

Ministry Clarity for Faith Congregation

Faith Lutheran Church, Bloomington Indiana

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What is *Ministry Clarity*?

This service of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is designed to guide congregations in setting clear goals for the future. Since the summer of 2020, the Ministry Clarity Team of Faith* has been working through this process to propose the focus for our ministry together for the next 5-10 years.

Step 1: Mission

We first studied Scripture before adopting a Guiding Statement that declares why we are a congregation:

Proclaiming and Practicing
God's Love
with Conviction and Courage
...in our households, congregation, and beyond.



Step 2: Pillars

We grouped each of our present ministry activities under five Ministry Pillars:

- ✚ **Worship**
- ✚ **Education**
- ✚ **Fellowship**
- ✚ **Evangelism**
- ✚ **Service**

Each pillar has one **Target** – something just out of reach, but to which we will be **aspiring** over the next 5-10 years. These Targets are the results of the group discussions from the Congregational Summit on February 6 and are listed on the other side of this page.

Step 3: Goals

For each of the five Targets, the Ministry Clarity Team drafted Goals, also based on the discussions during the Summit. Goals are to be completed in 1-3 years. As these goals are met, new ones will be added by the appropriate Ministry Teams and other church leadership.

Step 4: Tasks

The next step will be to enumerate specific, clearly-stated Tasks to help us reach each Goal. These will serve as a road map to consistently be together in prayer and study, and to focus on the Mission we have adopted.

----- MINISTRY PLAN -----

WORSHIP

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
Psalm 86.9

Aspirational TARGET 1.0

Every household of Faith Lutheran Church hears the proclamation of God's saving Word on a weekly basis and receives His Sacraments regularly.



EDUCATION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
Matthew 28:19-20

Aspirational TARGET 2.0

Every member of Faith, as a disciple of Jesus, will be involved in one or more learning activities at home and/or with the congregation.



FELLOWSHIP

That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
1 John 1:3

Aspirational TARGET 3.0

All members of Faith will be united in a closer community with each other through additional Fellowship activities, with the purpose of inviting, serving, and witnessing to members of our community.



EVANGELISM

Jesus said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." Mark 5:19

Aspirational TARGET 4.0

Every member of Faith will be equipped to confidently share the good news of Christ with their families, friends, and neighbors, using their various vocations and social opportunities.



SERVICE

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 1 John 4:19-20

Aspirational TARGET 5.0

Every member of Faith will be convinced that Jesus' sacrifice for us is our primary motivation to serve others. Every member will in some individual, family or group manner, live out Christian service in our households, congregation and beyond.

