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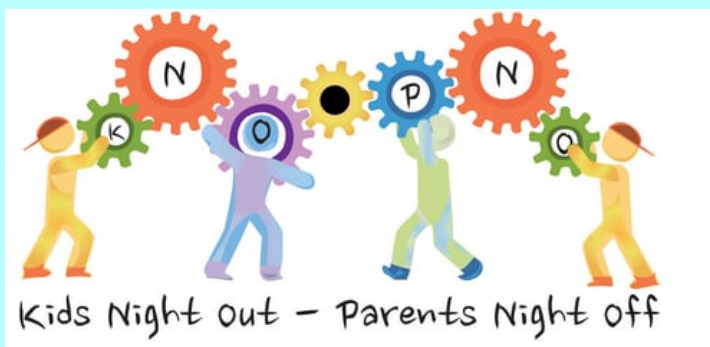
Gold Hill News

Gold Hill FLBC Camperships Policy

Gold Hill provides \$150 in funding support for all Gold Hill LC campers.

To receive a \$150 campership, the camper's parent or guardian must submit a written request to Gold Hill by May 1st. Gold Hill will then let FLBC know of the campership and will remit funds directly to them.

For any financial needs over the \$150, a written confidential request shall be made to the Pastor, who will review the need, the church funds available, and the camper's willingness to assist with raising campership funds for current and future years.



Something new & exciting for kids!
Put February 8th on your calendar...
We are going to have a Kids' Night Out
with pizza dinner, Bible lessons, games,
music and crafts!!

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Where: Gold Hill Social Hall
Ages 5 & up -- bring some friends!

Calendar:

**Stephen Ministry
Supervision**
meets at 7:00 pm
Monday, January 28

LWR Quilters
meet at 9:30 am
Wednesday, January 30

Gold Hill Choir
meets at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 30

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

Copper Cloggers
meet 1 - 4 pm
Thursday, January 31

Worship Service:
at 9:30 am
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 3

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



Gloria Dei WELCA Group

Gloria Dei WELCA Group invites the women of Gold Hill to a luncheon at 12 pm on Thursday, February 14, at the church, 2300 Florence Ave.

Please RSVP to 723-9182.

We hope to see you there.

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

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 or 773-380-2990) if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

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Vice President

Montana Synod

Dann Taylor

Planning, Research and Evaluation

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Words from the Bishop: Vision and Expectations

If you are a pastor or deacon, and you went through candidacy any time from the '90's on, you'll remember the document, Vision and Expectations. And perhaps even more than that, you'll remember the mystique around the document.

For those of you who are not familiar with the story of Vision and Expectations, it is a document that every candidate for ministry was required to read and attest that s/he had read it and would comply with it. Three times during the candidacy process we were required to ask each candidate if s/he had read it, and would comply with it. Unless they said "yes," they were not permitted to continue in candidacy. We lost an excellent candidate from the Montana Synod, because he was not able to say yes truthfully.



Three times during candidacy we ask if the candidate has read and will live in accordance with Vision and Expectations. But when we get to ordination, there is no mention of it. The ordination rite speaks of the Holy Scriptures, the Creeds, the Confessions, but no mention of Vision and Expectations. The installation rite asks the person being installed to promise to do everything in accordance with the constitutions of the church, but no mention of Vision and Expectations.

So, what is the content of Vision and Expectations that made it so important that it be raised up three times during the course of a future pastor's preparation (and then never mentioned again)? Was it like Jesus' three-fold question to Peter after the Resurrection: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Was it affirming the three parts of the Apostles and Nicene Creeds? Was it knowing the names of the tree creeds we say we teach and affirm? Was it being able to say yes to the scriptures, creeds and confessions?

No. Vision and Expectations put into writing what were, at the time, some of the dos and don'ts of conduct becoming a minister. Although the document listed both do's and don'ts, most of the objections to the document arose from the don'ts, and those in particular in the area of human sexuality. Written in 1990, Vision and Expectations originally took a very clear stance on sexual behavior for its clergy. Outside of marriage, it was unacceptable. At that time, same-sex relationships were not recognized in most states, and not in the church officially.

In the years since 2009, when the church agreed to disagree on publicly accountable lifelong monogamous same-sex relationships, and the Supreme Court made same-sex marriage legal in every state, Vision and Expectations has been revised to reflect current reality.

(To read more of the Bishop's letter, click [HERE](#).)

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.