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The Nugget E-News

February 11, 2019

## GOLD HILL NEWS

### Mark the Date!

**Please take note:**

Next Sunday, February 17th, is "Camp Sunday" at Gold Hill! Margie Fiedler, Camp Director from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, will be here to preach and participate in worship - a special service for the kids! So please be sure to attend with your kids and bring some friends too!



### The Nugget

The Nugget is available via email delivery and also on Gold Hill's website. There are also a limited number of paper copies available in the office for those who do not have access to a computer. **If you are not receiving the Nugget in your email, please check your spam folder first as it may have gone there.** Otherwise please give your email address to Mary in the office so that it can be added to the mailing list. The February issue of the Nugget was emailed on January 30th.

### Butte Emergency Food Bank

Let's tackle hunger in our community. The Food Bank item for February is soup (both canned & dry mixes). Please drop your donations off before February 28 and leave them in the Fellowship Hall, one of the baskets at each sanctuary door, or in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



### Calendar:

**Stephen Ministry  
Supervision**  
meets at 7:00 pm  
Monday, February 11

**Women's Gather  
Bible Study**  
meets at 9:30 am  
at Big Sky Senior  
Living Center  
Tuesday, February 12

**Church Council**  
meets at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, February 12

**LWR Quilters**  
meet at 9:30 am  
Wednesday, February 13

**Transition Team**  
meets at 5:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 13

**Gold Hill Choir**  
meets at 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 13

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
meets @ 6:15 pm  
Wednesday, Feb. 13

**Al-Anon**  
meets at 7:30 pm  
Wednesday, Feb. 13

**Copper Cloggers**  
meet 1 - 4 pm  
Thursday, February 14

**Worship Service:**  
at 9:30 am



## Gloria Dei WELCA Group

Gloria Dei WELCA Group invites the women of Gold Hill to a luncheon at 12 pm on Thursday at the church, 2300 Florence Ave. Please RSVP to 723-9182.

We hope to see you there.

Coffee Hour:  
at 10:45 am  
Sunday School:  
at 10:45 am  
Adult Faith Formation:  
at 11:00 am  
Confirmation Class:  
at 12:00 pm  
Sunday, February 17

## Montana Synod News

Dear members of the Montana Synod: You are invited to participate in the Montana Synod Vision Questionnaire,



which is being conducted in anticipation of the nomination and election process for a new synod bishop. This questionnaire has been developed by the Task Force appointed by the Synod Council, in conjunction with Planning, Research and Evaluation, part of the ELCA's Office of the Presiding Bishop. The Task Force believes this questionnaire will be very important in informing the election process and in allowing nominees, voting members, and everyone in the synod to reflect prayerfully on priorities and leadership needs of the synod.

Every attendee of every congregation is invited to complete this survey and you are encouraged to do so at [THIS LINK](#).

A summary of the results will be prepared by Planning, Research, and Evaluation and given to the synod office for distribution. The summary is intended to contribute to the synod's discernment and prayerful preparation for the bishop election. **Please complete the questionnaire by March 1st, 2019.**

Please contact Dann Taylor ([daniel.taylor@elca.org](mailto:daniel.taylor@elca.org) or 773-380-2990) if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

Dick Deschamps

Vice President

Montana Synod

Dann Taylor

Planning, Research and Evaluation

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### 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

## LINKS:

[Click here to visit our growing website!](#)

[Click here to visit our FB page and "like" us!](#)

[Click here to visit our Church Library Page!](#)

## Words from the Bishop: Deepen Faith and Witness through Theological Education

This week I fly to Minnesota for a Luther Seminary Board meeting. (Hint: there are many obligations that take bishops out of the synod that elected them.) Luther is one of 7 seminaries of the ELCA. Two years ago there were 8, but the two in Pennsylvania-Gettysburg and Philadelphia-merged into United Lutheran Seminary.



Two other seminaries, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary have been taken under the wing of larger Lutheran institutions-in one case California Lutheran University, in the other, Lenoir Rhyne University. The three remaining seminaries-Wartburg, Luther and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago-are free-standing. **All of our seminaries are cooperating with each other, and with other institutions because it makes sense to do so in our interconnected**

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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**world.** Each seminary is striving to find faithful and creative ways to train Lutheran pastors and deacons for an increasingly complex and secular world. I also serve on the ELCA's Theological Education Advisory Committee, or TEAC. (Hint: bishops are expected to be available to serve on short-term and long-term church wide boards, committees, task forces, etc.) TEAC deals not only with seminaries, but with the whole range of theological education in the ELCA-lay ministry programs like our LPA program, continuing education and lifelong learning programs like our NRIT; first call theological education; strategies for reaching ethnic communities; outreach to your adults; seminaries. Appointed by the Church Council and reporting to it directly, TEAC's mandate is to oversee theological education across the ELCA in all its forms.

**Our synod has a benchmark: Deepen faith and witness. We live out that benchmark in many ways-in our congregations, camps and campus ministries; through the LPA program; and in the candidacy process.** Congregations offer Christian education to children and adults, teach confirmation and find other ways to pass on the faith. Synod and church wide youth gatherings bring teens together to grow in faith and action. Camps help campers explore their faith in a safe environment in the natural world. Campus ministries work with teens and young adults away from home for the first time, asking questions and exploring new worlds.

**The LPA program not only prepares preachers, teachers and other helpers for assisting in congregational ministry, it deepens the faith and understanding of the people who go through the program.**

NRIT offers workshops and online classes for clergy and laity in the Montana Synod and beyond. This ministry of the Montana Synod has changed over the years to meet changing needs. NRIT offers a way for anyone to go deeper into theological topics.

Seminary is a more rigorous and formalized study that prepares students of any age to be pastors or deacons. **There are a lot more options for seminary study today than there were a generation ago.** There are traditional 4 year MDiv. Programs; TEEM programs; Distributed Learning Programs; MDivX; 2+2; 3+1, and more. There is not just one way to receive theological education training. Candidates for ministry work with the candidacy committee to determine which option is best for them, and for the church. Bob Quam coordinates our candidacy committee. You can reach him at [rlq4xikon@aol.com](mailto:rlq4xikon@aol.com).

**At its core, deepening faith and witness is not so much about personal fulfillment. It is about the Gospel, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in this time and place.** Seminary boards have to deal with budgets and real estate, with policies and procedures. But in the end we are all there for one purpose-to raise up faithful and capable leaders for the church. Please keep your ELCA seminaries in prayer. And when asked to give, be generous.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

Leadership Ministry  
Team Leader  
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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.*