

ST. MATTHEW 5-STAR MINISTRY GOALS and PLANS, 2021

Congregational Life

GOAL 1) Altar Guild:

- Prepare Chancel area for each service.

PLANS: Mark Bible readings, prepare altar for communion, place flowers on altar, get orders from members for Christmas and Easter.

GOAL 2) Increase membership in Altar Guild and also Communion assistants and ushers.

PLANS: Encourage current members to volunteer and get current members to ask others to join.

GOAL 3) Shepherding:

-Work to get Care Team Active.

PLANS: Continue to work with Deacon Lindsay and care team leaders to get all members of the congregation on a team.

GOAL 4) Update Friendly Visitor and Eucharist Ministry as needed.

PLANS: Work with Brenda, parish nurse, in who needs extra visits and phone calls. Discuss Eucharist needs of members with pastor.

GOAL 5) Update Spiritual Gift Inventory.

PLANS: Encourage members to complete and update inventory. Use this to get members involved in their areas of interest.

Remind 5 Star Ministry leaders to use this tool to add new members to their committees.

GOAL 6) Prayer Ministry:

-Encourage attendance in Prayer Ministry.

PLANS: Use Sunday Bulletins to inform members to contact Barb Woodard if they would like to become a part of this ministry.

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Social Concerns

GOAL 1) Continue to support people in need locally and globally.

PLANS: 1. Noisy Offerings 2. Continue gift card collection for Transitional Housing guests and community. 3. Gods Work. Our Hands event in the fall.

GOAL 2) Provide meals for Operation HOMES during St Matthew's assigned weeks (approximately every 7 weeks).

PLANS: Provide sign up genius and announcement of need through Shout Out, bulletin and visual slide rotation before worship services.

GOAL 3) Continue to discern the future of Transitional Housing for after Jim Frame's retirement.

PLANS: Meetings of the Transitional Housing Vision team, congregational input.

GOAL 4) Continue to promote awareness of justice, equity, and diversity issues.

PLANS: 1. Possibly provide a book/Bible study and discussion. 2. Continue to foster a relationship with Second Baptist Medina. 3. Update the resource list as needed on the St Matthew website Social Concerns page.

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Communication Evangelism

GOAL 1) Enhance the Spiritual Journey of our members and community and improve communications.

PLANS: Leverage and continually update the new website with current and valuable resources and information.

GOAL 2) Plan and conduct an intergenerational, evangelical Community Project for the Christmas Season.

PLANS: Use the ELCA Communication Resources for Christmas Door Hangers and social media posts. Schedule a Saturday in December with youth and adults to deliver, door to door, the door hangers. Provide all of our members a social media post/invitation to come to St. Matthew for Christmas Services and encourage all members with Facebook to post it on their personal Facebook pages.

GOAL 3) Ensure a consistent presence and message is being delivered on all Social Media Platforms (Website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.).

PLANS: Look at entire social media presence. Update policies and procedures for all Social Media platforms. Can posts through Wix and Facebook be tagged to go to Instagram, Twitter, and Snap Chat?

GOAL 4) Complete the upgrade of the Audio/Video system to enhance Livestreaming and research expanded options for virtual livestreaming.

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Small Group Ministry

GOAL 1) Build and strengthen our personal and spiritual relationships with each other.

PLANS: Work with other teams (Congressional Life, Shepherding Team) to develop Care teams/groups of members to “oversee” and to communicate and stay in touch with members.

GOAL 2) Plan a family fellowship event.

PLANS: SGM will host the St. Matthew Summer Picnic at the Burke Residence in July. We are also hoping to host a Fall Festival too.

GOAL 3) Deepen our knowledge of the Bible and Christ.

PLANS: SGM to host monthly Women’s Devotional nights. Working with Pastor Bill and Deacon Lindsay to host weekly and/or monthly virtual and eventually in-person Women’s and Men’s bible studies.

GOAL 4) To increase our attendance of activities/events at St. Matthew by doing a better job of advertising to gain interest in the community and potentially attract new members.

PLANS: Work with the Communication team to advertise our events by using the new website, Facebook, our electronic sign, postcards, and word of mouth.

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Comprehensive Youth

Goal 1) Offer an in person VBS.

PLAN: VBS will be held the week of June 21st. We will limit the number of children to 24 so that we can have 3 groups of 8. This would allow each group to have one Leader and then the leader so that when they are at a station, we would be able to keep with the group size of 10. We will hold VBS outside, and everyone will be required to wear a mask.

Goal 2) Sunday School to resume in Fall for all youth.

PLAN: We will work together with the Covid Taskforce, and the youth leaders/teachers to implement a plan that all can be comfortable with. These discussions will take place in the Summer so that we are able to start after Labor Day.

Goal 3) Quarterly ALL Youth Activity.

PLAN: We feel that it is important to cultivate time between all ages of youth, it is important for the younger children to have time growing with the older children and it's a great chance for the older children to mentor the younger youth. We plan to work with the different levels (littles/middles/league) and ask that they each plan one of the activities. We will start with a Spring activity. This activity will be held tentatively on May 16th, either after service or if we have gone to 2 services then it would be held in between. This activity will be a get together with a fun activity and then we would like to invite the Call Committee to come and talk to them about the call process, what it means, and to get their opinion about what they might like to see in a new Pastor.