

## **GUIDING VISION**

We are an inclusive community following Jesus, worshiping God, striving side by side, and mending the broken places in all creation.

## **MISSION**

The Mission of Messiah Lutheran Church is to:

- Engage our world from a deep, Jesus-centered community life.
- Embrace, welcome and accompany all people along life's journey.
- Enhance our understanding and practice of a life called by God.
- Explore and connect in an ongoing process of growth in faith and spirituality.

## **SIGNATURE VERSE**

Micah 6:8b

And what does the Lord  
require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

## **MISSION PRIORITIES**

### **GROW AMID COURAGEOUS ENGAGEMENT**

*Identify underrepresented groups in our congregation and community, and engage them in the life of Messiah.*

We are excited about the work we do and cherish the community we share through life's ups and downs. We want to share this community with new people, and we want to change and grow with their presence. We commit ourselves to engage with people outside our community, as well as people within Messiah. We will create a welcoming culture and ensure that each person receives the message:

There is a place for you here!

### **REACH OUT WITH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

*Seek out and partner with our Auburn neighbors to embrace and renew a community in transition. Generously provide support to those living on the margins of society.*

We recognize that the Auburn community and its population are changing. We care about people and want to provide meaningful resources; therefore, we continue to look for mission compatible partners. We acknowledge as a church family that we have limited resources. To fully implement our mission priorities, we are continuing to reach out to other organizations in the community to form strategic partnerships.

#### **REACH IN FOR MEANINGFUL SERVICE**

*Refocus and communicate the practices through which Messiah people develop a committed calling to serve others.*

As a congregation we will identify a vision for living into Micah 6:8. We will provide opportunities through faith formation, worship, and emerging and established small groups to help congregants discern their Christian calling for service. Through multiple opportunities to serve, we will engage diverse groups of people within Messiah to have the passion and ability to serve others and glorify God.

#### **NURTURE THROUGH PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY**

*Redesign the faith-formation process to encourage lively spiritual growth and the development of enduring relationships for all stages of life.*

We cultivate lively growth in faith for individuals bound together on a journey in a diverse and exciting church community. As we fully share who we are with one another, through respectful conversation and kind action, we envision a community alive with the desire to know and follow Jesus. We commit ourselves to join together in sharing our stories, hearing scripture, praying, and discerning God's call to action in our lives.