



<b>Title: Vision Statement</b>
<b>Policy #: 13</b>
<b>EXPIRES: When Replaced</b>
<b>ISSUED BY: Church Council</b>
<b>SIGNED:</b>

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## 1 History

VERSION	DATE APPROVED	UPDATED BY	PURPOSE FOR CREATION/UPDATE
1.0	6/12/07		THE CONGREGATION NEEDED A VISION STATEMENT

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## 2 Scope

This policy is part of St. Paul Lutheran Church's organizational policies. This policy applies to all congregation members, the church council and church staff.

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## 3 Policy

St. Paul Lutheran Church has established the following vision statement for the organization.

**St. Paul is a growing Christian community of diverse individuals passionately following Jesus. Unified and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are reaching out with the Gospel and helping many in our hurting world find peace, hope and healing through faith in their Savior. As they grow in their faith, they are joining their fellow members in becoming fully devoted followers of Christ.**

**As we continue developing the ministry of St. Paul we are committed to offering:**

- **inspiring, relevant worship services that usher worshipers into the presence of God, engage them in understanding God's Word and applying it to their life, and encourage them to share the hope of Christ with others who are without Christ in their life.**
  - **a variety of large and small group Bible study opportunities through which members grow in their knowledge of the Bible, encounter the forgiveness and love of their Savior, and where they are able to find and model biblical community (supporting and encouraging each other in the day to day living out of our faith).**
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- **dynamic children’s and youth ministries that seek to assist parents in passing on the Christian faith to the next generation, giving them the security in Christ to help them develop into mature, God-fearing men and women.**
- **opportunities for members of all ages to discover their divine designs and be equipped to serve Christ effectively in ministry either within or outside our church.**
- **a continuum of Christian care and support for members of St. Paul and people of Sheboygan County and wherever else God leads us.**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church is an exemplary and innovative Lutheran church- a source of encouragement and inspiration to our fellow LCMS churches and the Christian community as a whole as we promote the spread of our Christian beliefs in Sheboygan County, regionally and throughout the world.**

**This is a sending church. God is using us as an incubator to nurture future pastors and other professional church workers. We encourage youth and adults to consider church work vocations, participate in their training, and eventually send them out as gifts to the Church. We are sending many members out on mission trips through which they are able to give witness of their faith to others by their words and actions.**

**To facilitate this ministry, we remain committed to recruiting and developing a growing staff of exceptional men and women. We maintain a growing facility that is attractive and able to accommodate the ministries of this growing congregation.**

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#### **4 Procedure**

None

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#### **5 Forms**

None