



Our Goals, Hopes, and Dreams

Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Wyoming, MN

At our Annual Church Council Retreat on Saturday, May 22, 2021, held at the home of Chris and Kim Clark, the following goals, hopes, and dreams were discussed and decided on as we move forward in faith as a congregation.

These goals, hopes, and dreams are listed in no particular order and can be achieved as able, as the Spirit leads/provides, and within no particular timeframe.

What we are currently grateful for:

- A renewed spirit of volunteerism. *“It has increased exponentially!”*
- A renewed energy, hope, excitement, and enthusiasm among members. *“We are ready for launch.” “We are entering a new phase.” “There is something different and new.” “We are ready to see what there is to see.” “There are many more positive and happy interactions.”*

Our hopes, goals, and dreams for the NEXT TWO YEARS (in no particular order):

- **Build a Senior High (9-12 grade) Youth Program** (to include learning, service, and fellowship opportunities. Intentional about maintaining involvement/engagement after getting confirmed.)
- Build on, increase, and promote local **Community Service opportunities and ministries** (including monthly food truck and ongoing Family Pathways support) Maybe create a monthly “Mission of the Month” for individual members and families to support, pray for, and volunteer with. Look at possible ways to share our building space with other groups in need. Build on and expand Vacation Bible School to reach even more within our immediate and surrounding communities.
- Renew, create, and engage in local **ecumenical shared ministry opportunities and experiences.** (Combined Thanksgiving/Holy Week worship services, etc.)
- **Re-open All God’s Children Preschool.** Re-evaluate its service to our local community and its relationship with Saint Paul Lutheran. Explore all options.
- Provide ongoing **Congregational (intergenerational) Community Building opportunities.** (Wednesday night outdoor worship/meal/fellowship, game nights, congregational picnics/potlucks, weekly “Family in Focus” video/in-person presentations, begin again “Bread Breakers” ministry, Vacation Bible School volunteerism, etc.)
- More intentional and consistent **Children, Youth, and Family involvement in worship leading.** (for sure on a regular basis, but maybe designating any 5th Sundays/month as Children, Youth & Family Sundays, led by them and designed for that demographic)

- **Replace church sign on Wyoming Trail.** Look at ways to raise funds and/or supplement with savings to pay for it.
- Increase and improve our use and presence of **social media.**
- Renew and increase ongoing **worship and music ministry opportunities** (Adult/Children/Youth Bell Choirs, Adult Vocal Choir, Children's Vocal Choir, expanded musical worship leader team, expanded technical/audio/visual team)
- **Create a SPLC Quilting Group.** (would provide ongoing social/fellowship/mission/learning opportunities)
- Plan trip to **visit Mgoli/Mtera partner parishes in Tanzania** (this will be dependent on when Bega Kwa Bega resumes visits based on status of COVID-19 travel concerns)

Our hopes, goals, and dreams beyond two, and up to five years out:

- Add to our staff a **part-time Associate Pastor or seminary intern.**
- Add to our staff a **part-time Business Administrator/Financial Bookkeeper**
- Add to our staff a **full-time paid Director of Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries**