

Mission Statement Of

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The purpose of this congregation shall be to build and enlarge the Kingdom of God by the proclamation of the Word of God, by the administration of the Sacraments, by the Christian instruction of children, youth and adults, and by the provision for opportunities for growth in Christian living, according to the confessional standard of the LCMS.

VALUES OF

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRIST-CENTERED: In all that we do, St. Paul Lutheran Church shall give honor and glory to the Triune God, to carry out His will, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world, to manifest the unity of our faith in Jesus Christ as God and Savior, to foster Christian worship, fellowship and love, to extend a helping hand to human need and to achieve its objective by the preaching of the Word of God, by administration of the sacraments and by the religious instruction of all members according to the confessional standards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod.

BIBLE-BASED: In all that we preach and teach, the Bible, in all its truth and purity, will be centric to the principles of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING: We value life-long learning in God's Word, which produces faith, maturity and leadership skills in people of all ages, encourages that Christians unite in prayerful and joyful worship, and exemplifies life as a Christian.

FAMILY ORIENTED: This is a place where we are members of God's family through our baptism into Jesus Christ, where children and adults grow physically, emotionally and spiritually in a loving, safe and nurturing environment. At the heart of our earthly families is the marriage relationship between one woman and one man which God instituted in a compassionate and loving relationship with Him.

MISSION MINDED: We value a congregation culture that encourages all of us to tell the Good News of God's grace and salvation and welcomes those who hear it, to bring the Word of God and Christ's forgiveness to all people, in all lands by reaching out to our members, neighbors, our community and our world.

HOPE-SHARING: St. Paul shall respect one another, show a genuine care and compassion for all of our neighbors as we strive to do God's work, love ourselves, our families, our fellow parishioners, our community and the world; bringing hope to those who do not know Jesus' forgiveness, a ministry that is joyful and the resulting gift of eternal life.

Adopted May 2009

VISION OF

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

With a foundation on the Word and Sacraments, and using our faith-based core values, St. Paul Lutheran Church by the end of 2015 will; grow to 1200 baptized members, our average weekly worship will be 600 people which will include both members and visitors and we will have 300 people attending a form of weekly Bible study.

In the year 2010, we will begin investigating the expansion of our current facilities.

Once we reach 1000 baptized members, we will begin exploring the possibilities of sponsoring a daughter congregation in Ankeny.

As we do these things, we will focus on assimilation of members by encouraging involvement in activities leading to easy integration into church life.

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