

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Statements of Vision, Mission and Values

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Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

Our Vision

Where God is leading us

To become a congregation of committed disciples growing in faith in God, and known in our community for our spirit, hospitality and compassion.

Our Mission

Our reason to be

To connect family, friends, neighbors and community with our Beautiful Savior

Core Values

What we value most and are committed to above all else

God is glorified in our worship, prayer and service through our

Open hearts

Loving, giving and sharing

Open Minds

Learning and teaching

Open arms

Caring and inviting

Vision is the "big picture" of where God is calling us. Vision is based on who we are today and the potential before us. Vision is composed of what is and what should or could be if we respond to God's call. A vision is always just a bit beyond our grasp and is something we work toward. Our understanding of our vision changes periodically as the circumstances in our community and congregation change.

Mission is what we do to fulfill our vision. A mission plan often contains the broad stroke plans we have to close the gap between where we are in our current ministry and where we know God is leading us. In today's fast changing society a mission plan is usually valid for no more than three years. A good mission is short, and easy for all to remember. It contains 4 R's: The **reason** we exist; the **role** we have in the community; the **result** that is measurable; the **restrictions** that define reasonable boundaries

Core values are those bedrock, non-negotiable that characterize the organization. Above all else, these are what we value. Above all else, these are what define us. They are commitments that drive us day to day. They tell us what we do and don't do. They inform us on how decisions are made and conflict is handled.