



VISIONS

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

WE ARE TO CARE FOR OUR HOME, OUR CITY, AND THE WORLD AS STEWARDS AND DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

New Resolution, New Vision

How are you doing on your New Year's Resolution? 2022 has just started. Are you going strong or are you already lagging? Studies show that a majority of resolutions do not last the month. We all go into them with good intentions of bettering our selves, being healthier, and starting new habits. The resolution might be exactly what we need to get better and healthier, or our resolution might be off point from the way we live today. Working out sounds great, but I am not going to the gym any-time soon. I want to eat healthier, but I know that my sweet tooth distracts me between meals. It is vital for sticking with our goals to get the resolutions on target for who we are and how we actually live. We know that life changes, so we need to change how we live. This is

where aligning is key for all goals, how we live, who we are, and matching our destination.

As a church, we will be looking to align our goals, who we are, and how we plan to match our desires with what God has planned for us. It has been over eleven years since our mission statement was launched, and a whole lot has happened in those eleven years. The Church Council has already gone through our mission statement and realized that we needed to update our priorities, our mission, and our vision. We want to include the whole congregation on this process. Given health restrictions, we cannot all meet at once. But we can still meet in smaller groups of 10-15 in the fellowship hall. We will be looking at the difference between a mission statement and a vision statement, what we do well, where we want to improve, and what our top priorities should be. This process involves a lot of prayer and listening for God

before we even meet in person. We will have a gathering **every Sunday in February around 11:15 AM in the fellowship hall**. There will be a sign up through sign-up genius online and a sheet in the narthex. If we get a great response, then we will open up more times and dates. We want to hear from you about how God has shaped your experience at MLLC, where you want us to be in 5 or 10 years, and what makes MLLC a vital congregation in this community.

This is a resolution for 2022 and for the next decade! It is a joy to walk with you all through this process, to see God moving, and to vision a promising future. Please pray, think, and sign up to be part of this process together!

- Pastors Hans and Christyn



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VALUES

MLLC CHURCH COUNCIL

Ralph Dawley, President/Facilities
 Angela Finn, VP/Christian Education
 Lindsey Dodds, Secretary/Mission
 Travis Hudson, Treasurer/Finance
 Hazel Claeys, Administration
 Mary Honour, Worship/Music
 Stephanie Kramer, Fellowship
 Pastor Hans Koschmann
 Pastor Christyn Koschmann

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays in January (9, 16, 23, 30):

Indoor organ service: 8:45AM; Indoor Band service: 10:00AM

January 16th & January 30th: First Communion Classes, 11:15AM

February 5th, 9AM: Knotty Ladies Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

March 2nd is **Ash Wednesday** & the start of **Lent**

In-person services at 12PM & 6PM + an online service

Services continue online every **Sunday** and are stored on our Facebook and YouTube channels, which means you can watch them anytime after they premier! Visit www.MLLChurch.com for more information.

the **KNOTTY LADIES** ARE BACK!

With an informational breakfast/meeting on

Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

*Are you ready to have a little social time?
Do you know what the Knotty Ladies do?
Why are we called Knotty Ladies?*

Please come and join us to find out about this wonderful group of people and how we combine service, fellowship, and friendship. All are welcome (regardless of gender!). We would love to meet you and hear your ideas. For more information/questions contact Stephanie Kramer at 816-560-3486 - sbkramer72@yahoo.com

Wednesday Bible Study resumes on January 12th!

We join our friends at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (1800 SW Highway 150, LSMO 64082) at 10:30AM every Wednesday.

We will discuss Women of the Bible this quarter. Please join us!

Is your child ready for their First Communion?



We trust when parents know their kids are ready for communion. We will have first communion class for kids who are ready on Sunday, January 16th and January 30th after the 10AM service in the large classroom. Parents are encouraged to attend. We will set the dates for each student's first communion at the second class.

Happy Anniversary

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| Debbie Heineman and Larry Schumacher | Jan. 1 |
| Scott & Jackie Lueckert | Jan. 2 |
| Paul & Carol Marquardt | Jan. 14 |

Happy Birthday!

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| Matthew Crance | Jan. 1 |
| Fred Barth | Jan. 4 |
| Dennis Fuhrman | Jan. 5 |
| Paul Gardner | Jan. 7 |
| Steve Hill | Jan. 13 |
| Kayla Hudson | Jan. 13 |
| Mike McReynolds | Jan. 13 |
| Jerry Roller | Jan. 14 |
| Bill Nixon | Jan. 16 |
| Susan Owens | Jan. 17 |
| Mary Purnell | Jan. 20 |
| Travis Hudson | Jan. 20 |
| Paul Bookmeyer | Jan. 21 |
| Nancy Demorest | Jan. 22 |
| Shannon Finn | Jan. 26 |
| Norah Hertzog | Jan. 28 |
| Mallory Herrmann | Jan. 29 |
| Stephanie Kramer | Jan. 31 |

2022 Stewardship Pledge

Letters will be mailed out soon. We encourage you to pray, read the cover letter, and return the completed pledge card to worship on Sunday. You can also complete the form online or even mail in the pledge card. We want everyone to grow in God's blessings and faithful stewardship!