

Summary of the Strategic Planning meetings March 26, and April 2 2017

As part of the Council's responsibility, according to our Church's Constitution, the mission statement is to be reviewed every year to determine relevancy and make adjustments as necessary. In past years we have reviewed it and felt it was working for the church. This year, upon review, many of the committees set up to accomplish the mission statement set in 2008 to "Gather Grow and Go" are no longer in existence. We felt that it was time to simplify and make our mission statement relevant to where we are and the needs of the community.

The mission of FELC is to worship God as an intergenerational community, learning Gods Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God's love and grace.

The Council also conducted strategic planning and goal setting for the next three years. We looked at where we felt were gaps, for example, what was missing in the life of our church and community, what do we want to improve upon. Sharna led us through this a formal strategic planning process and we came up with 5 areas that we felt were gaps and were a high priority to address. Knowing that perhaps 5 would be very ambitious, we settled on the first three.

1. **Conduct more Church-wide events**
2. **Have a broader participation of members in church activities**
3. **Better Story telling sharing of what we do**
4. **Bible learning and bible study.**
5. **More opportunities for relationship building, knowing names.**

The Council's next step was to look at these goals in detail, so that we are able to better engage members and develop a plan to accomplish them. The following is a brief description of the top three goals.

More Church-wide events

Reinvigorate 3 events to make them more impactful, engage more members and broader participation

- Plan and schedule the Fall harvest festival
- Ice Cream Social/Summer Picnic
- Lefsa Making-November

Broader Participation

To get more people invested by engaging in church activities thorough volunteerism and active participation.

- Find out people's talents and passions and how they would be willing to do share
- Follow up and Invite people who are willing to participate and volunteer and partner with the inviter.

Better Story telling sharing of what we do,

Someone sharing a story on where this church has made a difference in their lives. What is the impact of the church on peoples lives? How to get started?? Each Council member will talk to member of church each month on how the church has impacted their life and report on it at Council meeting.

The Council invites your thoughts and ideas on this plan and mission statement. We will continue to review the mission statement and progress on our goals each monthly meeting.

For the Council,

Don Hansen, President