

The Nugget



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November 2020

Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church
934 Placer Street - Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-4242

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

Many of us think of vocation as our occupation, what it is that we do to make money. However, that was not true for the Reformers. Robert Kolb aptly describes the state of Western European society as one of “division of labor among the church (*ecclesia*)... the leadership of society (*politia*); and the household” (*oeconomia*).¹ The Germans, and thus Martin Luther, translated these categories as “estates.” It was wholly understood that these divisions were again divided into the “temporal” (*politia* and *oeconomia*) and “spiritual / sacred” (*ecclesia*) estates. At the time, the medieval rendering of the idea of *vocatio* (vocation) only pertained to those who had been called from their temporal life to religious service. The medieval church asserted that only priests, monks, nuns, and a few others who were called “away” from the secular world to serve God had a *true and right* vocation. As such, the medieval church kept a sharp distinction between the “sacred” and the “temporal.”

Luther offers a radical reinterpretation of the idea of vocation: that in one's everyday secular life they are called by God into relationship with their neighbor by engaging in their community to share joy of life and end other's suffering, powerlessness, and need. As such, to borrow a term from the Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud, we are called to be who we are called to be. Luther tells us that God calls all people into the spiritual estate¹ in their daily work. In alignment with 1 Corinthians 12.14-26 he states:

“A cobbler, a smith, a peasant – each has the work and office of his trade, and yet they are all alike consecrated priests and bishops. Further, everyone must benefit and serve every other by means of his own work or office so that in this way many kinds of work may be done for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the community.”¹

This is the crux of the matter for Luther. Humans are called to do *what they can for their neighbor* and place their neighbors needs above, or at least on par with their own. This is the “spiritual estate” for him: in people's daily life, with their God given call they “espouse the cause of the faith”¹ to spread the gospel message of the salvific glory of Christ. Each person's vocation, each person's life, according to Luther, is formed through conversation and community where God speaks life and salvation in and through Christ and the believer responds, with the help of the Holy Spirit to care for their community. Thus, the baker bakes, the cobbler works leather into shoes, the carpenter builds, the mother raises her children, the nobility protect the peasant, and the soldier fights so others won't have to.

There is hope in this strange thing. It is through God that we do what we can for our neighbor. It is through God that we give to our church when it needs money. It is through God that we feed the hungry when they need food. It is through God that we set ourselves aside, our needs aside, our wants and desires and wishes aside to show love to our neighbor by spending time alone in our homes.

Friends, right now we need hope. We need to remember that God calls us to each other in community and right now community looks strange. We need to remember that this church is not 934 Placer, but the people that gather there. Reach out to one another. Call one another. Join us on Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 for a Bible study and Adult Forum on Zoom. Join us for a Bible Study at 8 am on Thursdays. Join us for a Weekly Devotion on Facebook each Wednesday Evening. Join us for Worship each Sunday at 9:30 am. Join us over the phone. Join us in the parking lot. Come into community, live into your vocation, so that we can give each other hope that we will, someday, join together in the sanctuary at 934 Placer. Join us at a distance today, so that when that day comes, we will all join together in love with the fewest amount of people missing.

¹ Robert Kolb, “Called to Milk Cows and Govern Kingdoms: Martin Luther's Teachings on the Christian's Vocation,” in *Concordia Journal* 39, no. 2 (Spring 2013), 133.

¹ See Luther, *Nobility*, 129.

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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.

We remember in prayer those Gold Hill and Gloria Dei saints now at rest:

Gold Hill: Carol Faith (Christman) Godtland; Inez J. Barger; Robert W. Barger; Laura Lee Hager; Dorothy Genevieve Gronvold; Hazel J. Edwards; Barbara Ruth Agocs; Joel Myron Knutson; Carl R. Anderson; and Maxine S. Anderson

Gloria Dei: Helen Joan Johnson; Jerie Philip; Penny Tollefson; Ellen Docken; Bob Rossman; Bob Hadley; Linda Roesti; Wayne Monroe; and Svend Wind

Toni Wheat & Brook Ritter (Arlene Munyon's daughter/grandson) – prayers of thanks as Toni has recovered from a Covid infection and Brook is doing fine

Dennis & Ann Abbot (friends of Toni Wheat) – prayers as they both have Covid infections

