



# St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

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*Acts 6:8 "And Stephen, full of grace and power..."*

## LEAD Congregation Survey

LEAD stands for "living every day as disciples," and is intended for healthy congregations that acknowledge that it may take new behaviors to thrive in a changing world and want to make a commitment to grow deeper in faith and wider in mission.

One of the early steps in the LEAD process was to conduct the Congregational Assessment, which gave us some very positive feedback regarding our congregation. It affirmed the belief that we have a very healthy and vibrant congregation that is growing spiritually. While some churches use the LEAD process to identify healthy ways in which to change their direction to become more vibrant and relevant, we have found that we don't necessarily need to change directions, but rather to find the best ways in which to move forward by building on the solid congregational foundations that we already have.

This survey is intended to further identify and refine ways in which St. Stephen's can be a relevant and helpful presence in our community and find further ways to fulfill our mission "to Love, to Invite and to Serve."

Please answer the questions as thoroughly and thoughtfully as possible. Answers are anonymous (unless you choose to provide your name), so you can be as honest and critical as you wish.

1. If this congregation disappeared, what, besides the food pantry, would the neighborhood miss? (The definition of neighborhood is up to you.)
  - a. Can you tell us what you know about the food pantry?

