

Themes of church life and mission:

We have placed your comments in the themes that you suggested. Some of your comments fit with more than one theme and have been repeated accordingly.

Outreach – Evangelism – Community Hub.

We would like to see more people in our church, including more diversity and inclusivity of people of different backgrounds, experiences; we know we need to encourage others to join. All are welcome!

We would like to see more young people at church.

We wonder what happened to our missing generation (50's, 40's and under).

We need to be aware of welcoming newcomers, offering them support, including having learning nights for newcomers, develop a visitor's package for them.

We remind each other that we are to spread the gospel to those beyond our four walls.

We think an Evangelism committee would be a good idea for an every member visit.

We think a Signal should go to every member.

We would like to do more evangelism; to be intentional about inviting and welcoming.

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We think a community hub idea is a good idea as church and for our outreach to the neighbourhood.

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We could offer English as a Second Language as a way of welcome and outreach to newcomers to Canada.

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We would like to see learning around bullying and standing up to bullying

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Modelling discipleship to come from the pastors; theological guidance from the pulpit on serving the community.

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Spiritual Care

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We want to make sure that people (staff and volunteers) know that we appreciate them.

Building – Maintenance – Care – Redevelopment

We have hope for the future in our redevelopment.

We see the possibilities in a housing development and a smaller church facility to maintain.

We would like to see a senior's residence.

We think we should keep our building maintenance focused on the sanctuary.

We need better signage for visitors and newcomers to the building, both inside and outside.

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We need to update the washrooms (especially the men's downstairs). But we could always sell nostalgia tours of the women's washroom!

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Youth – SCS – Young Adults Formation – Education

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We love that our Sunday School is flourishing.

Worship

Here are some things we listed about worship:

- a. Have communion every Sunday
- b. Pay more attention to the length of the service (too long at times)
- c. Don't play the whole hymn, especially the long ones
- d. Don't play the entire hymn before we sing it
- e. Play music that is also suggested by congregation
- f. Pay attention to the lyrics of the hymns
- g. Be careful with the “dogma” – need to appeal to people's spirituality
- h. Keep sermons relevant
- i. Get large projector screen(s) in the chancel area
- j. Drop the Apostles' Creed
- k. Change words to “these words are attributed to” and not “the word of God.”
- l. Put attendance back into the guide to worship
- m. Sponsors should be reminded to come for Confirmation
- n. See more youth involvement in worship
- o. Have an alternative worship – Friday?

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Other

We want to continue with all the good things we are doing.

We want to be financially healthy.

We think the new directions we are taking are exciting; we know that change is necessary.

We wonder if we need less Lutheran churches in our area in order to sustain our Lutheran community.

We recognize that we can't be everything to everybody; best to find our 'niche' and focus our energies on that.

Are there things that you would like to add, please let us know?