

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – Mission Focus
Looking towards 2021 and beyond ...

Jesus gave his first disciples a new relationship with God. He formed them into a community and empowered them, through word and deed, to share that relationship and community with others in the world. We are situated in a dynamic, yet often fragmented community in which people are often physically, emotionally and spiritually disconnected. Prince of Peace's mission is to help people in our community become more connected to God and to others.

As we consider our past and look towards our future, we recognize that we have been blessed by God to experience and empower such connections and relationships especially through:

- Worship
- Serving Others
- Engaging Children and Youth in ministry
- Learning & Faith formation

These are the key areas we will emphasize and strengthen in order to continue to be faithful disciples of Jesus and to reach out to others. We have a sense of urgency about this, because we realize that our area is growing, becoming more diverse and increasingly transient. We recognize the responsibility and opportunity we have to share what God has given us by being intentional about inviting others into our community and helping new people to connect more fully with God and others, especially those from different or even no faith backgrounds.

We also recognize that people in our area lead more hectic lives than before. Work and family commitments often make participation in church activities sporadic or difficult. Therefore, we are committed to ensuring that there are a variety of activities and opportunities to help people find and deepen their connections to God and others.

As we look towards the future, our Council has recognized several key challenges that we will continue to address over the long term. Each year, as part of its planning, Council will adopt at least one or two specific goals to address one or more of these challenges. These challenges include:

- Ensuring that, as people come and go, the caring and welcoming “feel” of our congregation continues to be strong and nourishes the experience of connection to God and others. Welcoming and including people right away, without the expectation that they will necessarily stay for a long time, will be increasingly important;
- Developing paid and volunteer leadership that can help our ministries grow in numbers and in quality, especially in light of the difficulty of most lay volunteers to commit large amounts of time to leadership;
- Expanding and improving our physical facilities in ways that allow us to engage in a variety of activities and services that promote connections to God and others through the development of community, service and worship;
- Implementing and utilizing new and existing technologies in ways that promote better connections, community and communication