

Vision Statement

To educate, strengthen and grow disciples for ministry through worship and music.

The basis for this vision statement is that we believe that the Worship and Music Team sets the tone and provides the spiritual growth for all the Team Ministries at CELC. In essence we believe it is the hub with the pastor at the center surrounded by ministers serving on the Worship and Music Team (e.g. choir, assistant ministers, ushers, greeters, alter guild, communion assistants, lay readers). In this sense, we all fulfill God's promises as His disciples in a variety of ways. Our Pastors are given special offices of preaching the Word and administering the sacraments. But those of us in the congregation have our ministerial functions as well. Look at our church bulletin - the ministers at CELC are "The People of CELC"! According to Luther, we are to pray for each other and listen to our sisters' and brothers' confessions of sin and cries of distress. We are to speak God's cheering word of forgiveness and consolation and are to be agents of God's overflowing goodness by ministering to the poor and oppressed. Without a strong worship service, steeped in the liturgical fundamentals of the Lutheran faith, it is unlikely that the congregation will feel spiritually motivated to prayerfully consider serving as ministers on other teams at CELC.