**Lutheran Church of the Living Christ Mission Statement**

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ is-

 A caring family of God,

 Nourished by the Word,

 Led by the Spirit,

 Sent out in service.

**Lutheran Church of the Living Christ Purpose Statement**

**(Approved by Council 08/10/21)**

The purpose of Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, through our journey of faith, is to welcome God’s future by creating a sense of belonging, demonstrating compassion for all people, caring for creation and being open to change.

We do this by:

* **Practicing advocacy and justice** by following the witness of the prophets, the actions of Jesus, and the calling of the Holy Spirit, our faith is active in works of love.
	+ Pursuing justice by caring for the well being of all people, communities and the environment.
	+ Using our hands and voices to join God’s work of restoration, especially for those most vulnerable.
* **Building on a foundation of care and connection** within our congregation we will also form partnerships with groups outside our own community.
	+ Listening and supporting each other as we worship and pray together, caring for each other’s needs.
	+ Engaging with local organizations to help identify the needs of those around us.
	+ Increasing diversity of thought and multi-cultural fellowship by joining in ecumenical and interfaith opportunities with other groups, including shared worship services, educational classes, and social events.
* **Sharing what we have with others,** **we feed those who are hungry**.
	+ Recognizing there is enough to meet everyone’s needs, we continuously search for local and global opportunities where we can provide and share resources.
* **Inspiring passion and commitment for growth** we encourage vision, creativity, and renewed perspective to sustain core ministries and engage in new endeavors to implement positive change.
	+ Sharing our time and talents, learning from failures, and celebrating achievements to connect more deeply with God, each other and our neighbors.
	+ Embracing and trusting God’s plans for our future through worship, scripture, and prayer.