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The Nugget E-News

July 1, 2019

GOLD HILL NEWS

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!

Butte Emergency Food Bank

Let's tackle hunger in our community. **Approximately one in seven people in Montana struggle with hunger.** The Butte Food Bank is feeding over 2,600 individuals who are currently experiencing food insecurity. **We are collecting all kinds of condiments (i.e. mustard, ketchup, relish, mayonnaise) in July for the Butte Food Bank.** Please drop your donations off before July 31 and leave them in the Fellowship Hall, one of the baskets at each sanctuary door, or in the church office. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our local Food Bank and in helping others to put food on the table.



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.

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.

Calendar:

**GHELC Women's
Book Club**
**Big Sky Senior
Living Center
meets at 10:00 am**
Monday, July 1

**Judy Jacobson
Funeral**
11:00 am
Tuesday, July 2

**Overeaters Anonymous
meets @ 6:15 pm**
Wednesday, July 3
Al-Anon
meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, July 3

Office Closed Today
- Happy 4th of July!
Thursday, July 4

**Howard Lawson
Memorial Service**
at 11:00 am
at Gold Hill Church
Friday, July 5

Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
Coffee Hour:
at 10:45 am
Sunday, July 7

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

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

Bishop Eaton's statement on children in detention
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has convened ELCA ecumenical and inter-religious partners in a statement addressing concerns over the well-being of children who cross the U.S. border seeking safety from danger and threats in their home countries.



The statement follows:

"For the Lord your God is God of gods ... who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger..." (Deuteronomy 10:17-19).

"Do not let the hatred of people prevent you from being just. Be just ..." (Qur'an 5:8).

Children coming to our nation for safety and protection are dying at our southern border while in U.S. detention. As U.S. religious leaders representing diverse faith perspectives, we are united in our concern for the well-being of vulnerable migrants who cross our borders fleeing from danger and threats to their lives.

A year ago we spoke out against the separation of families. Now we come together again to express our collective outrage and pain over the tragic loss of precious children, made in the image of the Divine. Carlos, a 16-year-old from Guatemala, died May 20 in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Wilmer, a 2-year-old, died May 14, also in the custody of CBP. They were preceded in death by Jackelin, Felipe, Juan, and a 10-year-old girl from El Salvador whose death in September 2018 has just been disclosed. We remember them before God, pray for their grieving families to be comforted, and commit ourselves to work for the humane treatment of all who present themselves for asylum at our border.

Our houses of worship and agencies have welcomed, engaged, and served many migrant families that have recently arrived in the U.S. These migrants have left their communities to provide safety for their children and protect them from harm. Sadly, as a nation we have denied them safety, instead placing them in detention facilities, sometimes long after the mandated 72-hour limit. Many detention centers are overcrowded and lack sanitation, further elevating the risk of serious health issues for migrants already stressed and weakened by their journeys.

We believe our nation and its leaders have both the moral and legal responsibility on behalf of those who seek safety in our land. The U.S. has an international legal obligation to do so by virtue of having acceded to the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees and, therefore, must implement those duties in good faith. It also has an obligation to do so under its own domestic law, and executive orders should not attempt to set aside these legal responsibilities. The duty not to return a person to a state where they may face torture or other serious harms is absolute under the U.N. Convention Against Torture, which the U.S. has signed and ratified.

We urge the Administration to maintain its commitment to international law and defend human rights by implementing safeguards to ensure the safety and health of all of those seeking protection in our land, especially those children who fall under our care.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

month at 9:30 am at
Big Sky Senior Living
Center on Waterford Way,
in the Library

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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.