

Conclusion

This vision for ministry in 2002 and beyond is comprehensive and aggressive. It requires persistent prayer, confident faith and an opening of our eyes and hearts to new ideas and approaches. It is important to understand that this is not the end of the process, but rather the beginning.

Perhaps, as we follow this roadmap to the future, continue to study his Word, and prayerfully seek his will, our Lord will redirect us at times to take a detour. Wherever he directs us, we are most willing to travel. Guided by the inspired Word, our mission is clear:

“As a family united in faith through the Holy Scriptures, we exist to give praise, honor and glory to the triune God, to nurture and train the family of believers through God’s Word and to reach out to the changing world with a changeless Christ.”

Each ministry area is vital to the nurturing and training of believers as well as reaching out to the changing world. However, we need to give special and immediate consideration to these tasks identified in this document. They are essential in laying the foundation for future, expanded ministry:

- 1. Adult Spiritual Growth**
- 2. Financial Stewardship**
- 3. Reclaiming the Lost**

Remember, however, the necessary tool for any/all of this vision to take place is to begin **Facility Planning** immediately.

Nurture, training and outreach – that’s our mission! That’s why our forefathers, under God, established St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church. That is also the heritage we plan to leave the generations that follow, for Jesus’ sake to his praise, honor and glory!