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The Nugget E-News

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GOLD HILL NEWS

Prayer Vigil for Gold Hill this Wednesday



There will be a prayer vigil on behalf of Gold Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church for the whole congregation to attend this Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gold Hill sanctuary using the Holden Evening Prayer service. This will be a time of prayer, scripture reading, singing, and asking God for guidance as Gold Hill moves toward its future ministry. Please join us for this time of

prayer!

Congregation Potluck

There will be a congregation potluck on July 21st following worship. The results of the recent pastoral search survey will be shared and discussed. Please plan on attending!



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp News



Upcoming Retreats and Events:

Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or emailing office@flbc.net

Labor Day Family Camp

August 31-September 2, 2019

Join us this Labor Day weekend for one last summer celebration with your family! Camp staff will lead children and youth in classic camp activities such as Bible study, worship, games, hikes, and more. Adults will gather together for special facilitated time of study and discussion led by Pr. Molly and Allen Sasser-Goehner. All join together for worship, fellowship, and games! Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during this great family retreat: swimming, stand-up paddle boarding, crafts in the Art Barn, sailing, high and low ropes team building, and much more! See [FLYER](#) attached.

To the Mountains:

Calendar:

We Deliver -
Sack Lunch Ministry
meets at 9:00 am
Monday, July 15

Church Council
meets at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 16

LWR Quilters
meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, July 17

Holden Evening
Prayer Vigil
at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 17

Overeaters Anonymous
meets @ 6:15 pm
Wednesday, July 17
Al-Anon
meets at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, July 17

Prayer Shawl
Knitting Ministry
meets at 10:00 am
Big Sky Senior
Living Center
Thursday, July 18

Copper Cloggers
meet 1-4 pm
Thursday, July 18

Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
Congregation
Potluck:
right after Worship
Sunday, July 21

Bible Study Opportunities:

Group Study every
Thursday

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.

Wellness and Fun (Grades 6-12)

September 13-14, 2019

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly!" John 10:10. God wants us all to live healthy, fulfilled, abundant lives! This retreat will focus on trying new things for a healthy lifestyle. Learn new skills, get to know your own group better, and meet youth from all over! Discover a balance between mind, body, and spirit. Learn healthy living in a fun way! See [FLYER](#) attached.

ELCA World Hunger - Accompaniment on the Ground

[In this post, ELCA World Hunger summer intern Aml Mohamed reflects on her experiences of accompaniment in her home country of Egypt.]

"Why are you interested in this position at the ELCA?" A classic, expected question during an interview. I paused and asked myself three questions. What is the difference between interning at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a regular nonprofit? Would I care as a practicing Muslim to work at a Lutheran faith-based institution? Would my identity as an Egyptian allow me to work and understand hunger in the US?

These are challenging questions for a rising junior in college. I am still in the process of unfolding my answers to these questions.

My tentative answer to the first question is "I don't know!" I didn't have the chance to compare work environments at the ELCA and other nonprofits, yet. However, what I can say is that there is something unique about working at a Lutheran faith-based institution. During orientation, we were learning about accompaniment and how it is reflected in the work of ELCA World Hunger. At the ELCA, accompaniment is defined as walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality. Initially, I was not sure how my life related to this model. However, after a few conversations with colleagues, I found that accompaniment is not an unfamiliar term to me. I was able to point to experiences where I saw accompaniment in my home country of Egypt.

There is a hidden power in seeing people who look like you as change-makers. This what an old friend always used to say. For years, I was on the receiving end of nonprofit organizations' work. I was involved in programs that focus on youth development and entrepreneurship. At the age of thirteen, I remember being impressed by the staff members working on these programs. Now I understand why - *they looked like me.*

It is important to see work done by people who look like you, speak your language, and understand your daily life. Those might be small details, but they matter. The nonprofits allowed people from my community to be leaders, therefore, my family and I were able to trust them more. The staff members and leaders were aware of the social views on education and extracurricular activities. For example, a shared view among my parents and others is that education and learning occur only in schools and classrooms. It was difficult to come to an agreement with them that extracurricular activities are as important as school education. However, the staff members understood the culture and communicated effectively and respectfully. Thus, they were



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

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able to show them that building life skills inside and outside the classroom is critical for one's personal and professional growth.

There is also another aspect of accompaniment that I found prevalent in my context - trust. Do you remember when your teacher would assign you tasks to do in class, like resetting the classroom tables or giving your opinion and suggestions for an activity? In such moments, I always felt that I matter. I am young, but I am trusted. I am young, but I am responsible. I am young, but I can contribute with what I have and know.

Accompaniment is not always easy; sometimes it can seem as if organizations and individuals care more about seeing their logos and names on products and services than they do for the people they are working with. Accompaniment means walking together, but most importantly, it means giving one's companion the full trust and agency to work in their communities. Trust that people can, and they will.

Why is it important to accompany? In my opinion, I think it makes all the difference. Seeing people who look like you, understand you and face similar daily trials sets a great example for the community where work is done. It gives hope, and it maintains dignity, freedom and agency. It means remembering that you are the partner that may be needed at that moment. However, you are not the most important piece of the work.

Working on hunger is sensitive, challenging, and overwhelming. However, I work with these things in mind. I will remember the times when I was young and was trusted to do things on my own. I will remember admiring the fact that the leaders in the nonprofits looked like me and understood my context. I will remind myself that to the community I walk in, I am the guest. Everyone has assets that they can contribute to the work and the journey of development. Walking with each other, we can accomplish more together. I hope you can walk along!

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.