

***The goal of LCI is that Jesus Christ be known. We seek to know and experience Christ through Bible study, worship, and service. We are ambassadors for Christ, so that others will know Jesus and follow as His disciples.***

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic to rebuild the pre-existing pattern of attendance and giving, we will focus on increasing participation and making LCI a center for missional living; and:

- **Reach out to members of our community, especially newcomers, and invite them into our congregation.**
- **Share our faith stories, both within and outside of the congregation.**
- **Be an inclusive, *neighborhood church*.**
- **Serve the community and bear witness to God's justice and mercy.**

The Pastor and Staff in collaboration with the lay leadership will assess and make changes to all ministries based on their fruitfulness - how they meet needs, change lives and welcome newcomers into our ministries of worship, fellowship and service.

Through prioritized activities in 2022 beginning with the following, we will:

- **Reach out to members of our community, especially newcomers, and invite them into our congregation:**
  - Maintain routine outreach efforts including verbal and written contact to active and inactive members.
  - Request SYNOD assistance to link LCI with self-identified Lutheran students at UC Davis.
  - Create new activities that attract the community and college students. Examples include: (1) a Sermon Series on "Season of Creation: Flora, Fauna, and Ocean"; (2) a Speaker Series on "Faith and the Environment"; (3) invite Synod Bishop Megan Rohrer to discuss their new role and gender issues.
  - Invite college students who live close to LCI by going door-to-door in apartment complexes and West Village, handing out flyers at grocery stores and putting up flyers on kiosks, in laundromats and in grocery stores. Place sandwich boards at the bus stop near LCI and on campus. Advertise in student focused newspapers like the "Davis Dirt" and "The California Aggie".
  - Maintain close relationship with the Belfry and continue the "Public Theology" series in local restaurants that was successful with graduate students.
  - Maintain current LCI activities on a hallway bulletin board to share with Applegate parents through current posting on hallway bulletin boards or other surfaces.
  - Grow current mission activities to include newcomers from both the congregation and community through celebrating successes and promoting mission outcomes (e.g. Hwy 113 clean-up, quilters, property, etc.)
- **Actively share our faith stories both within and outside of the congregation:**
  - Study Scripture together – to (re)-discover who Jesus is for us
  - Share at least 6 faith stories as part of LCI worship and on LCI's website.
  - Tell others why we are disciples of Jesus and what we value about LCI
- **Be an inclusive, *neighborhood church*:**
  - Invite to worship, fellowship and mission activities those both from the LCI neighborhood and wider community – including those of *all backgrounds*: LGBTQ, people of color, young and old, non-Lutherans.
  - Expand welcome activities and ensure prompt follow-up to visitors by the Pastor, LCI Staff, and/or lay members with guests and visitors (activities to be defined).
  - Complete the Sanctuary renovation and HVAC replacement.

- Develop and implement an outreach effort based upon neighborhood demographics within 1 mile of LCI.
- **Serving the community and bearing witness to God's justice and mercy:**
  - Coordinate 4 community service projects and invite community members to participate.
  - Continue to learn how we can address social sins of racism, sexism, environmental destruction, etc. (e.g. *Color of Law* study group; speaker series)
  - Continue to provide YouTube recordings of LCI worship and expand online opportunities for LCI congregational activities.
  - Prepare for church opening up more widely including additional opportunities for in-person gatherings outside of worship for all age groups including youth & adult education, choir, dinner groups