## A Vision for Ministry

## St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hallettsville, TX

**Theme:** On This Rock I will Build My Church... and the Power of Death Shall Not Prevail (Matthew 16:18)

Mission: Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church" by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**Vision:** God desires his people to be building up followers of Christ who are becoming more & more mature in the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13). He will build his church through us by reaching out to our community, supporting our families, & spreading His word. We will be "going after the one" – looking to bring in the 1% of the unaffiliated of our target population each year. Our vision is to become more like "little Christs" characterized by the following seven "C" **values** to Build the Church:

- <u>Communion with God</u> We desire a passion for God that draws me to Him & motivates me to live for Him, cultivated through an active prayer life.
- <u>Competent in the Word</u> We seek to be transformed by the Word of God & to conform to His truth.
- <u>Celebrating our Faith</u> We cherish the opportunity to join with our family of faith in worship as we experience true community with one another as well as union & the presence of God, especially in Holy Communion & in our Baptism.
- <u>Connected to the Body</u> We desire to experience deep transparent relationships with one another & the joy of genuine fellowship within the body of Christ.
- Consistent in My Walk Our goal is to consistently be living out my faith (unswerving obedience) & to be developing the character of Christ (Fruit of Spirit) in every area of my life.
- <u>Commissioned for Ministry</u> We affirm that the Holy Spirit, indeed, "has enlightened us by His gifts", seeking to faithfully use our time, talents (Spiritual gifts), & treasures (Christian Stewardship) in the power of the Spirit to serve the body of Christ & in our daily lives (Christian Vocation).
- <u>Committed to the Lost</u> A lifestyle that makes both personal & corporate evangelism a high priority -actively witnessing to those we come into contact with & supporting the mission of Christ around the world.