

Saint Lucas Statement of Mission & Values

Inviting Everyone to Live Powerfully in Jesus

Powerfully alive in Jesus, we value:

- **Learning About Him**
 - **Talking With Him**
 - **Serving In Him**
 - **Relating Through Him**
 - **Humbling Ourselves Like Him**
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Learning about Him

We create opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their knowledge of Jesus and his promises with a special emphasis on daily spending time in God's Word.

- *Deuteronomy 10:20-21*
Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.
 - *Isaiah 40:6-8*
"All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever."
 - *James 1:22-25*
Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.
 - *1 Peter 2:2-3*
Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.
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Talking with him

We reorder our lives to spend time speaking to and listening to God, actively seeking his presence in our lives and understanding the path he has laid out for us.

- *Mark 15:38*
The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
 - *Jeremiah 29:11-14*
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."
 - *Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG)*
Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.
 - *Psalms 141:2*
May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
 - *Psalms 4:1*
Answer me when I call to you,
O my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
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Serving in Him

We take time to understand and, through our available resources, address the physical and spiritual needs of others, both inside and outside the congregation.

- *Joshua 24:15b*
"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
 - *Luke 16:13*
"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."
 - *Ephesians 6:7*
Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,
 - *Galatians 5:13-14*
You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
 - *1 John 3:18*
Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
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Relating through Him

We deliberately develop personal bonds with each other, understanding that we are a family in Christ in which everyone has a unique role.

- *Psalm 133*
How good and pleasant it is
 when God's people live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head,
 running down on the beard,
 running down on Aaron's beard,
 down on the collar of his robe.
It is as if the dew of Hermon
 were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
 even life forevermore.
- *Proverbs 27:17*
As iron sharpens iron,
 so one person sharpens another
- *Ephesians 4:15-16*
Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
- *1 John 4:19-21*
We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Humbling ourselves like Him

We imitate Christ, intentionally putting others ahead of ourselves and willingly rolling up our sleeves and getting our hands dirty.

- *Micah 6:8*
He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
 And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
 and to walk humbly with your God.
- *Luke 22:26*

But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.

- *Romans 12:12-13*
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
- *Philippians 2:3*
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
- *Colossians 3:12*
Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
- *1 Peter 5:5*
In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."