provide Word and Sacrament, to prophetically preach from the pulpit, to teach, to provide pastoral care, to work with our neighbor congregations, and to be a part of this community. There will be times when we will disagree on how to get something done. There will be times when we think differently about politics or religion or finances or any number of things and that is okay. We are siblings in Christ, it is our job to call for peace and justice and to reconcile with each other when we disagree. That is what makes us the Body of Christ, the fact that even when we disagree on how we need to use the gifts we have we still come together and partake in the blood and the body of Christ. We are still community, we are still beloved, we are still siblings. And we are all in this together.

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Prayer Concerns

Please call the Church Office (723-4242) or email us: (ChurchOffice@GoldHillLutheran.org) with your prayer requests. Only prayers given to the entire congregation will be included here.

Cheryl Neuhart – prayers of thanksgiving on the birth of her great-grandson, Elijah Evander, born May 22nd; everyone is doing well

Anna Jones – prayers for healing after a minor fall

Miriam Haley – prayers for healing following knee surgery

Interim pastor Trina Johnsten and Dennis Trotter – Blessings as they begin a new phase of their journey, and thanksgiving for their time of service at Gold Hill

Rain Seifert and her family (by Susan & Ken Stamp) – prayers for healing and successful treatment of Rain’s cancer, and comfort for her family

Teri McCarthy (by Lynn Aniksdal) – prayers for health & healing

Retired pastor Jim Engh and family – prayers of comfort as they mourn the death of his wife Sharon

LPA Cheri Rowbury and family – as they mourn the death of her mother, Clarice Onsager

Jan Harper (widow of Pastor Jean Hay) – who is now in hospice due to cancer

Pastor Aprille Jordan – prayers for healing as she recovers after a brain aneurysm

From our Synod prayer calendar, we remember:

For healthcare workers, public officials, church, and civic leaders that they may be supported, cared for, and guided by God’s wisdom in this time of difficult decision-making on behalf of their communities.

For all the pastors, pastoral leaders, LPAs and congregation and ministry leaders across the synod as they find ways to serve their communities and congregations. May God grant them peace and strength during this time.

For the families and communities of those who have died due to Covid-19

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June Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Eli Corbin – celebrating his baptismal birthday on June 1

Peggy Lutey - celebrating her birthday on June 2

Ashlie Engle - celebrating her birthday on June 2

Quinn Corbin - celebrating her birthday on June 5



Marshal Mickelson - celebrating his birthday on June 5
Patti Chain – celebrating her baptismal birthday June 8
Filamena Butler – celebrating her baptismal birthday June 9

Aisling Schroeder – celebrating his baptismal birthday June 12

Ruthe Meeks – celebrating her baptismal birthday June 12

Samantha Schroeder – celebrating her birthday June 13

Brock Bond – celebrating his birthday June 17

Jack Stout – celebrating his birthday June 18

Connie Engle – celebrating her birthday June 23

Cal Fortune – celebrating his baptismal birthday June 23

William Davis – celebrating his baptismal birthday June 24

Cindy Munyon – celebrating her birthday June 24

Delores Kangas – celebrating her birthday June 28

Colin Aaker – celebrating his baptismal birthday June 29

Vern & Jeanette Nielsen - celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary on June 4

Dave & Pat Coleman – celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary on June 29



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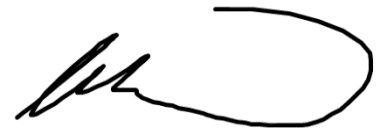
Finally, I would ask you to do two more things:

- 1) If you have an immediate need please call me at 406.788.5373. If the phone rings I will pick up or call you back as soon as I can.
- 2) Please answer the following questions by way of phone call to the church office or email to pastorgoldhill@gmail.com: Why do I worship at Gold Hill? Why does that congregation matter?

With the answers to these questions I will work with the council on where and how we can use our various gifts to do wonderful things in this community.

With thanks for all you do,

Blessings and shalom,



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Dorothy Gronvold from:

Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick
Bob & Peggy Drain
Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of Hazel Edwards from:

David & Susan Repola
Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick
Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of Cindy Fischer from

Dick & Danette Fitzpatrick

In Memory of Rod Hiam from

Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of Dennis Haley from

Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of Shirley Farrow from

Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of Sharon Engh from

Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of John & Celia Huhtanen from

Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of Carol Godtland from

Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

In Memory of Howard Lawson from

Robert & Sally Carlson, gift to Roof Fund

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Food Bank Donations for June

Due to the coronavirus outbreak we will not be taking physical food donations at Gold Hill in June.

