



THE GATHERING: OUR HISTORY

In 2006, a group of mission-minded people, including Rev. Matt Miofsky, began conversations about how a new church might transform the city of St. Louis. Together, they worked to bring this vision to life, and bring new generations of people together to serve and worship Jesus Christ.

The Gathering name comes from the New Testament. Here, the Greek word for “church” is “ekklesia,” which literally means an assembly or gathering of people. We believe the church is a community of people committed to following Christ together.

Since its beginning, The Gathering has continued to see dramatic growth. Multiple sites, numerous worship services, a variety of small groups, a blossoming children’s ministry, and a commitment to serving our City and our world are just a few of the ways in which we are expanding our reach.

THE GATHERING: OUR MINISTRY

Why we exist (Vision):

The Gathering exists to create Christian community that is compelling for new generations of people in St. Louis.

What we do (Mission):

Our primary task is to invite new people to become deeply committed followers of Christ.

How we do it (Practices):

We deepen our faith by following Christ through five shared practices:

- Worship
- Learning in CoreGroups
- Prayer
- Giving
- Service

What we value in our staff:

- Positivity
- Adaptability
- Innovation
- Proactivity
- Invitation
- Equipping others

GATHERING STAFF: WHO WE ARE

PROFESSIONALLY, the Gathering Staff are:

- Ministers: feel called to pastor, meeting people where they are and challenging them to grow
- Innovators: have the ability and drive to take a new idea and make it a reality.
- Equippers: relate well to others and equip them to be active and engaged members of the body of Christ.
- Excitement-generators: exude contagious enthusiasm and excitement.
- Bridge-builders: value the importance of building authentic and meaningful connections within our congregation.
- Seekers: always looking for ways to invite and welcome new individuals into The Gathering community.
- Relationship-builders: connect with people in authentic and meaningful ways.
- Team-builders: passionate about the development, training and support of those who lead our ministries.
- Talent scout: able to successfully recruit and develop volunteers.
- Effective communicator: able to clearly communicate our Vision, as well as the specific means by which we intend to accomplish our Mission.
- Quality manager: always looking for ways to improve, receptive to constructive criticism, and committed to excellence.
- Solution specialist: able to identify problems and implement solutions.
- Is present: maintain regular attendance at weekend worship experiences, Christmas Eve, and Easter; are a visible presence during pre- and post-service times, using such times to engage with the congregation.

PERSONALLY, Gathering Staff are:

- Disciple: personally growing in a relationship with Christ and able to lead others in that journey.
- People of integrity: make solid decisions according to deeply held personal values.
- Learners: have a teachable spirit and are receptive to constructive feedback and constant cultivation.
- Committed: to The Gathering's Vision, Mission and Five Practices.
- Flexible: have the ability to develop and change as our church grows.
- Leaders at home: attend to the spiritual and emotional health of self and family.
- Time managers: do not require external systems to prioritize; are intrinsically motivated.
- Conflict Resolver: unafraid to tackle interpersonal conflicts, ministry misalignment, or issues of sin.