

Membership Orientation

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Inspiring our community to live out the hope found in Christ

Who are we? *The mission and vision of St. Andrews*

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“In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” – **1 Peter 3:15**

Our vision is to reach *1 out of every 100* people in the city of Stockton with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This will be accomplished when every person at St. Andrews realizes it is their ongoing calling as a Christian to invite their family, their friends, their coworkers, and all those around them with the Good News of Jesus Christ’s grace and salvation.

What about this mission is unique to St. Andrews? _____

How is this mission lived out? _____

Why are we doing what we are doing? *The values at St. Andrews*

Authority of Scripture

We humbly submit ourselves to the authority of God’s Word over and above culture and custom, honoring the truth in its instruction and celebrating the grace in the Gospel message.

Romans 1:16-17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, John 1:14, 17

Mentoring One Another

We recognize that we are to both accept the mentoring of others for our own growth as well as intentionally invest in others for the sake of their growth in faith and in life.

Philippians 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 2:2

Courageous Compassion

We offer compassion and mercy courageously, giving what is necessary to those in need.

Romans 5:3-5, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Luke 10:25-37

Living Mission

We live each day prepared to use our everyday opportunities and circle of influence to share Christ with the people in our community.

Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 3:15

Ministry Connection

Here are just a few examples of how the values play out in ministry

Authority of Scripture:
Worship, Communion

Mentoring One Another:
MOPS, Teen Parents, H2H,
Faith Stepping Stones, High
School Youth

Courageous Compassion:
Good Shepherd Family,
Teen Parents

Living Mission: The
Sending Place, Daily life

Our values provide the foundation for each of the ministries at St. Andrews. They guide our planning process and provide additional checks and balances for the staff and other ministry leaders when making decisions.

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How are we doing what we're doing? Our strategy for growing in faith and living God's call

UP-Being renewed by worship

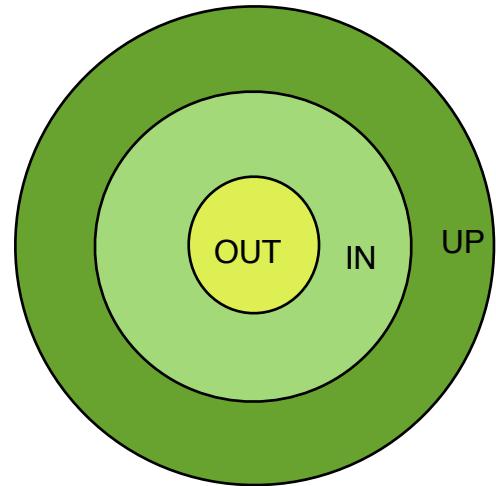
Coming together to hear God's Word proclaimed, confess that we have fallen short and receive forgiveness and renewal through communion with one another

Hebrews 12:28-29, John 4:23-24, Romans 12:1, Psalm 51:10

IN-Growing in Community

Developing relationships, applying God's Word to our lives, challenging and encouraging each other to grow in faith, confessing and demonstrating compassion

James 5:16, Romans 1:11-12, Philippians 2:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 5:11



OUT-Reaching out to others

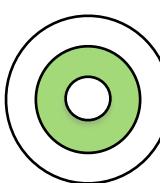
Intentionally build relationships with those who do not yet know the promise of grace and eternal life in Jesus Christ and continue building the faith of those new to the Christian faith.

Acts 4:32-33, Acts 14:3, Romans 1:4-6

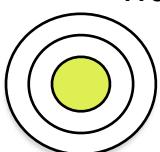
If you think of these three parts like the main parts of a tree's trunk, you can see how each is necessary to protect, equip/feed, and strengthen a disciple in order to produce the fruit which God has prepared for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).



We relate being connecting UP to the bark of the tree. This is not only the most visible aspect of a tree, but it is also the most visible aspect of a disciple's life. A tree's bark also protects from the dangers of the world, and those who treasure God's word and sacrament, honor and glorify him, and humbly present themselves before the Lord to receive His grace and forgiveness will be protected from the constant barrage of temptation and distraction that exists in our world today.



We relate connecting IN to the next layers of a tree. In a tree the layers underneath the bark provide the food and water necessary to make a tree grow and produce its fruit. When we gather in community around the word of God, supporting, encouraging, and keeping each other accountable in life and faith, we begin a process of growth that transforms us and helps us bear fruit in God's kingdom.



We relate OUT to the heartwood (inner core) of the tree. This part of a tree provides the strength for the tree. When we step out in faith by being witnesses of the Gospel, and when we courageously enter into and invest in the life of another person, mentoring and/or discipling them, our faith is strengthened as we grow to trust in God's promises and presence.

All three pieces of the strategy are necessary. If one piece is missing we are unable to fulfill our mission at St. Andrews.