Marge H. (friend of Toni Wheat) – prayers for health and healing

Heatherlynn Meeks – in quarantine after a Covid exposure; prayers for resilience and calm

Bill Hill – in quarantine after a Covid exposure; prayers that he will clear this period with no issues

Marvin 'Bud' Thomas (Jeanette & Vern Nielsen's brother/brother-in-law) – following his death; prayers of comfort for his family as they mourn their loss

Maria & Abby Biastoch – prayers for health

Lynn Heinze – in quarantine after a Covid exposure; prayers that she will clear this period with no issues

Family of Nina Ullman (Sue Repola's sister) – following her death on October 18; prayers of comfort as her family mourns their loss

Pastor Brenda Frelsi (Zion Lutheran, Glendive) and family – as her mother has been diagnosed with Covid-19

Pastor Donna Putney (Hope Lutheran, Powell) – as her mother recovers from a stroke

Andrew Hill (Bill Hill's son) – following open heart surgery on October 21st in Michigan

Amber Baldry (Alan & Lynn Aniksdal's granddaughter) – prayers for healing following eye surgery

Jack Dotson – prayers for health and healing

Pastor Scott Hedegaard and Pastor Barb Gwynn – prayers of thanksgiving and congratulations on their engagement

Nicholas Conlan – prayers of support

Family of Don Wheat (Arlene Munyon's son-in-law) – following his death from Covid-19; prayers of comfort for his family as they mourn their loss

Pete Godtland – prayers for health and healing

Tim Christensen, Pastor Sandy Van Zyl, and their son, John Christensen – prayers for health and healing after being afflicted with Covid-19

Pastor Julia Seymour (Big Timber Lutheran) and family – as they mourn the death of her father-in-law, Bob Seymour

Ellen Olson (Kristi O'Leary's sister-in-law) – prayers for health & healing following knee surgery and prayers of thanks for a negative Covid-19 test

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November Birthdays/Anniversaries:



Anna Jones - celebrating her birthday on November 8

Elinor Johns - celebrating her birthday on November 11

Rochelle Kriewald - celebrating her birthday on November 12

Bob Brown - celebrating his birthday on November 15

John Tadday - celebrating his birthday on November 17

Jon Williamson - celebrating his birthday on November 17

Julie Corbin - celebrating her birthday on November 19

Carol Hecker - celebrating her birthday on November 20

Mattea Dean - celebrating her birthday on November 29

Chris Ketchum - celebrating her birthday on November 30

Samantha Lynn Ross - celebrating her baptismal birthday on November 30

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Thank You Gold Hill

Dear Gold Hill Members,

We so appreciate your generous gift of \$660.65 for the Butte Emergency Food Bank.

As you probably know, it will be matched by Town Pump.

Thank you for your kindness for our families in need.

Kathy Griffith
Executive Director
Butte Food Bank



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Dorothy Gronvold from:
Bob & Debbie Brown, gift to the Food Bank

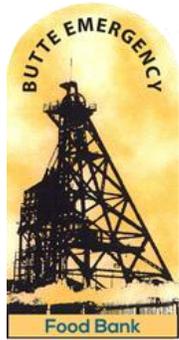
In Memory of Carl Anderson from:
Bob & Debbie Brown, gift to the Food Bank

In Memory of Maxine Anderson from:
Bob & Debbie Brown, gift to the Food Bank

In Memory of Joel Knutson from:
Bob & Debbie Brown, gift to the Food Bank

In Memory of Carl & Maxine Anderson from:
Linda & Dennis Moore

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Food Bank Donations

Thank you everyone for participating in the FUNd Raiser in September for the Food Bank. As soon as we have a final total for gifts to the food bank, we will let everyone know.

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Gold Hill cannot take physical donations of food. However, your monetary donations are still needed.

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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Weekly Devotions

Weekly devotions are offered by Pastor Carrels on Facebook every Wednesday evening. Go to Gold Hill's Facebook page to join in.

Please note!

Sunday worship service is broadcast over FM 93.3 –

when attending worship please tune your radio in to that channel to participate in the service. Thank you.



