

The VRSM Team has been diligently at work identifying and word-smithing our congregation's core values. We've identified the following six. We invite your feedback! We'll have a congregational meeting immediately after the service on **Sunday, November 21** for feedback.

1) Connected into Community: Love your neighbor as yourself (Jesus, Mark 12:31). If we don't have love, we have nothing (1 Corinthians 13:2). We love boldly, audaciously, and fearlessly. Our gifts, talents and love are nothing if not in service to our community.

2) Faithfully Curious: Our passion is not just to the Holy Word of God, but to an insatiable curiosity to explore and grow our faith, and how it manifests in the world in which we live.

3) Theologically Guided: We desire a Lutheran grounding. We value the historical Lutheran understanding of God, humanity, and the ways in which God works within our ever-changing world.

4) Intentional Individual Discipleship: Inspired by Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and led by God, we live out our faith serving in leadership, engaging our community, and giving of ourselves (our time, our skillsets, our finances).

5) Generational Stewardship: As a congregational family, we care for each other across generational boundaries.

6) Cultivating Inclusive Christians: Christ walked with everyone; we want to walk with everyone. Jesus' first followers came from all different ways of life and ideologies. We are striving to expand to those who could otherwise be excluded or marginalized.