

MISSION & VISION WORKSHEET

August 15, 2021

As part of the ongoing Christ Lutheran Church & PreSchool discernment process, we are focusing on two key areas:

- 1) What is our Mission and Vision – What does God want and need us to do?
- 2) How can we accomplish our Mission and Vision – The practical financial issues of being a church, and how we might adjust

During our August 15 Lay Leader Worship, Nan Dahlke introduced our efforts to discern together what our Mission and Vision is or should be.

The accompanying worksheet was distributed after worship. Each individual member and stakeholder is encouraged to complete and return their answers to the following worksheet **by Sunday, August 22**. They will be collected at worship. Or you may also email your answers to ChristLutheranVH@aol.com.

Thank you for your prayerful discernment and input.

As background, here is our current Mission Statement...

Believing in Jesus as Savior,
We gather together to:
Celebrate God,
Love one another,
And grow as disciples –
So we can change the world.



Let's start with some descriptions/definitions.

*Mission is what we shoot for. Definable objective

*Vision is what we root for. Dream statements

A good mission statement should:

*Answer the question "what are we here for?"

*Answer the question "what does God want the church to do?"

*be short and clear

*give focus and definition to our work

*be specific so results can be measured

*Help clarify common purpose

*Don't let it be controlling or manipulative

*A good statement unites people around a common purpose

*A definition of your church

*States why your church exists

*Start with the why and move to the what. (why=mission, what=vision)

*Start at the center – Jesus Christ – and work out into the world.

Mission Statement Worksheet

- 1. What is the full name of your congregation?**
- 2. Why does your church exist?**
- 3. What are your major programs?**
- 4. What purpose do they serve?**
- 5. Who or what is your work serving?**
- 6. What does your church do on an average day?**
- 7. What do you think would be a good goal to reach in the next 1-5 years?**
- 8. What do you think of the current mission statement?**