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A disciple trusts (Scroll as path)- With God's Word as the source of life and direction, we walk by faith, strengthened and guided in prayer, looking to and trusting God in and with our daily lives

A disciple loves (Heart) - As God's children we are called to love those around us, seeing them not through our own eyes but through the eyes of God

A disciple blesses (Cross and Directional lines) - God has blessed His people so that they in turn can reach out and bless others. As disciples, we daily seek to bless those around us with the blessings we have been given by God

A disciple grows (Two people on the road together) - Being a disciple of Jesus involves growing in our own faith in order that we might help others grow in their faith as they become followers of Jesus.

A disciple goes (moving toward a destination)

- We know that God trusts us and has called us to be his hands and feet in the world around us, sharing the message of the Gospel with those in our community and to the ends of the earth.

Who are we becoming?

We do these things to become what we are meant to be in Christ. Discipleship is as much about *identity* as *activity*. How do the five characteristics above relate both to who we are and what we are doing?

Ministries

- *UP*
 - Small Groups
 - Faith Stepping Stones
 - Sunday School
 - H2H
(Confirmation)
 - High School Youth
- *IN*
 - Music in Worship
 - First Impression Teams (FIT)
 - Technology
 - Readers/Acolytes
- *OUT*
 - Good Shepherd
 - Stephen Ministry
 - Care Ministries
 - MOPS
 - TeenMOPS
 - Overseas Missions
 - LWML
 - Park Ministry
 - VBS

Ministries, Staff, and the Mission and Ministry (M&M) Council at St. Andrews

Staff & Responsibilities

Dan Deuel – Senior Pastor

Ann Marie Rehbein – Deaconess (MOPS, H2H/Confirmation, Stephen Ministry)

Tracy Krueger – Family Ministry (Sunday School, VBS, Park Ministry, Faith Stepping Stones)

Bruce Kleinert – Congregational Care (Care Ministries, Facility Management and Administration)

Holly Andersen – Worship & Discipleship (Music/Worship Oversight, Adult Discipleship/Small Groups)

Brandelyn Buhr – Office Management and Administration

Karen Belden – Bookkeeping

Jon Townsend – Organist and Director of Choirs

Jen Looper – Preschool Director **Mission and Ministry Council (M&M)**

The Mission and Ministry Council or M&M holds the Pastor and Staff accountable for the ministry of the church, help set vision, goals, and direction, along with the staff, of the church.

2013-2014 Council: Dave Thompson (P), Amy Lapointe (VP), Tunde Baker (S/T), Ted Schroeder (ML), Ryan Turner (ML), Joel Rehbein (ML), Pat Doyle (ML).

History, Being Lutheran and Affiliation with LCMS

St. Andrews has served the community of Stockton for 70 years. We began when a group of people from Trinity Lutheran Church in Stockton broke off to begin a new ministry. From very humble beginnings in the 1940s and 50s we have grown into a worshipping community of over three hundred.

Being Lutheran

Being “Lutheran” our congregation accepts and teaches the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther that inspired the Reformation of the Christian church in the 16th century. Three short phrases summarize Luther’s teachings:

Grace alone: It is only because of what God did for us through Jesus Christ on the cross that we are restored to God.

Faith alone: Those who hear the Good News and believe it have eternal life through Christ. God creates faith and gives people forgiveness through Him.

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Scripture alone: The Bible is God's inerrant and infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law and His Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is the sole rule and norm for Christian doctrine/teaching.

Affiliation with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)

There are 66 million Lutherans belonging to 250 different autonomous Lutheran churches (synods) around the world. The 9.5 million Lutherans in North America belong to at least 21 different Lutheran church bodies. Today, The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) has 6,150 congregations served by more than 9,000 professional church workers and over 2 million worker-priests. The word "Synod" in The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod comes from the Greek words that mean "walking together." Each LCMS congregation holds to a shared confession of Jesus Christ as taught in Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

St. Andrews believes that God's word is what guides us and teaches us in regard to moral, ethical, and spiritual matters. St. Andrews, along with the LCMS, is biblically conservative. This means we accept what God teaches us in Scripture on the subject of marriage, abortion, sexual sin, and tend to lean conservatively in other religious/political controversies. We desire that all people would be transformed in the likeness of Christ and live lifestyles obedient to God's teachings and filled with the love and forgiveness He has given each of us.

Like individual churches the **LCMS** as a whole has specific areas that it emphasizes and have developed over many years. Some of those areas include:

- *Education*
 - Ten Universities
 - Two Seminaries
 - K-12 Schools
- *Care and Support*
 - Disaster Relief
 - Disability Ministry
- *Mission and Outreach*
 - Global Missions

Membership

Membership requirements:

1. Be a baptized believer in Jesus Christ
2. Regularly attend worship
3. Participation in Membership Orientation
4. Participation in Membership class or small group
5. Commitment to the mission and vision of St. Andrews
6. Sign the Membership Covenant

Next Steps:

- Find and participate in a small group
- Consider what steps you might need to take to grow in faith
- Ask any questions you might have

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- Make sure you've filled out and turned in the Membership Form to the church office

What questions do you have about the mission or ministries at St. Andrews?