

Spiritual Impact of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan for St. Luke Lutheran Church

The sole purpose of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan for St. Luke Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg, PA is to strengthen the Body of Christ. As Christ is the Head, and His body is the Church, we come together as a Church congregation in overwhelming, deep love for God the Father Almighty, Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, and our earthly helper the Holy Spirit.

23^{ba}as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 27that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having a spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but she should be holy and without blemish. 30For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.^[1]

Our congregation of loving believers is gifted as the Holy Spirit bestows spiritual gifts upon all believers, to follow the greatest commandment and enact the Great Commission. We ask for our Father's wisdom while we seek out our God given gifts, strengthen each other's spiritual gifts and implement each element of 2016-2020 Strategic Plan for St. Luke Lutheran Church. We are humbly aware of there is no member stronger than another, nor any gift more important than another. It is our prayerful hope that we love one another as we would love ourselves.

4For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.^[2]

The mission of St. Luke Lutheran Church is, Welcome people in—Help them grow in faith—go out and care for others. The vision of St. Luke Lutheran Church is, “We are people putting Christ first in our lives.” As we learn through the four Gospel's by the wisdom of Christ and His guidance and gain strength, our Church is drawn to spread the Word of God to the four corners of the earth, strengthening the Body of Christ one member at a time, through love and ministry.

As our Church congregation works for the betterment of the Body of Christ and diligently implements the elements of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan for St. Luke Lutheran Church, we will prayerfully ask, seek and knock for guidance through the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ.

^[1] Ephesians 5 23b, 27 & 30

^[2] Romans 12 4-8