

# *Leota's Ministry Plan*

**Mission Statement** – Why will the congregations of Bethel Reformed Church & Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church become one congregation?

## **Uniting Together in Christ's Love to Glorify God**

**Vision Statement** - What does this Mission Statement look like for the community of faith for the coming years?

- \* We will do ministry as one congregation (not “them” but “us”).
- \* We will exalt God in all that we say, teach and do in ministry.
- \* We will have Jesus as the focus of our ministry.
- \* We will be an outward-focused ministry showing Christ to the world.
- \* We will establish a loving church family that edifies and equips believers to enjoy worshiping and serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ministry Plan** - How will this be done? Individual members of the community of faith will be expected to...

- \* Participate in the life of the church: worship, fellowship, service, etc.
- \* Serve in some aspect of ministry.
- \* Possess a J.O.Y. attitude (approach) to ministry. (J=Jesus, O=others, Y=yourself)
- \* Grow in one's relationship with Jesus Christ.
- \* Connect with unchurched, unsaved people to present Jesus to them and invite them to church.
- \* Give financially to the mission and ministry of the church.

## **Core Beliefs** – The most important Christian beliefs of our ministry we want the community to know what we stand for are...

- Bible** We believe the Bible is the Word of God, without error, and the only authority for life and the Christian faith.  
2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119
- God** We believe the One, true God who exists eternally and equally in three persons: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1; 1 John 4:8, 16
- Mankind** We believe all people were created to have fellowship with God but our sin separates us from God, subjecting us to His holy judgment.  
Genesis 1:26; Romans 3:10, 23; Ephesians 4:18-19
- Jesus** We believe Jesus, God's Son, came to earth, lived a perfect life, died and was raised, providing the only way to a right and eternal relationship with God.  
1 John 3:23; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 5:20
- Holy Spirit** We believe the Holy Spirit is God living in Christ-followers, empowering them to live a life that pleases God.  
John 16:7-9; John 14:26; Acts 2
- Church** We believe the church is a community of Christ-followers existing to glorify God, and preparing Christians to love and reach a lost world.  
Matthew 16:1; Hebrews 10:25
- Worship** We believe worship is a daily, active response of gratitude, praise and service, declaring God's worth in every aspect of life.  
John 4:23-24; Psalm 100:2; Luke 4:8; Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 12:28
- Prayer** We believe prayer is communicating with God, expressing our praise, confessing our sins, making requests of Him and submitting to His will.  
Matthew 6:6-15; James 5:13-16; Philippians 4:6

## **Core Values** – What values do we want to stand out for our community to notice about our ministry?

### **Bible Believing Church**

You will hear the Bible preached in our sermons, taught in our education classes, and lived out by the members of the congregation.

### **Christ Centered Church**

You will see us following the example and teachings of Christ in our prayers, in our education, and in our dealings with others.

**Praying Church**

You will hear prayer in our service, within our groups, and at our events.  
We will pray for God's blessing, intercession, guidance, and will be done.  
We will pray for each other and lift each other up in prayer.

**Christian Church**

You will hear us recite the Apostle's Creed as the summary of the basic doctrines of our Christian Faith. The center of which is the gospel message of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead to give us eternal life if we believe.

**Community Church**

You will see us work for the good of our community and care for the members of our community.

**Family Church**

Your family will feel welcomed as a part of God's family.

**Positive Church**

You will notice the positive attitude and energy of our church as we live and work in the fellowship of the Spirit.

**People Church**

You will notice we care about individuals, their situation, and their salvation.