



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Approved!



**PURPOSE STATEMENT
&
GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

***CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2011***



Resurrection Lutheran Church:
“Fulfilling God’s Purpose”

Phase I.

“Understanding God’s Purpose for RLC ”

- Developing a Purpose Statement
- Defining Guiding Principles

September 2010 – January 2011



Phase II.

“Making It Happen”

- Gathering the Resources:
...Stewardship Campaign
- Defining the *“Way Ahead”*:
...Annual Ministry Plan & Budget

February 2011 – June 2011



God's Purpose for Resurrection Lutheran Church:



Reflect the Love of Christ by

✠ *Reaching*

We reflect the love of Christ by reaching up to God in prayer; by reaching into our hearts for love and compassion; by reaching out to those in need; by reaching across the divides of prejudice that separate us; and by reaching through the darkness of despair, pain, grief, loneliness, and fear so that we may reflect the light and love of Christ.

✠ *Loving*

We reflect the love of Christ by loving God and loving our neighbors...those in our congregation, our communities, and our world.

✠ *Caring*

We reflect the love of Christ by caring for all people, especially those in need; by caring for our church, the Body of Christ; and by caring for this earth and all of God's creation.

God's Work...Our Hands!



God's Purpose for
Resurrection Lutheran Church:

“RLC Powered By Three”

(God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

Karen Meyer



GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Guiding principles are expressions of biblically-based values. They serve to remind us of who we are to become and of the behaviors that we must adopt as we strive to carry out God's purpose. They point us in a direction, and aid us (individually and collectively) in determining a path, while providing a standard of accountability for decisions made.



Resurrection Lutheran Church: *Principles that Guide us:*



- ✠ *Jesus is Lord and Savior - In all that we say and do we serve Jesus, for by His grace we are saved through faith.*
 - Ensure that Jesus Christ is the center of who we are, and all that we do and say.

- ✠ *Trust in the Lord - Through God all things are possible.*
 - Realize that our limitations are not God's limitations. Trust His promises!

- ✠ *Call on God.*
 - Pray often...pray confidently. God hears our prayers and knows our needs.

- ✠ *Invite and welcome all people.*
 - We follow Jesus' example to be boldly inclusive. "All people" means everyone...no limitations...no exceptions.



Resurrection Lutheran Church:



Principles that Guide us:

- ✠ *Share God's blessings generously as we are generously blessed.*
 - All that we have...everything...is a blessing from God. As we have been blessed, so we are called to be a blessing to others. We do this in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ✠ *Proclaim the Good News of the love of Christ in word and deed at all times and in all places.*
 - We are called to be “24/7” witnesses of Christ’s love for all. The call is for nothing less!
- ✠ *We participate in a global communion of churches as ecumenical Lutherans.*
 - We are members of the world-wide Body of Christ who uphold the Lutheran Confessions and work to establish God’s Kingdom on earth as Ambassadors of Christ.



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