

## **HEAR YE, HEAR YE: TOWN MEETING RESULTS**

St. Marks held a Town Meeting on May 5 to celebrate our history, affirm core values and identify the most important ways St. Mark's helps our people grow in their relationships to God. The Guiding Coalition compiled the results and categorized eight types of experiences at St. Mark's that help us grow with God in Christ.

**God's Word** – Focusing first and foremost on God's Word through teaching, preaching, making disciples and living Christian lives

**Prayer Emphasis** – laity leading prayers at gatherings and promoting personal prayers through education, vigils, partners and Prayer Sowers.

**Dynamic Worship** – offering both traditional and contemporary worship with music, sharing peace and Holy Communion

**Christian Education** – Sunday School for all ages – children, youth and adults plus Bible Study Groups, 50-Day Spiritual Journey, lay sermons and testimonies

**Christian Service** – Stephen Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Griefshare, Lutheran Community Services, Hilltop

**Friendliness** – Meeting and greeting one another, working together cooperatively, reaching out in friendship and caring, receiving newcomers warmly

**Fellowship** – Gathering for spiritual growth, tasks and fun through retreats, social time on Sundays, dinners, meetings, Christmas Bazaar and Garage Sale.

**Youth Ministry** – Supporting our youth through confirmation classes, trips for service projects, special programs and social gatherings.

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