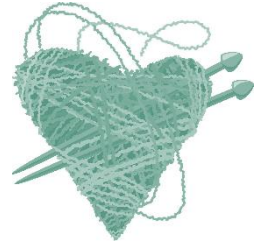
You can still donate to the Butte Emergency Food Bank.

Mail your monetary donation directly to:
Butte Emergency Food Bank
1019 East Second Street
Butte, MT 59701

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You Gold Hill

We LOVE our prayer shawls!



Thank you to the prayer shawl group for the gift of prayers shawls as we head off to our next adventure. We are having a hard time deciding which is mine and which is Dennis' because both are so beautiful. Guess we'll have to share! We will treasure this gift and use them often. It is a great joy to know that we are covered by the prayers of the people of Gold Hill. *Pastor Trina*

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CHURCH COUNCIL 2020:

Mike Lawson -
President

Curt Quist -
Administration Director

Revonda Stordahl -
Treasurer

Peggy Graving -
Secretary

Julie Corbin -
Spiritual Growth
Ministry, Team Leader

Chris Ketchum -
Worship Ministry, Team Leader

Lynn Aniksdal -
Leadership Ministry, Team Leader

Dale Schultz -
Outreach Ministry, Team Leader

Pastor Marlow Carrels

**Please help us to stay updated
and notify the church office
with any address, phone, or
Email address changes!**

Gold Hill ELC Directions



By Revonda Stordahl

Financial Summary

April 2020	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	\$10,814.17	\$15,000.00	- \$4,185.83
Expenses	\$8,475.61	\$15,912.49	-\$7,436.88
Net Income	\$2,338.56	-\$912.49	\$3,251.05

Year-to-Date	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	\$51,304.35	\$60,000.00	-\$8,695.65
Expenses	\$48,493.22	\$63,649.96	-\$14,856.74
Net Income	\$2,511.13	-\$3,649.96	\$6,161.09

Just a reminder, you can mail in your offering or put it in the mail slot at the church. Offering is being counted on Tuesday evenings.

If anyone has any questions about the budget, please contact me at 490-8043 or by e-mail, revondafs@gmail.com.

Simply Giving



During this difficult time, Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church invites you to use electronic giving to automate your regular weekly offering. It is easy, convenient, and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

An authorization form is available for download here:

<http://www.goldhilllutheran.org/media/b1cc239a911454dcffff8353fffe905.pdf>

Once completed, just mail it to the church and treasurer Revonda Stordahl will take it from there. And if you have any questions about electronic giving, please contact Revonda at 490-8043 or by e-mail, revondafs@gmail.com.

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Pickup



The date for quilt pickup at Gold Hill has been moved due to COVID-19.

The new pickup date for Lutheran World Relief quilts is July 10th for Gold Hill.

If this date should be changed, you will be notified ahead of time. Thank you for your patience in this health crisis.

Thank you from Pastor Trina and Dennis

Such a generous and faithful people...that is how I would describe the people of Gold Hill Lutheran.

Your gift of the Chico gift certificate was so thoughtful. As many of you know, I was disappointed to miss the annual pastor's gathering that is held there every year after Easter. I've heard about it from colleagues for 20+ years and finally was going to get to attend, but it was one of the many things that the pandemic put on hold this spring. But now we just have to wait for Covid-19 to calm down and off to Chico we'll go, thanks to your generous gift.

Thank you for allowing us to join you in ministry. It was such a great privilege. Many blessings on your ongoing ministry in Butte and beyond. We will be holding you in prayer as you move into a new and exciting time in the life of the congregation. *Pastor Trina and Dennis*

Building & Property Report

By Lynn Aniksdal

Updates from the team:



The sprinkler system is on and working, thank you Alan and Lynn for your hard work.

Shelly Anderson has planted flowers under the outdoor sign and in the large pot by the ramp entrance.

Larroll & Carol Leach have been a huge help with cleaning, mowing, and whatever else has been necessary to do.

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work in keeping the building and property maintained.

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes – May 12, 2020



The Zoom meeting of the council was opened at 6:30 by Mike Lawson. The following were present via internet: Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Dale Schultz, Outreach Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry; Julie Corbin, Spiritual Ministry; and Pastor Trina Johnsten. The devotions were given by Pastor Trina. She read an excerpt from a sermon by Rev. Michael K Marsh from his blog *Interpreting the Silence* on the gospel lesson for the 5th Sunday of Easter. It began with the 14th Chapter of John, first verse. It says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." The minutes for the March council meeting, the special meeting on March 18th and the special zoom meeting on April 26th were moved to be accepted by Julie, seconded by Lynn. The motion passed.

