

What Can We Do?



Learn from these church and organizations!!



Move into the 21st century with social media



Spend more time teaching and nurturing our members (Look at what they are offering. I hear so often that we nurture our people to go out and serve. But, the majority of our classes and preaching is on serving....peace and justice issues. When was the last time you heard a sermon on marriage at St. Luke?) (note Focus on the Family)




Biblical and theological education, especially our youth (we need "meat and potatoes")




Classes on personal matters: child rearing, teens, marriage, money management, talking about sex, retirement, death and dying, grieving, etc





Sermon series that work through at a deeper level issues and concerns, especially on the matters just mentioned; educational sermons that help us live our daily lives

 Emphasis and small groups on prayer and spirituality (We tend to put this down more than nurture it.)


 Link ourselves to the historical traditions within a progressive context

 Honest dialogue about personal responsibility and choices ... admit that maybe the right is right on some issues

 Be careful what we say: not be so anti-business, anti-capitalism, anti-rich, anti-wealth; only our way to do things (outrageous statements or positions that are half-truths, very skewed, blame laced, one-sided, or not a true macro perspective)

 Preach and teach "conversion and faith in God" commitment to a broad universal spirit (Not to an unchanging truth or the inerrant Bible)

Are we giving people something to believe in, to stake their lives upon?

 But, still challenge and work for change and social justice

