



Strategic Ministry Planning

***Asking God to Reveal His Calling
and Accomplish His Plan for Your Congregation***

Trinity Lutheran Church

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succeed.”***

Proverbs 16:3

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Why are we doing this?

- God has put us here for a purpose - His purpose!
- God will accomplish His plan – with us or without us!
- He has never withheld His calling (work) from His children – if they only ask!
- He never withholds the resources needed to accomplish His work!
- We want to join God the Father in His work – instead of asking Him to join us in ours!

Our Methods

- **Month of Preparation**
 - Prayer & Bible Study
 - Invitations to every member
- **Congregational Sessions**
 - The gathered Body of Christ
 - Empty Hands
 - Asking questions
 - Led by the Holy Spirit to answers
 - A spiritual, not political, process
- **Voters Assembly**
- **Follow Up**

Fundamentals of SMP

- **Our Way**

- Personal Agendas
- Cycle of Fear
- It's all about me!
- Chosen few
- Science & Politics

- **His Way**

- Empty Hands
- Circle of Faith
- It's not about you!
- Each One
- House of Decisions

Josh 24:15

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

**Our best understanding of
God's calling and plan for us**

**The Strategic Ministry Plan
(SMP)**

Strategic Foundation

God's Calling for Us

- **Mission (Purpose)**
- **Values (Boundaries of Behavior)**
- **Vision (Direction)**
- **Goal (First Destination)**

God's Plan (Work) for us

- **Strategy**
- **Tactics**
- **Implementation (Priorities)**

So What?

We believe this is our best understanding of God's calling (work) for us!

We also believe this Strategic Ministry Plan is our best response to His calling!

Once the Voters approve, this SMP will become the agenda for our congregations actions for the future!

So what does this mean?

- **He is already calling you to join Him in what He's doing here.**
- **He is ready to fully equip you, in His time, for your role in His work.**
- **He asks you to serve Him – with your time, talent, and resources!**

We pray for . . .

- **Discernment**
- **Leaders**
- **Willing Hands and Minds**
- **Resources**

Q&A

Voters' Assembly

**We celebrate what
God has done in and
through us . . .**

His Mission for Us

The mission of Trinity is:

**Teaching, Serving, Reaching &
Sharing Christ!**

Our Aspirational Values:

These are the values we believe God wants us to show by our future actions:

Outreach/Witnessing

Word & Sacraments

Our Faith

Love & Serve One Another

Biblical Preaching

Christian Education

Spiritual Growth

God's Forgiveness

Doing God's Work

His Vision for Us

This is our best understanding of God's will for the future of our congregation:

Trinity will be connected and involved through our 'faith in action' as we reach out to our community for Christ

Our guests will be accepted as they are, and 'hooked' by the love of God shown to them, and motivated to return often and soon.

Our members will be 'ablaze' with the Gospel as they are equipped, nurtured, and empowered to reach out to their family, neighbors and the community.

His Goal for Us

This is our first destination on the journey towards His Vision for us.

Our worship & programs will grow our congregation as we create a vibrant unified ministry with every member involved in connecting the community to Christ

**Fears that would keep us from
accomplishing His plan for us**

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Strategy

Goal: Our worship & programs will grow our congregation as we create a vibrant unified ministry with every member involved in connecting the community to Christ

Develop relationships in the community through a variety of worship, fellowship & Christian Education opportunities

Implementation

Strategy: Develop relationships in the community through a variety of worship, fellowship & Christian Education opportunities

After prayerful consideration, our best understanding of the priority in which God wants our Tactics accomplished is as follows:

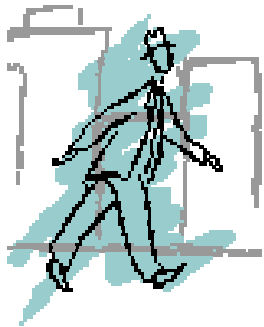
- 1. Enhance worship services by offering traditional, blended & contemporary worship with a staffed nursery***
- 2. Offer educational & fellowship opportunities for all ages, levels of faith & interests including mid-week child-centered ministry***
- 3. Update our facilities***
- 4. Start a weekly prayer group***
- 5. Fellowship events to draw the community to Trinity***
- 6. Involvement in community service opportunities***
- 7. Christian daycare/after school program***
- 8. Enhance our visitor program (meeting, greeting & follow-up)***

**This is what God has
done through us!**

We Praise God!

I Walk by Faith

performed by the Maranatha Singers



**I walk by faith
Each step by faith
To live by faith
I put my trust in You!**

(repeat)

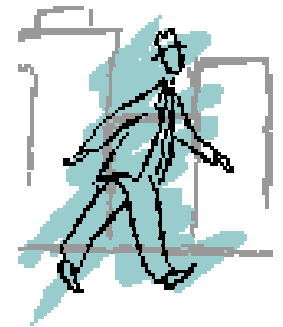
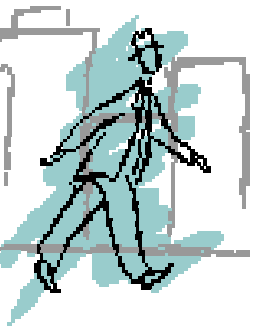
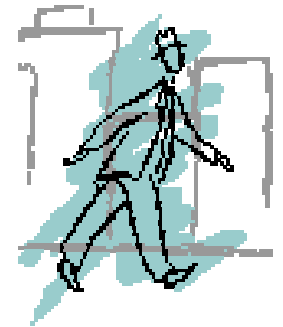
**Every step I take
Is a step of faith.**

**No weapon formed against me
shall prosper.**

**And every prayer I make
is a prayer of faith.**

**If my God is for me
who can be against me?**

(repeat all)





Thank You!

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*“We are not yet what we shall be,
but we are growing toward it,
The process is not yet finished,
but it is going on,
This is not the end,
but it is the road.”*

Martin Luther