Church in the Parking Lot

Church in the Parking Lot will be extended for the foreseeable future due to the coronavirus outbreak. If you have any questions, please call the office (723-4242) or talk to Pastor Carrels.



We are also asking that those attending worship wear masks and keep their windows up while singing. This will help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

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Gold Hill Lutheran World Relief Quilters

We will be meeting each Wednesday, 10:30, at the Butte Civic Center. We bring our own lunch and drink. Quilts for tying will be available. On Wednesday come visit us while we work!

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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

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Revonda Stordahl

Financial Summary

September 2020	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	\$16,375.83	\$15,000.00	\$1,375.83
Expenses	\$11,633.57	\$15,912.49	-\$4,278.92
Net Income	\$4,742.26	-\$912.49	\$5,654.75

Year-to-Date	Actual	Budget	Over/under budget
Income	\$119,584.90	\$135,000.00	-\$15,415.10
Expenses	\$129,021.04	\$143,212.41	-\$14,191.40
Net Income	-\$9,436.14	-\$8,212.41	-\$1,223.73

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



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/b1cc239a911454dcfff8353ffffe905.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.

Friends in Christ,

Here is a reminder of all that is going on in Gold Hill during this strange time.

- 1) Our Quilters are meeting at the Civic Center during this time.
- 2) Our Music Director is seeking out voices to share their gifts in song or story for a Christmas CD.
- 3) Our Council is leading us through this strange time with Zoom Meetings.
- 4) Our Sack Lunch Program is still running.
- 5) Our Stephen Ministers are still giving care.
- 6) Our Worship is still happening (9:30 am on Sunday in the Parking Lot and on Facebook).
- 7) Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 5:30 on Zoom.
- 8) Wednesday Devotion at 6:00 pm on Facebook.
- 9) Thursday Morning Bible Study at 8 on Zoom.

I am sure that I have missed something or someone, but I want you to know how proud I am of this congregation. You are amazing people who are doing the best you can through Covid. Let us see this time as a blessing and remain vigilant to serving our neighbor by wearing our masks, meeting at a distance, and remaining home if we get sick or exposed.

With thanks,

Pr. C

Sack Lunch Ministry



If anyone would like to make sack lunches for the homeless outside of Gold Hill, please let Kim Mickelson know. There are funds available for reimbursement for this ministry.

Lunches can be made at home and someone will pick them up for delivery to the homeless.

Call Kim (498-4402) or the church office (723-4242) if you wish to participate in this ministry.

Gold Hill ELC Directions

Let's Make Some Music



HERE IS AN AMAZING
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!!!

Do you want to help us make a community Christmas CD?



*Sounds
of the
Season*

With the remarkable help of Dave Coleman, our music director and piano player extraordinaire, we would like to make a Christmas CD that can go out to our congregation members and be put up on YouTube. We are looking for

singers and instrumentalists that would like to record their favorite Christmas Songs.

Do they have to be "Churchy"? **NO!**
Can I play Rudolph? **Ugh! If you have to!**
What about Santa Stuff? **Sure!**
What if I'm not perfect? **No one is!**
Come and share your gifts.

This is a ministry for the congregation so that we all have a small piece of our community with us all the time this Advent Season.

If you are interested please email pastor (pastorgoldhill@gmail.com) or Dave Coleman (daveinconcert@gmail.com) to coordinate times for recording during the month of November.

Music Ministry News

by Dave Coleman

With Covid-19 regulations concerning meeting together still in effect for the foreseeable future, we have had to change the way we do things. So, as your Music Director, I am asking for anyone who plays an instrument (or two) to let me know. I would like to collaborate with others to get music prepared for the Advent Season as well as helping with the Christmas CD project.

You can call or text me at 406-491-5393, or email me at daveinconcert@gmail.com.

If you are interested and/or have any questions regarding our Christmas CD project (see previous article), please let me know. Proceeds from this CD will go to a worthy charity and it will be a lot of fun!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Kay Vang



During this time of social distancing and lack of group gatherings we are not walking by the display of prayer shawls in the Gold Hill hallway. **But this may be the time when someone really needs a prayer shawl.** Please

remember they are available to give to someone who may have a special need or concern at this time. Please call Mary in the church office, let her know if you have a color preference from those available, and she will see that you can get one.

