

2020 VISION for VICTORY

WHAT'S NEXT?



PHASE II OF OUR VISION FOR VICTORY...

"The gifts God gave. . . were to equip the saints (you and me) for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity. . . we must grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ--from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." (portions of Ephesians 4:11-16)

We need a modern day Reformation and a sound strategy to achieve the most God-pleasing results.

If Victory Lutheran wants to take seriously the mandate of Ephesians, chapter 4 above, to "grow up in every way into Christ" in all we do, then our Core Values must be to get as many people as possible all the way to home base. By comparison, in baseball, the goal is to score runs. The team that scores the most runs, wins.

A team that gets a single, even a double or triple, but fails to advance that runner all the way home – while exciting—fails in the end. A team has to move the runners along: to first, then second, then third and then all the way home to be a success.

- ◆ Using baseball terminology getting to first base is – "Becoming a Believer"
- ◆ Then, we want to help people move from first to second base - "Becoming a Disciple"
- ◆ Then, we want to move them on to third base – "Becoming a Servant"
- ◆ Finally we want them to reach home base – "Becoming Contagious" - passing their faith on to others - (i.e. friends, neighbors, co-workers, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and others – expand my territory!)

If we make Believers, without helping them also become Disciples, Servants and Contagious – well friends, then we have failed! We must "equip the saints (you and me) for the work of ministry . . . to full maturity." That means getting all the way to home base.

Our ultimate God-glorifying goal is to continue to serve, grow, equip and send out everyone with the Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Over the course of the next two years, our pastoral staff will teach a sequential series of four different **"Equipping" Classes**. Our goal is that everyone will feel compelled and committed to complete all four of the following classes:

1ST BASE - "101" Class – to **KNOW** God's unconditional love through a personal, renewed relationship with Jesus Christ.

2ND BASE - "201" Class – to **GROW UP** and go deeper in this relationship through prayer, trust in and obedience to God's Word.

3RD BASE - "301" Class – to **EQUIP** and to encourage our faith community to discover their God-given, unique gifts for ministry in the Church, home, community and world.

HOME BASE - "401" Class – to **BECOME CONTAGIOUS** - to pass on the faith to others – especially the next generations, intentionally through bold witness.

**Surrounded by ceaseless prayer,
we are asking God to send a Reformation..**

Our "guiding value" in all this is that we believe in the truth, guidance and the spiritual nourishment that God's Word, the Bible, provides to every believer. So we intentionally dedicate ourselves over the next two years (and beyond!) to "equipping the saints for the work of ministry" and "to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Jesus Christ."

**This then is Phase II of our 2020 VISION
To God be the glory!**