

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

God's Grace is the Heart of Grace

Vision Statement

By the grace of God, we are a Lutheran congregation, diverse in worship, Christ-centered in fellowship, committed to prayer, deepening of faith, and the stewardship of the Gospel and God's world.

Mission Statement

We focus on the **cross by nurturing faith** (Matt.28:19-20)
and **servicing others** (Matt.25:34-36).

Goals and Objectives

Goal #1: Expand Christian ministry and education for children, youth and adults, in fulfillment our baptismal promises.

Suggested objectives include:

- A. Develop outreach to children and their families.
- B. Develop intergenerational programming.
- C. Involve youth in Sunday worship.
- D. Provide a variety of adult education opportunities.
- E. Utilize the resources of the city and be a resource in developing educational opportunities.

Goal#2: Provide facilities and services that are welcoming and accessible to all.

Suggested objectives include:

- A. Continue monitoring the condition of the facilities.
- B. Focus on making the building welcoming to all.

Goal #3: Seek, invite and celebrate diversity.

Suggested objectives include:

- A. Establish an evangelism committee.
- B. Do a cultural competence survey.
- C. Create an informational brochure.
- D. Publicize events.

Goal #4: Develop and implement a social ministry plan.

Suggested objectives include:

- A. Establish a social ministry committee.
- B. Attend to the needs of the neighborhood together with our sister congregations.
- C. Coordinate the World Hunger Appeal and disaster relief responses in cooperation with the Stewardship Committee.
- D. Lift up current individual social ministry activities.

Goal #5: Provide a dynamic worship experience.

Suggested objectives include:

- A. Implement new Lutheran worship materials.
- B. Use the musical gifts that are in the congregation and the community
- C. Provide innovative forms of worship.
- D. Involve intergenerational worship participation.

Goal #6: Encourage faithful stewardship of resources.

Suggested objectives include:

- A. Provide year-round stewardship awareness, including use of gifts and talents, and care of the environment.
- B. Organize a yearly stewardship appeal.
- C. Coordinate one-time Bishop's Appeal.
- D. Coordinate the World Hunger Appeal and disaster relief responses in cooperation with the Social Ministry Committee.

Goal #7: Provide opportunities for fellowship and mutual support.

Suggested objectives include:

- A. Plan fellowship events, including intergenerational events.
- B. Provide home communion.
- C. Consider establishing a prayer chain(s).
- D. Foster community prayer.