We do like to keep track of to whom the prayer shawls are given so that one person does not receive multiple shawls so let Mary know who you are thinking about and she can check the list to see if that person already has one.

If you knit or crochet and would be willing to spend some time creating one or more prayer shawls that will certainly be appreciated! There is yarn available in the Fireside Room in many different colors. Any size or shape works. The prayer shawls are all blessed and a label noting they are from the Gold Hill Prayer Shawl Ministry is added before they are given to someone. If you see that your newly created shawl gets to Mary in the church office the prayer shawl ministry team will take care of the rest.

THANK YOU for thinking about and caring for people who are having concerns of many kinds by knitting, crocheting, or giving prayer shawls.

Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran World Relief Quilters

by Miriam Haley

We have been having a lot of fun the last couple months meeting in the fresh air at Stodden Park to tie quilts and exchange supplies. And we have tied dozens of quilts. Mostly we have loved visiting with each other, exchanging concerns and offering hope.



With a huge shout out of our thanks to Mr. Bill Melvin, as of October 21st at 10:30, we began meeting at the Civic Center. We bring our own sewing supplies, lunch and drink and we observe all the Covid protocols. We have more than 100 quilts to tie and are happy to send one out with anyone who wishes to participate from home.

Stop by any Wednesday, 10:30 am until about 2:00 pm to visit or to tie.

Knitting Ministry

Jeanette Quist, Miriam Haley



Our beautiful snowfall is a good reminder to begin collecting new and lightly used scarfs, hats, and mittens. Please bring them to Sunday worship or drop them at the home of JoAnn Farrow, Jeanette Quist, or Miriam Haley.

Prayer shawls are a tangible reminder of God's blessing and presence. We have gorgeous prayer shawls for you to give to anyone in need of that reminder. When you need one, call Jeanette Quist, 494-3551, who will retrieve one from the church for you.

We have LOTS of yarn so please ask Jeanette Quist or Miriam Haley, 498-3861, if you need some.

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes - October 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Lawson at 6:00 p.m. The following members of the council were present: Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Julie Corbin, Education Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry; and Pastor Marlow Carrels. Absent and excused – Dale Schultz; Outreach Ministry.



Devotions were given by Pastor from Isaiah 55:1-10. He chose this scripture since we are beginning to work on the budget. He reminded us that what it is telling us is that we shouldn't get "bogged down" with the numbers. God will provide for us.

Chris moved and Revonda seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting as corrected. **Revonda gave the treasurer's report.** The balance that has not been covered for the payment of the roof is \$6,268.63. Expenses paid this month included the License for the music and the turning on of the boilers. The preschool is paying monthly for the rental of the downstairs space. This month the regular offering did not cover the regular expenses. (see financial written reports). Julie moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Chris and passed. Revonda has received budget numbers from all committees. Revonda has asked Bruce Graving and

Curt Quist to be on a committee to work on setting up the budget to be proposed for 2021. Revonda will finalize all other numbers. We decided that now is the time to go to the Trust for a loan to complete the coverage of the roof expense. Julie moved; Curt seconded that we go to the trust to borrow \$6,268.63 depending on the amount of interest they decide to charge the church. The motion passed. Revonda will contact Ron Gruss, President of the Trust. Revonda asked – "How long do we let this go before we are concerned and go to the congregation. At this point we have a deficit of income in the amount of \$9,436.14 from the proposed budget. As far as contacting the congregation regarding the need for more offering to reach our budgeted amount we decided that it's premature and we will see how the numbers are for October. The budget committee will meet and look at the numbers carefully and advise the council.

Pastor Marlow sent the attached report. The report included the following discussion: Gloria Dei has invited us to celebrate Lent with them on Wednesday nights. They will be having services inside at Gloria Dei. The council decided we would have separate services this year online. We thank Gloria Dei for their invitation. Pastor has contacted John Emeigh at KXLFF about covering our parking lot services but have not had a return call. The technology grant was for \$500.00. Pastor suggested that we drop the heat to 50 degrees in all areas of the church not being used. The council agreed. Pastor said that the daycare teachers were opening and leaving open the door at the bottom of the stairs by his office. Curt will talk with Sheila asking that the door be kept shut as agreed when we let them have the preschool during this COVID time.

