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The Nugget E-News

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GOLD HILL NEWS

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Day Camp

Vacation Bible School starts today! It runs June 24th - 27th with Gloria Dei here at Gold Hill from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm daily.

If you have any questions, please talk to Julie Corbin at 490-2814.

Registration forms are available at the church.



Get your scholarship application now



Schotte Scholarships Applications are available on the ramp hall rack but they must be returned by July 1. You can send your application in to the church office at goldhill.elca@gmail.com. *And if you previously applied for and received a scholarship, you can do so again!* As long as you meet the requirements a scholarship can be received more than one time. The minimum requirement is a 2.5 GPA. Pick up your application now!

Making the sanctuary beautiful this summer

Your Worship Team is asking for your beautiful flowers! If you'd like to share the flowers from your garden this summer during Sunday worship, you can use the vases on the North wall shelves in the Fellowship Hall. Let's see what Gold Hill gardeners can deliver!



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp News



On Sunday, June 16th, we welcomed our first group of campers (for Glaciers & Galaxies, Ranch Camp, and Basketball Camp) and sent out 5 day camp teams to churches throughout Montana!

We know that incredible memories will be made this summer, and hope that you will keep our staff and campers in your prayers.

Calendar:

VBS/Day Camp
Gold Hill & Gloria Dei
runs 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
at Gold Hill Church
Monday, June 24

Stephen Ministry
Supervision
meets at 7:00 pm
Monday, June 24

VBS/Day Camp
Gold Hill & Gloria Dei
runs 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
at Gold Hill Church
Tuesday, June 25

VBS/Day Camp
Gold Hill & Gloria Dei
runs 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
at Gold Hill Church
Wednesday, June 26

Overeaters Anonymous
meets @ 6:15 pm
Wednesday, June 26
Al-Anon
meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, June 26

VBS/Day Camp
Gold Hill & Gloria Dei
runs 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
at Gold Hill Church
Thursday, June 27

Grace Davis
Memorial Service
at 11:00 am

Holden Village Trip

September 22-26, 2019

This trip will begin at FLBC, from there traveling together by van to Wenatchee, WA for an overnight, before continuing to Holden Village, nestled in the Northern Cascades near Chelan, WA. Spend three nights at Holden Village experiencing fantastic food, gorgeous scenery, hiking, worship, and study time together. [Register online](#) by **July 1st!** See **FLYER** attached.

To the Mountains: An Adult Wilderness Experience

August 31-September 2, 2019

Spend your Labor Day weekend enjoying the diversity of God's creation in beautiful NW Montana! Join our trained FLBC staff both on foot & by water as we spend an overnight backpacking, a day rock climbing, and a morning sailing on Flathead Lake. Experience the glory of the wilderness alongside new friends and dive into Scripture as you see God reflected in the landscape around you. No previous wilderness experience required, all community gear and food provided. See **FLYER** attached.

Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour:
at 10:45 am
Sunday, June 30

Bible Study Opportunities:

Group Study every
Thursday
September through May at
6:30 am @ Perkins
Restaurant

*Women's Gather
Bible Study* meets
the second Tuesday of the
month at 9:30 am at
Big Sky Senior Living
Center on Waterford Way,
in the Library

Words from the Bishop: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

June 20 was world refugee day. Currently, there are more refugees in the world than there have been since World War II. Some are economic refugees, some are climate refugees, some are political refugees, while some are religious refugees. And while there are root causes that need to be addressed to change the situation, there are real people struggling to survive.

A number of agencies work with refugee resettlement, some faith-based, some secular. One of the oldest and most respected is Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Founded in 1939, LIRS began its work resettling refugees (mostly Lutheran) displaced by World War II. Some 57,000 displaced persons, primarily Latvian and Estonian, were relocated to the United States by LIRS. In the Montana Synod and beyond, we have the Kogodus ministry, because Olaf Magis, an Estonian, resettled in the United States.

There is a world refugee crisis. We read of overcrowded refugee camps in Africa and the Middle East, and of migrants crowding onto small boats in an attempt to cross the Mediterranean and reach Europe. Closer to home, Central American migrants, fleeing from intolerable conditions at home, risk the dangerous journey into the United States in order to provide a better life for their children.

And while policy makers grapple with solutions, children and families are in dire need. And the Lutherans are there, on the border, and in the places where asylum seekers end up. Bishop Mike Rinehart, Chair of the LIRS Board, writes: "Last month, DHS released 100,000 asylum-seekers onto the streets. LFS, LIRS and others have been scrambling to meet the humanitarian need. Many don't speak English. Some speak indigenous dialects and barely speak Spanish. Many are wearing ankle bracelets. Many have endured suffering and abuse along the way, and while in ICE detention."

He goes on: "LFS RM welcomes them, gives them clothing, feeds them, helps them get oriented to the situations, and facilitates their travel to whoever they are going to. A local church has opened its doors and hearts to them every week. Another church is providing volunteers."



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A month ago it was reported that Malmstrom Air Force Base was being considered as a backup location for unaccompanied minors, should there be a hurricane where they are now located. The mayor of Great Falls is on alert, should that happen.

Montana is not unaware of refugees. The mayor of Helena, Wilmot Collins, who did a workshop at our Synod Assembly, is a refugee from Liberia. Missoula, in particular has a "Soft Landing" program that resettles refugees. A generation ago Lutheran Social Services resettled refugees from Southeast Asia all over the country-aftermath of the Vietnam War-including Montana.

Lutherans have been generous with refugees and immigrants over the years through ministries like LIRS. Some like to say it is because we are a nation of immigrants. That is true-partly. We are a nation of immigrants from Europe and Africa and Asia and Latin America. But we are also a nation of indigenous people who have been on this continent for millennia before the Europeans arrived.

I like to think that Lutherans are generous with refugees and immigrants because the Bible is full of admonitions not to oppress the stranger, nor the sojourner in our midst. Besides, some of our greatest heroes in faith were refugees-Abram and Sarai, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Bishop Rinehart continues: "So far this year, you have, through LIRS, assisted 10,000 people seeking to reunite with unaccompanied children. You have helped 250 unaccompanied children find caring foster homes. You have welcomed 1500 refugees and SIV (Special Immigrant Visa) holders. You have provided immediate care to thousands of migrants released by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and CBP (Customs and Border Protection.)"

He concludes: "We visited with refugees and asylees from Guatemala, Burundi, Iraq, Cuba, Afghanistan and other places. I heard several say, 'I don't know what I would have done without the Lutherans.'"

For resources to use in your congregation to highlight our church's compassionate ministry with refugees, go to the [LIRS website](#), and go to resources.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

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Gold Hill Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

Are you looking for a place to connect with a faithful community, grow in faith, and put your talents to work in serving others? Look no further, we welcome you at Gold Hill Lutheran Church! To learn more about the mission and ministry of Gold Hill Lutheran Church, please contact Pastor Laurie Jungling at 406-723-4242.