

Narrative Budgets: Telling the Story Behind Each Line Item

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Step 1: Finding Your 3-5 Pillars to Build On

Mission Statement Examples:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church: Held in the Grace of God, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is called to Belong, Believe, and Befriend.

Morning Star Parish: "Morning Star Parish is a partnership of five congregations rooted in Christ, our Morning Star, and reflecting Him in relational ministry with one another, both within and beyond our doors."

Grafton Lutheran Church: "Believe. Belong. Be Sent."

United Lutheran Church: We are United, proclaiming God's salvation by welcoming ALL to live, learn, and share the love of Jesus Christ.

Central Valley Parish: We are a community of faith, blessed by tradition, and moving forward together to provide worship, education, and outreach to all God's people.

St. John's Lutheran: St. John's is a community of believers gathered together for witness, service, and worship in Jamestown, ND.

Your Own Congregation:

What are 3-5 Core Values/Pillars of this Mission Statement?

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	

Bonus Step: Map out Your Line Items into the Categories

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Step 2: Find Your Stories

What are some of the best stories that have come out of your congregation this year?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Step 3: Distribute Your Stories

Which pillar best connects with each of these stories?

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Who will you invite to be on your team to make this happen?

Leader: _____ Storyteller: _____ Designer: _____

Brainstormers: _____