

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Jesus said, “The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all.”

Servant Leadership is the example of our Lord.



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Jesus said: “Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

This is our mission.



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Jesus also said, “if you continue in my Word then you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.”

The Word is our foundation and guide.



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Our destination is determined by the Captain of the Ship, namely, Jesus Christ: the port of heaven, a place prepared for all who follow Christ.

The journey of the Ship is the life of the Church, seeking to make disciples and bring the Gospel to all humanity: simply, loving God by loving one another.



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Along the cruise are numerous ports of call, or as Jesus said, “Beginning in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth.”

This principle teaches us that we are to minister in our immediate context, followed by ministering in a more broader context and finally to have a world view.



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Jesus said, “Let the children come to Me for of such is the Kingdom of God.”

Contextually, we are all children. We recognize that the generations rise and fall. We have an emphasis on children and families of all ages.



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Each year brings the fulfillment of some personal journeys into the eternal port of call.

Each year brings life transitions for many with whom we journey.



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The Scripture is the source.

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture
in that he is the Word of God made flesh.

We are all sinners and are in need of
God's grace.



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The kingdom of God is near.

There is a sense of urgency that none may be lost, but all may come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ.



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As God builds His church, He equips us with gifts that He intends to be used in ministry.

This leads us to an understanding that we are all members of the Royal Priesthood of all Believers and each of us are key components of the way in which God accomplishes his purpose.



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Priesthood of All Believers

Worship Leaders and Communion Ministers

Stephen Ministry

Involvement on boards and committees



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Word and Sacrament ministry are the components through which God builds His church.

Worship and Bible study are key ingredients in preparing and making disciples.

Creating, building, and maintaining relationships is key.



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Prayer is a means in which we pour out our needs to God and cultivate a personal relationship with Him.

“Pray without ceasing.”



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Jesus tells us, “no one builds a tower without first counting the cost.”

This principle shows us the value of planning, of projecting, of measuring, the aspects of our ministry that we may be focused, rather than scattered, in going about the work of the church.



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Accountability is critical and a recognition that we are the instruments and it is God who brings the growth in His time and in His way.

Thus we need to be sensitive to the environmental changes that may occur in any context of ministry being free to make the necessary adjustments in the programmatic nature of our ministry.



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Mission does not equal Membership

We create environments, select environments and scatter the seed. Like the sower, sometimes we miss, but like the sower, we throw the seed trusting God to bring the growth.

We are called to be obedient to God's direction, to plant the seed. God brings the harvest in His time.



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The heart of Marco Lutheran Church is mission outreach and care for the household of faith.

Our targets are the Unchurched/Dechurched individuals on Marco Island and Collier County. Follow up and tracking are critical.

Programs of training for outreach and developing skills for outreach while caring for the household of faith.



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Support new starts in areas of
our circuit



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Scripture teaches us that while we are known for our faith, what we do and how we do it speaks directly to those around us.

Having gifts from God, we are to use them in caring for our neighbor in deeds of love and acts of compassion.

