

# Strategic Plan Summary

To support the mission and vision of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church by creating and sustaining multiple entry points for people to experience a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, belong to an energizing community of faith, and become mature disciples of Jesus Christ. These points of entry include worship, educational opportunities, missions, social justice work and community partnerships.

## WORSHIP

*glorify God wholeheartedly*

Create diverse styles of worship that invite all to a deeper relationship with Jesus while energizing all actions of the church.

Improve the overall energy and excellence of our worship experiences.

Develop a visual arts ministry and expand use of technology in worship.

As a Spirit-formed **living expression of the kingdom of God**, the **vision** of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to **glorify God** wholeheartedly **grow** the community of the faithful and **nurture** the faithful of the community **alleviate suffering** wherever it is found **advocate** for **social justice**

## OUTREACH

*grow the community of the faithful*

Improve and renovate an aging facility and technologies in order to expand current ministries and increase community partnerships through shared events and common ministries

Create an active Outreach Team that will oversee the marketing of the church to the community.

Develop and operationalize a plan for consistent visitor follow up and move toward engaged membership.

Produce a community engagement report that identifies the needs of the community and provides detailed recommendations to meet those needs.

## MISSIONS

*alleviate suffering*

Engage acts of mercy that will alleviate suffering on the local, national and international level.

Expand the Soul Food Ministry to the Lake Ella homeless community.

Institute an annual Operation Love Your Neighbor event for the local community.

Provide meaningful intergenerational local and international mission opportunities

Intentionally reconnect with Sister Churches in Haiti and Cuba.

## EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

*nurture the faith of the community*

Provide intentional pathways to fully engaged discipleship and opportunities for spiritual and personal growth for all ages in a variety of contexts.

Create and encourage ongoing leadership development and training for all areas of the church using new technologies and platforms.

Design and implement Saint Paul's Lakeside Learning Center that will deepen our current offerings and expand our reach into the community.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

*advocate for social justice*

Embody a gospel message that calls us to respect life and work for justice and peace

Educate congregation on Social Justice and its relationship to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Form a Social Justice Ministry Team/Social Justice Committee to explore ways of involving ourselves in social justice opportunities.

Establish and Support a Creation Care Team