

VISION STATEMENT: To Live and Love Like Jesus

BIBLICAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- **Jesus is Lord** (Acts 2:36, 10:36)
- **God transforms lives** (Acts 2:37-38, 41-47)
- **Everyone is welcome** (Acts 2:39, 10:34, 15:4,8-11)
- **The Holy Spirit works within us** (Acts 10:44-46)
- **Trust in God** (Acts 16:10,25)

MISSION STATEMENT:

Advent Lutheran Church makes disciples through + **developing** personal relationships with unbelievers, + **ministering** to the poor, needy and outcasts, and + **equipping and empowering** disciples who already have a relationship with Jesus to do the same.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES and STRATEGIES:

OBJECTIVE #1: Expand Missional Outreach

STRATEGIES:

- A. Reach out to and serve our neighbors.
- B. Share our facility.
- C. Share the Gospel
- D. Apply appropriate state-of-the-art technologies to modernize our outreach to the community.
- E. Maximize the use of Advent's resources (people, facilities, equipment and funds).

OBJECTIVE #2: Build Stronger Relationships

STRATEGIES:

- F. Provide Christian events, activities, programs, worship and service opportunities that engage and involve all age groups.
- G. Increase participation in available fellowship opportunities.
- H. Attend to members' spiritual needs.
- I. Partner/network with other churches, Lutheran and non-Lutheran.
- J. Utilize communications and information tools to ensure all members are well-informed.
- K. Make member participation in small group ministries highly desirable.
- M. Maximize the use of Advent's resources (people, facilities, equipment and funds).

OBJECTIVE #3: Nurture and Support Our Youth, Young Adults and Families

STRATEGIES:

- N. Provide an environment in which our children, youth and young adults can explore and develop their spiritual gifts.
- O. Attend to the unique spiritual needs of our youth and children.

- P. Provide Christian events, activities, programs, worship and service opportunities that engage and involve all age groups within the congregation.
- Q. Apply appropriate state-of-the-art technologies to modernize our ministry and service to our youth, young adults and families.
- R. Maximize the use of Advent's resources (people, facilities, equipment and funds).

OBJECTIVE #4: Provide Spiritual Care and Improved Congregational Health

STRATEGIES:

- S. The acts of disciple-living are widely performed by the congregation.
- T. Apply appropriate state-of-the-art technologies to modernize our ministry and service to the congregation.
- U. Make member participation in small group ministries highly desirable.
- V. Engage members of the congregation in service to each other.
- L. Encourage and practice a culture of health and wholeness
- W. Maximize the use of Advent's resources (people, facilities, equipment and funds).