Introduction

How will people characterize Jordan Lutheran Church in 2026? This document is an outline of what our church’s leaders believe God wants us to accomplish as we go forward in the mission of this church.

On February 8, 2009 worship service began among the family of faith called Jordan Lutheran Church. For the past 7 seven years the Lord has guided the mission and ministry of this congregation. The future of Jordan Lutheran is in the Lord’s gracious and loving care.
Our Core Values

We value...

- God’s Word as truth
- Christ as the foundation of all we do
- worship with Word and Sacrament where Christ is exalted
- reaching out to our community
- growing disciples who are followers of Christ
- loving relationships in the Body of Christ
- our God of grace in our daily lives

Our Vision

As God’s people we seek to live out Paul’s call for the Christian church to keep God’s Word at its core. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another…” (Colossians 3:16). We witness the spiritual formation of disciples as we encounter God in worship, embrace His Word in Bible study and fellowship and impact all nations by living out the incarnational love of Jesus to all people.

Jordan is located in a vibrant and growing suburb of Raleigh, which is in need of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ that transforms lives and strengthens families with the Lord’s mercy that is new every morning.

As fully committed followers of Christ, we seek to work where the Spirit leads us to expand the Kingdom of God. We have recognized and experienced God’s work in us which enables us to embrace our calling to live here and serve here to the glory of God’s name.
Our Shared Purpose

To encourage the formation of fully functioning disciples of Christ by:

- Focusing on outreach to the unchurched and to those who are disenfranchised – formerly churched people.
- Participating in Christ-centered and life-changing worship and small groups.
- Equipping, nurturing, and strengthening people through ministry in their home, at work, among their friends and in their community.
- Impacting the spiritual development of children and adults through a strong Christian education program.

Our Mission

Encounter God, Embrace the Word, Impact All Nations

To **Encounter God** in Worship; **Embrace the Word** in study and **Impact all Nations** with the love of Jesus Christ.

What does it mean be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

This blueprint contains four objectives and key strategies we hope to implement in the next 10 years. It concludes with a projection of our plans over the next 10 years with milestones at 3 years and 5 years to provide us with a road map for our life together in the Lord.
Objective One
Know Christ

To bring individuals into a saving faith with Jesus Christ and into an active relationship with His body, the church.

Jesus said, “This is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3 ESV)

God’s plan of salvation for the world is centered in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our primary task as a congregation is to point people to the cross of Jesus so they may know Him and trust in Him. The Scriptures always point us to Christ; “These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31 ESV)

As a congregation looking toward the next ten years we cannot become focused only on serving those in our midst. We must ensure our plans encompass how we will be prepared to make disciples of those at Jordan and those the Lord will draw into our fellowship to the glory of His name.

Key Strategies

- Strive for constant improvement in all worship services
- Outreach experiences including community wide events
- Youth group for young children and high school aged youth
- Creative and informative website
- Effective Discover Jordan membership classes
Objective Two

Grow in Christ

To help believers mature in their Christian faith and scriptural knowledge.

The Apostle Peter writes in 2 Peter 3:1 “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.” To be a disciple, a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ it is not enough to simply be a member of a church. As our body grows so our faith grows as well. This takes place as we embrace God’s Word. We desire to challenge people who think their time of scriptural growth is over by providing ways for them to engage in an ongoing process of spiritual formation.

Our church body The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has a rich history of faithfulness to the Lord and the purity of His word. Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him… (Colossians 2:6-7 ESV)

Key Strategies

• Develop an intentional plan for disciples at Jordan to continue in their study of Scripture and Lutheran Doctrine.

• Develop a nurture hour for children and adults that promotes spiritual development (Sunday morning, Sunday evening or Wednesday evening). Our goal is for 60% of worshippers to attend the nurture hour.

• Continue to hold adult classes on Sunday morning

• Incorporate prayer throughout all ministries

• Provide all members with the opportunity to annually reexamine their personal discipleship growth plan
Objective Three
Serve Christ

To equip, empower, and release believers for ministry that is based upon their unique spiritual gifts, passions, and experiences.

Peter wrote, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

One of the characteristics of the life of a disciple fully devoted to Christ is his or her desire and willingness to serve. In many churches 20% of the people do 80% of the serving in the local congregation.

The challenge before Jordan is to have 100% of our members understand that as a result of their baptism their entire life is now a life of service.

Key Strategies

- Encourage and assist people in attending servant events and service projects
- Provide members opportunities to serve in their community
- Help to provide a pathway for new members to become connected to service areas offered at Jordan
- Encourage and equip people for teaching ministries: Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adults classes and Small groups
- Initiate regular contacts with those who have fallen away from the family of believers at Jordan
- Direct members to ways that they can serve regularly in connection with Sunday morning activities
Objective Four

Go for Christ

To empower individuals to share Christ Jesus and fulfill their God given vocations.

Jesus says in Acts 1:8 “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

As baptized Christians we have all received the Holy Spirit. We are now witnesses of God’s promised work. The question we must ask ourselves is what kind of witness am I? By God’s grace, our desire at Jordan is to prepare each person to be able to share his or her faith. We will provide opportunities for those at Jordan to reach out with God’s love sharing the Gospel in word and deed.

Always being prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

(1 Peter 3:15 NIV)

Key Strategies

- Develop an intentional public relations plan to include how we welcome guests, provide follow-up and use an online presence to welcome new faces and families into our midst

- Encourage participation in a mission team supporting our missionaries in the Dominican Republic

- Equip people with tools and resources to invite friends and family members to ministry events

- Engage people in community social ministry projects (Examples: Matthew Ministry – homeless; Back to School Bonanza)
Blue Print Time Table

By 2019 (3 year goals)
Jordan celebrates 10 years 2009-2019

- Complete the “For A Such A Time As This” campaign to raise $150,000 for Jordan’s future growth
- Land Acquisition Team works with area developers to secure the best possible site and cost for our future ministries
- Community Life Facility committee prepares a plan for ministry uses of community life center
- Develop a media plan for contacting our community including but not limited to flyers, mailers and online presence to raise awareness of Jordan, our ministries and services
- Seek to increase volunteer participation to 100% of adult membership (from ushers, to flowers, to Helping Hands). We desire to connect members with ways to serve
- Provide opportunities to address financial health and wellness
- Encourage an annual stewardship commitment and help develop a training program for increasing annual donations to the congregation (1% year)
- Help to connect congregational leaders to the congregation
- Quarterly meal or community event to foster greater congregational life
- Engage with Pittsboro or Holly Springs communities at annual festivals or events
- Increase small group Bible studies and lay led studies
- A team visits the Dominican Republic to serve our missionaries and ministry partners
By 2021 (5 year goals)

- Community life facility is completed to permit richer development of congregational fellowship and community
- Mid-week Lenten and Advent services offered at new facility
- Offer a second Sunday morning service
- Wednesday Family Night (dinner and education – nurture hour implemented and underway on new site)
- Add called staff (Vicar or Director of Christian Education) to address the growing education needs in the congregation
- Regular engagement with Dominican Republic and sending teams

By 2026 (10 year goals)

- Sanctuary has been completed on Jordan site
- Additional pastor called to serve the congregation
- Send an additional family or individual to the mission field
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