



Town Hall Meeting June 29, 2025

Mission: Going with Good News: teaching,
serving, and sharing Christ with our
neighbors

Vision: To be a people able to be Church
wherever we are

Agenda

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Go & Make
Update

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Be Ready!

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Discipleship
Pathway

Go & Make Update

► Go & Make Campaign kicked off in September 2022 to raise \$775,000 dollars over and above our annual operating spending plan to accomplish our Go & Make goals over three years.

► Go & Make Goals:

- Community Engagement
- Renewal of Spiritual Life
- Preparing for the Future

► Balance as of 6/13/2025

► \$160,356.30

Other projects accomplished with Go & Make Funds - check them out!

- ▶ Treasurer's office moved and combined it with the Benevolence phone and volunteer computer (along with office supplies)
- ▶ DCO office created from previous Treasurer's office
- ▶ Updates to the copy room with new printer and set up
- ▶ Playground equipment power washed - looks brand new!
- ▶ Downstairs hallway outside kitchen painted, updated bulletin boards and removed door knob holders for coats
- ▶ Removed/relocated "stuff" outside upstairs bathroom. Coats can be hung in the coat closet now!
- ▶ Painted & added new bulletin boards outside upstairs bathroom

Go & Make Goal: Community Engagement

- ▶ Refurbishing the downstairs fellowship hall and kitchen
- ▶ Refurbishing the classrooms with new paint and AV equipment
- ▶ Remodeling the Grace House for office space use
- ▶ Refreshing the upstairs for improved gathering and meeting space
- ▶ New outdoor signage

WITTENBERG ROOM - DUKE LUTHERAN CENTER



BEFORE

AFTER

Families with young children got a new room and makeover



Remodeling Grace House for office space use

- ▶ Entire interior painted
- ▶ Basement repair
- ▶ New roof, gutter and guards
- ▶ Deep plumbing repair
- ▶ New hot water tank for entire house
- ▶ New ductwork
- ▶ New gas furnace for lower level
- ▶ Back porch repair - still needs staining or painting



Refreshing the upstairs for improved gathering and meeting spaces



BEFORE



AFTER

New outdoor signage



Go & Make Goal: Renewal of Spiritual Life

- ▶ Refreshing the Sanctuary with updated lighting and sound
- ▶ Refurbishing the Altar and Chancel area
- ▶ Further improving our livestream capabilities



Go & Make Goal: Preparing for the Future

- ▶ Reimbursing Shepherd's Tent for repairs and improvements done in 2021 and 2022
- ▶ Setting aside seed money for a Director of Christian Outreach



Be Ready!

Deaconess Anna Voelker
has accepted the
designation for us to call
her to serve at Grace as
our Director of Christian
Outreach.

Making Disciples: A Pathway to Grow Your Faith

The Role of the Discipleship Board is to Make Disciples and Help People Growth in Faith

1. Teaching Responsibility

- Core classes introduce the mission and vision of the congregation
- Supports growth as active participants in shared congregational life

2. Encouraging Servant Ministry

- Training in key discipleship habits:
 - Prayer
 - Scripture study
 - Generous living
 - Confession and forgiveness within community

3. Facilitating Committed Discipleship

- Guiding the journey from visitor to disciple
- Focused on encouragement, engagement, and instruction

Beyond Compliance with Governance, We Tried to Answer These Questions:

1. What does the church offer that has helped me grow in my faith?
2. Is our church doing everything it can to offer opportunities to grow and mature in faith?
3. What could I do differently to take more responsibility for my growth?
4. In what ways does the church encourage me to own my own growth as a disciple?

**BUT FIRST... WE HAD TO COME UP
WITH A SHARED DEFINITION OF WHAT
A DISCIPLE IS:**

**A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO KNOWS
CHRIST, IS GROWING IN CHRIST,
SERVING CHRIST AND SHARING CHRIST**

MEETING Christ
MEETING & KNOWING
COURSES



GROWING in Christ
GROWING COURSES



SHARING Christ
SHARING COURSES: TBD



1

2

KNOWING Christ
KNOWING COURSES



3

4

SERVING Christ
SERVING COURSES:
TBD

A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO
KNOWS (#2) CHRIST, IS

GROWING (#3) IN
CHRIST,

SERVING (#4) CHRIST
AND

SHARING (#5) CHRIST.
WE ADDED ONE
CATEGORY TO DESCRIBE
THOSE WHO DO NOT
YET KNOW JESUS:
MEETING CHRIST (#1)

We based our efforts on the following quote:
"If you try to build the church, you will rarely get disciples. But if you make disciples, you will always get the church."

A Discipleship Plan has two parts:
The Corporate Part (the Church)
Learning Experiences promoted or offered at Grace

The Personal Part (the Individual)
Resources suggested or offered for your personal faith journey



For Example: Meeting Christ

A Discipleship Plan has two parts:

The Corporate Part (the Church)

Learning Experiences promoted or offered at
Grace for you to be in community:

Taste of Grace

Basics of Christianity

Basics of the Bible

The Personal Part (the Individual)

Resources suggested or offered for your
personal faith journey

***Read daily devotions and corresponding bible
verses***

***Read the Gospel of John
TV series "The Chosen"***

MEETING Christ
MEETING & KNOWING
COURSES



- Live classes will be offered 2x per year, recorded and placed on the church website
- Other than the live classes, moving through the pathway is at your own pace
- Personal journey resources will be available in multiple formats to meet individual needs.