

Inviting Everyone to Live Powerfully in Jesus

The past year and a half, a group of Saint Lucas leaders has been meeting (and meeting, and meeting) to craft a new way of envisioning what we are all about here at Saint Lucas.

Over coffee and homemade egg bakes (in the morning); pizza or homemade soups (dinner time!), we read scripture, prayed fervently, asked questions, used up Sharpies, shared favorite stories about Saint Lucas, and engaged in some pretty intense discussions about what it means in 2017 and beyond to be a disciple of Jesus at Saint Lucas in Bay View. There were some tense moments, tears of Christian friendship, and laughter. We grew as we made our way through the past, present and hoped-for future of this beautiful place.

The Saint Lucas stories are great; the friendly crowds at Saint Lucas soup suppers; crowded aisles a half hour (or an hour) after services end as the Saint Lucas family catches up; our great school families and the deep desire of our staff to connect with new families. There are stories about the changing Bay View demographic (welcome hipsters!), and yet how some of our families have been in Bay View for generations (we think you're hip, too!) We shared stories about the loving hearts of our church and school families that donate tons (literally) of food for our food pantry, bake hundreds of pies, and welcome strangers with the heart of Jesus. Amazing.

We also talked about what we can do better together. Maybe you don't always feel welcomed. Maybe you feel like you don't have a voice. Maybe you have questions about the relevance of your faith for today, not just when you die.

These are aches that each of us at Saint Lucas can work together to mend. We need to know each other. We need to be empowered to act on our passion for God and His world. We need to help each other grow and understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus - starting now. We need to cry and laugh together as we have fun following Jesus.

So, this newsletter is getting on board with this powerful vision. We will try to help you make connections, serve Jesus and the world, grow in a powerful faith, and worship here, in your home, and everywhere you walk, wheel, or drive every day. (We might ask for your help as we do it.)

“Don’t worry about expensive gear and fancy equipment. Grab a stout walking stick and head out the door to meet other travelers.”

