

Renewing Our Church, 2015-2020

Mission Statement:

Grace Lutheran Church is a caring community of disciples, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

Core Values:

- 1. God's grace is "one-way love" that enables us to love God and all of creation.*
- 2. Discipleship equips us for ministry.*
- 3. We experience God in worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship and discipleship.*

Guiding Principles for the next three to five years.

- 1. A congregation that digs into scripture and prays, continues to grow in God's grace.*
- 2. A congregation that engages its world with the love of Jesus and a desire to be useful to God will find its life.*
- 3. Real renewal happens as we participate in the work that God is already doing. This requires re-thinking our entire lives so wherever we go, people will see God at work.*
- 4. Knowing our purpose and values will keep us from being pulled in many directions by a culture that is actually contrary to life with God.*
- 5. Renewing the church means meeting new people where they are and seeing them as allies in the work of God's kingdom. This requires being more involved in the community without expecting anything in return.*

MISSION FOCUS FOR THE NEXT THREE to FIVE YEARS (2015-2020)

I. Mission Focus: *Continue to develop and promote WORSHIP as a primary function of this congregation.*

Initiative: Expand worship opportunities and provide for variety in worship, without losing what is critical to this congregation's worship.

II. Mission Focus: *Be intentional with EVANGELISM efforts in the local area.*

Initiative: Work with council and committee to create an Evangelism/Outreach team, under or within the Hospitality/Fellowship Team, so evangelism occurs both in and outside of the congregation.

III. Mission Focus: *Develop and implement MINISTRY that engages and serves the community.*

Initiative 1: Enhance current ministries to serve more people.

Initiative 2: Expand the role of Grace Lutheran in community events, adapting current ministries or develop new ministries in the community.

IV. Mission Focus: Create and implement multiple opportunities for members to grow in DISCIPLESHIP

Initiative: Develop a “cradle to grave” faith maturation plan for all in our faith community.

V. Mission Focus: Provide a hospitable environment for all who come through our doors, that FELLOWSHIP in the body of Christ is experienced.

Initiative 1: Work with council and committee to create an Evangelism/Outreach team and a Hospitality/Fellowship Team, so fellowship occurs both in and outside of the congregation.

Initiative 2: Enhance existing hospitality efforts and create new strategies for fellowship and hospitality in the congregation.