

## 2016 Mission Expansion Priorities



Vision2Serve has come to life over the past few years through prayer, a survey and Vision Events where priorities are set for the coming year. **Being “Salt & Light”** is the result that will propel Edison Park forward in outreach, serving and mission in the coming year.

Partners with San Lucas Congregation & School Grand Bourg, Argentina since 2012



*Shining the Light of God on the world near and far from the Northwest corner of Chicago since 1927! Come and see!*

Preparing Meals for the Homeless



## Congregation

1. **Explore our Metro Chicago Synod's Affiliated Mission Communities (AMC) initiative and pursue a partnership.**
2. **Build up our intergenerational and community events** throughout the year that draw people of all ages from within our congregation as well as our wider neighborhood.
3. **Intentionally and systematically create and implement an extensive plan for Hospitality—a hallmark of the Christian life—** that will foster a warm and welcoming community within our walls, and extending our welcome outside our doors into the neighborhood.
4. **Reduce our deficit,** by controlling operating costs and growing our giving.

## Community

1. **Continue and increase our attention, passion and action to care for the hungry poor—**through New Hope Food Pantry locally, and other avenues that allow us to financially support and/or be directly active in the lives of people in our city.
2. **Serve and support veterans.**
3. **Support abused women's shelter**



## World

1. **Support and pray for “Plaster House”** in Arusha, Tanzania, a children's orthopedic recovery center associated with Arusha Lutheran Medical Center. Children are given time to heal before returning to their villages in a setting that offers high love, low cost surgical rehabilitation.
2. **Continue to expand our Argentina Partner relationship** with San Lucas Congregation and School.
3. **Support micro-loans** which allow the poor in many countries to begin small businesses which then support their families.



## Why this special Being “Salt & Light” Emphasis?

This annual emphasis is designed to focus everyone at Edison Park in some way to be purposeful and motivated in our ministries to carry out the goals of our Vision2Serve process.

Accomplishing the goals and working into our priorities will require commitment of our time, talents and abilities, spiritual gifts and financial support. Even more importantly, each of us must ask and pray about our part in making it happen.

- ⇒ **What is God calling me to do?**
- ⇒ **How will I be salt of the earth, adding wonderful flavor to congregation, community and world?**
- ⇒ **How will I be a light in my congregation, community and world?**

**The Plaster House in Tanzania, providing high love, low cost surgical rehabilitation for children**



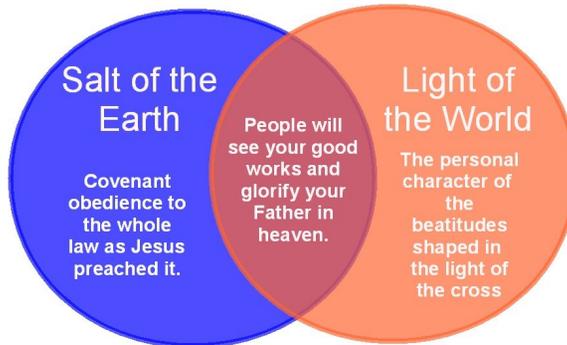
## Being "Salt & Light" Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Totally Grateful Week** - Jan. 31 - Feb. 7
- ⇒ **Ashes on the Hour & Prayer Vigil**  
- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10  
+Ashes at Metra Station 6a—9a  
+Ashes at church 10a & 11a (12 min)  
**+Worship at Noon** w/Ashes  
+Ashes at church 1p, 2p, 3p, 4p, 5p and 6p (12 min)  
**+Worship at 7p** w/Ashes
- ⇒ **Hunger Bowl 3**— March 6
- ⇒ **Worship Mission Moments & special offerings**

**Special envelopes** are available in the pews, and at the Welcome Center if you would like to specifically support **Being "Salt & Light"** priorities.



*Tricks & Treats on the Great Organ & Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot with our Neighborhood*

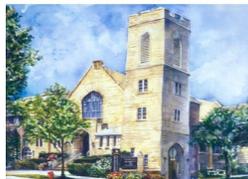


## Being "Salt & Light"

*"You are the salt of the earth,* but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

*"You are the light of the world.*

A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>**In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.** Matthew 5:13-16



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## Mission Expansion Plan 2016

**Edison Park  
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### Our Mission:

To be a people living, loving and serving as Jesus did...so that all may know Him.