

VISION MESSIAH

Vision

Messiah Lutheran Church is a Christ centered community, a spiritual home, where all people may seek refuge & nurture for living life in God's amazing grace.

Vision Values

Messiah Lutheran Church values being...

...a **Worshipping** community in the Lutheran tradition;

Worship has always been central to the life and ministry of the Church. This is especially true of Lutheranism in general and Messiah Lutheran Church more specifically. Throughout its 50 year history, Messiah has sought to center itself in Lutheran Word and Sacrament liturgy that is theologically sound and musically excellent, that is inspiring, that makes clear connections between faith and daily life, and which is accessible to all people, member and visitor alike.

...a **Discipling** community following Jesus Christ through a Lutheran approach to faith formation;

Learning has always been highly valued in Lutheranism. This desire to grow in knowledge is especially true for Messiah. We value excellence in theological education and faith formation, which results in passionate, spiritually mature, Christ-like disciples.

...a **Witnessing** community sharing the Gospel in daily life;

Jesus commissioned his followers to "go, and make disciples of all nations." As modern day disciples we also are commissioned to witness to or share the "good news." Thus we value living out and sharing the "good news" not in a "pushy" or "manipulative" way, but with a heart for the people whom we encounter in our daily lives.

...a **Welcoming** community shaped by God's love;

The Church of Jesus Christ is known for its loving hospitality. In listening to visitors and new members, Messiah is often described as a warm, welcoming, friendly congregation. We value this kind of close knit community that welcomes the stranger and cares for one another. In addition, we value reaching out to and welcoming those who are not already a part of our community. And, we value finding ways to nurture deeper, more authentic and loving relationships with and between all people and generations.

...and, a **Serving** community promoting health, wholeness, justice and peace.

Messiah Lutheran Church has a strong history of service to our local, regional, and global communities through supporting ministries which seek to promote health, wholeness, justice, and peace. We value effective use of the time, talent, and treasure of our congregation. In addition, we value gift-oriented ministries which build the habit of service in all generations.

Mission Statement

Living in God's Amazing Grace,
Messiah Lutheran Church is
Gathered, Empowered, and Sent
as **Disciples** of Jesus Christ.