
Vision Statement for Living Word Lutheran Church

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Who are we?

Living Word Lutheran Church is a Lutheran congregation in mission for Christ. And this is not just an association designation but the mission for the church; any church. Our mission statements says that: *We are grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ.* And therefore, we take very seriously the Great Commission; to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This is who we are; a Lutheran congregation in mission for Christ.

What will we do?

And so, we, the members of Living Word Lutheran Church, will live out our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; showing grace and love to all those around; preaching a message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. We will devote ourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ and be committed to growing closer to him through the diligent study of scripture, prayer, worship, fellowship and service. And through this way of living, God willing, His kingdom and this church will grow to the glory of God as we live like the church as described in Acts 2:42-47:

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

With the Lord being in charge of adding to our numbers, we are freed to live for him; for the goal for any church is that, first and foremost, numbers are added to the Kingdom of God.

The Vision

(1) Our new building a.k.a. Mission Center will be:

- ~ A gathering place to worship God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ~ A training center where we study God's Word.
- ~ A place of fellowship where we are encouraged and built up.
- ~ A house of prayer where we seek the will of God and bare the burdens of one another.
- ~ A launching pad that sends people into the community and their spheres of influence.
- ~ A place that supports the ministry of those in line with our beliefs.
- ~ A welcoming place
- ~ God's house and not a clubhouse for members.

(2) We will be beacon of light in Graham where people hear and experience the grace and love of God. (Matthew 5:14-16)

(3) We will be the living embodiment of the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

(4) We will be a church that is constantly under attack by Satan because he cannot stand how we are making an impact in the world around us, but, we will stand strong under those attacks because we stand on the promises of Jesus and on God's living Word. (Psalm 31:7-8)

(5) We will be unified in mission and purpose. (John 17:11)

(6) We won't let things that ultimately do not matter distract us from the mission.

(7) We will look at each other as fellow children of God; sinners but redeemed through the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(8) We will love our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.