



Vista Lutheran Welcome Statement

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As followers of Christ we believe...

- God loves and celebrates all people; all people are created in the image of God.
- God has made an amazing world filled with diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, ethnicity, age, pathways of faith, physical, and mental ability.
- The Holy Spirit guides us in transforming the world through loving God, our neighbors and ourselves. This journey is ongoing, collaborative and always changing.

As a community of faith, it is our intent to build a community where all people are seen as God sees them...

- To recognize that in “there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
- To offer a safe place of mutual relationship, respect, and affirmation.
- To continue to learn, discern and name the biases, inequality, and pain experienced as a result of our actions in the areas of gender identity, racial equity and diversity of God’s world; understanding how these are manifested in faith communities and the world.
- To learn what true welcome and hospitality are in God’s diverse world and our diverse community of faith and transform traditions and practices that are harmful or unwelcoming.
- To continually challenge ourselves to grow in ways to act on God’s love.