It is possible that we will not be able to have the annual meeting at the scheduled time in January, but may have to wait until May, June or later. If this happens the officers of the council would remain, if willing. We would vote in new council members when we do meet. It is possible that we could try an annual meeting via zoom. Though it is unlikely we will meet in January all reports will be given and the annual report will be printed and sent to all members of the congregation.

Mike Lawson reported on the health of Jack Dotson and a fall that Dick Fitzpatrick recently had. Keep them both in your prayers. Mike would like us to begin working on a directory. No decision was made regarding this. Curt filed all the roof paperwork. The Synod sent information regarding the filing and keeping of all insurance paperwork. Unfortunately, when some housekeeping was being done some older papers were thrown away. Lynn reported that Orkin came and did a thorough treatment of the inside of the church. The boiler was inspected on September 10th. The basement exit that was of concern is

covered and locked. Petes' Posse will be meeting on the 14th of October. Lynn has contacted the county regarding the soil abatement program but has had no reply.

Chris read her report that is attached. She highlighted that the sign board is up with new letters. Usher and lector lists are complete for October. Plans are made for Reformation Sunday – wear red – and All Saints Sunday on November 1st.

Julie had no report. Dale had no report.

New Business: A request was received by a member to pay for a year's ad for the Montana Standard in the Saturday church section for the Gold Hill Lutheran Church Service Schedule. Members of the council matched the amount the person was paying and doubled the size of the ad. Revonda was asked to see if this could be added back into the budget for next year.

Curt would like to do some research on zoning in our area and get opinions from members of the congregation regarding what can be done with the empty lot we own across the alley from the parking lot. After doing the research he will appoint a committee to write a proposal for the congregation.

Peggy moved; Julie seconded a motion to hold all future meetings of Council (Executive included) via zoom (until Butte/Silver Bow numbers of Covid are down). The motion passed. Pastor has a zoom license and said that any committee that would like to have a zoom meeting can contact him and he will make the arrangements. He doesn't need to attend the meetings, just begin the meetings.

Old Business: Pastor requested that the Trust Review Advisory Committee come to our next meeting to report their recommendations for the Trust. Peggy moved and Julie seconded that Ron Gruss, chairman of the Trust Review Advisory Committee, be asked to report the recommendations of the committee to Council via zoom at our next meeting. The motion carried. Mike Lawson will contact him.

Nominating Committee Update: The committee has not met. The committee will need to fill the spot vacated by the moving of Jerry Aaker.

Committee to connect and engage our members: Curt reported that he has not called the committee together yet but will before the next meeting.

Curt moved; Julie seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Worship Schedule:

9:30 am Sundays (outdoor parking lot)

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Pastor Marlow Carrels

Mike Lawson, Council President

Parish Admin. Assistant Mary Johnston

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

November 2020 Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church, 934 Placer Street, Butte, MT 59701
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Sunday 9:30 am Worship (Outdoors)	2	3 5:30 pm Exec. Comm. mtng	5 Weekly Evening Devotions – Gold Hill posted on FB 10:30 am LWR Quilters Butte Civic Center 5:30 pm Bible Study/Adult Forum via Zoom	6 8:00 am Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 pm Worship & Music mtng via Zoom	7	8
8 9:30 am Worship (Outdoors)	9	10 6:00 pm Council mtng	11 Weekly Evening Devotions – Gold Hill posted on FB 10:30 am LWR Quilters Butte Civic Center 5:30 pm Bible Study/Adult Forum via Zoom	12 8:00 am Bible Study via Zoom Nugget Deadline	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship (Outdoors)	16 9 am We Deliver – Sack Lunch Ministry drop off 	17	18 Weekly Evening Devotions – Gold Hill posted on FB 10:30 am LWR Quilters Butte Civic Center 5:30 pm Bible Study/Adult Forum via Zoom	19 8:00 am Bible Study via Zoom	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship (Outdoors)	23	24	25 Weekly Evening Devotions – Gold Hill posted on FB 10:30 am LWR Quilters Butte Civic Center 5:30 pm Bible Study/Adult Forum via Zoom	26 Office Closed 	27 Office Closed	28
29 1 st Sunday in Advent 9:30 am Worship (Outdoors)	30					