Revonda reported that we are under budget by \$8600 and under expenses by \$14000. This leaves our net income at \$2500. Expenses incurred in April included offering envelopes for next year and the quarterly payment to the synod. There was no Portico payment because it was overpaid previously, and we had a credit. Peggy moved, Julie seconded, and the motion passed to accept the financial report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor had emailed everyone the exit interview questions and answers. Mike commented that the report was well done and thanked Trina for her feedback. Her exit interview is in the office.

Reports of Council Members:

Mike reported that obviously we were not meeting in person, but because of the need to be careful we are having the zoom meeting. He reported that Sharon Engh has passed away and

that Jim Engh was back home after being in the hospital. He reminded everyone to keep their six-foot distance and to wear your masks.

Curt reported that the PPP has not yet gone through. He is working with the fourth bank to see if it can be completed. The application is complete, but the banks have had trouble submitting the application. If granted the loan would be in the amount of \$16000. Mark Rule's firm is assisting in getting this completed free of charge. Curt has emailed the initial list of things we will need to do to the committee for their thoughts. He hopes to meet at the church later this week. Pastor Trina recommended contacting the Anglican Church in Butte. They have opened and completed the work for the county. They are similar in size and may be able to help simplify our process. We will need to begin putting together the specifications for a new janitor and begin a search.

Lynn reported that she has addressed all the items on Pastor Trina's list and that with the help of Petes' Posse things will be taken care of. She has contacted the cleaning firm of Empty Nesters and they are going to come over and give an estimate for cleaning next week. Lynn reported that she got another estimate for the roof. The first estimate was \$47,000 and the new estimate is \$32,000. There is more damage to the roof and thinks it needs to get done. Lynn suggested that the money in the budget for repairing the water sprinkling system may need to be used for the roof. Curt reported that the insurance company estimated the cost of reroofing to be \$15,000 and sent an initial check of \$8291. After Curt read the letter from the insurance company it was decided that he should go back to the insurance company and show them the estimates and have them reevaluate what they feel they can do for us.

Lynn will email the estimates to Curt. We will wait to hear what the insurance company decides before we proceed. Lynn has been contacted by the ladies who plant flowers to turn on the water system. She asked if she and Alan could go into the church and check out the system. There was no problem with them going in and checking the water sprinkling system, but council members felt that she could wait a few more weeks to turn the water on. Lynn addressed the thought by Pastor that the internet in the parsonage is a necessity and not a luxury and should be paid by the church. After discussion Dale moved, Lynn seconded, and the motion passed to provide allowance for the internet service in the parsonage. Lynn mentioned that the Leachs had been working with her and Alan on the church lawn and flower beds.

Chris reported that she shared with her committee via email the decision on not reopening the church for services until Phase Two. She informed them that the county guidelines would be reviewed and changes in worship were going to be needed.

Julie is working with Stephanie Stodden at Gloria Dei regarding the joint Vacation Bible School. They had to

cancel the June dates and are waiting to hear about the implementation of Phase Two before scheduling a date with FLBC for July or August.

Dale had nothing to report.

New Business: Pastor Carrels has been doing services using radio broadcasting and is excited about finding a way to have a church service if we are not yet able to open when he arrives. Pastor Trina let him know that there is a drive-in movie theater in Butte.

Old Business: Peggy reported that she is working on the bios that individuals are sending her. She encouraged the council to get theirs completed and to her.

Curt added that the Aakers are leaving on Thursday am. If you want to say your goodbyes do it tomorrow. They will be in Butte in July.

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Special Thanks

A special thank you to everyone who helped monetarily, with gifts and cards for Pastor Trina. She was genuinely surprised! Because of your generous gifts we were able to give Pastor Trina a gift card for Chico in the amount of \$500 and \$500 in cash for meals, travel, etc.

Gold Hill is truly a special family.

Peggy Graving, Council Secretary

Welcoming for Pastor Carrels



Once again you all “stepped up” and our Unofficial Church Directory was filled with pictures, information and stories relating to each of us and to Butte and the surrounding area. The pantry shelves were full of a variety of canned goods, pasta, bread, cookies, and gift cards. The refrigerator held eggs, milk, butter, and of course- Butte Pasties!

The signs in the yard welcomed Pastor, Nikki, and Sammie when we couldn't in person.

Thanks to everyone who participated in any way!

You are amazing.

Peggy Graving, Council Secretary

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**Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
United to Serve**

Worship Schedule:

Canceled until further notice

Due to COVID-19 Outbreak

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