

# LIVING OUT GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE LUTHERAN

## Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles

At the congregational meeting immediately following Worship on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, members will have the opportunity to discuss the recommended Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles and then vote on their adoption.

In Spring 2015, Council began considering what God is calling us to do and to be in this time and place. This visioning process started with Council members doing a book study on *Living Lutheran: Renewing Your Congregation* by Rev. Dave Daubert.

In January this process continued at the churchwide retreat, where members had a chance to reflect on what God did in scripture and on how that might be guiding us. With much time spent praying, reading Scripture, listening to the Holy Spirit and one another, the Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles were drafted. These were further refined in small groups, by the Leadership Team and at Council.

In looking to the future of Grace Lutheran, the Council is asking the congregation consider and adopt the Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles (on the other side) to help us fulfill how God is asking us to live out our faith.

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1) We follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- 2) We grow together in faith through experiencing God's Word and love.
- 3) We invite everyone into the life of Grace Lutheran, embracing diversity.
- 4) We live out our faith as disciples, building the Kingdom of God in this world.
- 5) We seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in living together as a community of faith.

The Leadership Team of the retreat that has continued to work on the visioning process:

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Joelyn Rich  
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Any of us are available for your questions and thoughts