

THE VISION, MISSION AND VALUES OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SIERRA SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA

VISION

"WE ARE THE CHURCH OF THE WARM HEART... A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLESHIP."

UNPACKING OUR VISION

JESUS TELLS US: "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND FIRST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF." (MT.22:34)

HE ALSO SAYS: "GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU."

OUR VISION IS OUR GUIDING BIBLICAL IMAGE. IT IS A COMPELLING PICTURE OF OUR FUTURE COMMUNITY; A COMMUNITY THAT GOD DESIRES FOR US, AND ONE THAT WE SEEK TO CREATE.

WE ARE EMBRACING!

AS THE CHURCH OF THE WARM HEART, WE ARE A WELCOMING PLACE TO FIND GOD'S GRACE, TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO EMBRACE GOD. WE ARE A THRIVING AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLESHIP. WE ACCEPT PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE, EMBRACE ONE ANOTHER IN JOY, AND BRING PEOPLE TO HEALING AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

OUR VISION IS ABOUT CHANGE. "PEOPLE CHANGE WHEN THEY HURT ENOUGH THAT THEY HAVE TO, KNOW ENOUGH THAT THEY WANT TO, AND GROW ENOUGH THAT THEY CAN."

* SOURCE: JOHN MAXWELL

MISSION

"WE EXIST TO:

WELCOME ALL PEOPLE INTO OUR WORSHIP LIFE TO PRAISE, LOVE AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE,

NURTURE THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY INTO FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, BY FINDING AND FOLLOWING GOD'S LOVE,

CELEBRATE OUR RELATIONSHIPS OF LOVE WITH GOD, WITH OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITY AND OURSELVES, AND

SEND PEOPLE INTO OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND WITH COMPASSION TO SHARE THIS LOVE AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL WHO SEEK GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE."

UNPACKING OUR MISSION

OUR MISSION IS OUR PURPOSE. IT CHALLENGES US TO ASK AND ANSWER WHY OUR CHURCH EXISTS. IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR STRATEGIES THAT ARE BIBLICAL, SPECIFIC, MEASURABLE AND DISTINCT.

OUR MISSION GIVES US INSIGHT INTO EXPECTATIONS OF EACH OTHER AND OURSELVES.

OUR MISSION IS THE VEHICLE THAT WE USE TO MOVE US IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR VISION.

KEY VALUES

WE EMBRACE LIFE. WE BELIEVE WE ARE HERE TO EMBRACE ONE ANOTHER, OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR GOD, AND OURSELVES.

EACH LIFE HAS A PURPOSE. WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER AND EVERY MINISTER HAS A MISSION.

WE ARE GIFTED PEOPLE. WE HONOR GOD BY JOYFULLY SHARING OUR MANY GIFTS, TALENTS AND RESOURCES.

WE SEEK WHOLENESS. WE CREATE AND NURTURE HEALTHY, AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS THAT GROW SPIRITUALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.

PRAYER MATTERS. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL GOD'S ACTIVITY BEGINS WITH PRAYER. "WE PRAY LIKE IT DEPENDS ON GOD, AND WORK LIKE IT DEPENDS ON US." *

WORSHIP IS A PRIVILEGE. WE BELIEVE IT IS A GIFT TO GATHER AND MEET GOD WITH ALL WHO SEEK TO CELEBRATE GOD'S GOODNESS AND FAITHFULNESS IN OUR LIVES.

WE IMMERSE OURSELVES IN GROWTH. WE ARE A GROWING CHURCH. WE BELIEVE WE ARE FILLED WITH GOD'S GRACE, WHICH NURTURES OUR GROWTH, AS INDIVIDUALS, AS FAMILIES AND AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

WE ARE AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY. AS A CHURCH, WE BELIEVE WE ARE DELIBERATELY IN THE COMMUNITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE BECAUSE GOD WANTS US TO DO SOMETHING TOGETHER TO FURTHER GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.

UNPACKING OUR KEY VALUES

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH BECAUSE WE HAVE LISTENED TO JESUS AND SEEK TO FOLLOW HIM. BY GOD'S SPECIFIC DESIGN, WE ARE A COLLECTION OF DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS, EACH WITH OUR OWN GIFTS, TALENTS AND SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAYS OF SERVING GOD. OUR DIVERSITY IS GOD'S GIFT TO US.

TO MINISTER WITH FAITHFULNESS AND INTEGRITY, OUR VALUES ARE DEMONSTRATED BY OUR ACTIONS, AND THESE VALUES GUIDE OUR BEHAVIORS, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH. THEY ANSWER THE QUESTION OF HOW WE LIVE TOGETHER AND TREAT ONE ANOTHER WHILE PURSUING THIS VISION AND MISSION IN CHRIST.

* SOURCE: MARTIN LUTHER