



C.A.T. (Congregational Assessment Tool) Survey Results

#7 - Priorities

Zion Lutheran Church ... *Where do the members want additional energy placed?*

When members were asked where they wanted additional energy placed, this is how the seventeen options were ranked, from most important to least important.

1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships (for example, small groups, nurtured friendships, shared meals, etc.).
4. Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life.
5. Strengthen the process by which members are called and equipped for ministry and leadership.
6. Deepen our sense of connection to God and one another through stronger worship services.
7. Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.
8. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners.
9. Adapt the opportunities provided by the church making them more accessible given the pace and schedule of my life.
10. Develop the spiritual generosity of the people to financially support the ministry of the church.
11. Work as an advocate for social and institutional change so that society might better reflect the values of the kingdom of God.
12. Strengthen the management and support of persons in various ministries.
13. Expand outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society.
14. Strengthen the pastoral responses of the church in serving people with special needs.
15. Change or improve the music of the church to deepen our worship experience.
16. Expand the international mission of the church with both financial resources and personal involvement.
17. Enlarge or improve the physical facilities of the church to expand or enhance our ministries.

Takeaways

- There is much to do! Our high priorities show we are ready to reach new people, but we give low priority to reaching those "living in the margins" or those with special needs. Does this represent our mission statement of Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Hands?
- Having completed an expansive building project in recent years, we are comfortable with our current facilities.