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The power of art

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod, has stood in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago since 1900. But by 2006, its membership had shrunk to a dozen people. Thanks to a grant from the ELCA churchwide organization and resources from their synod, St. Luke's has turned their congregation around by embracing the power of art.

Art is woven throughout St. Luke's ministries. There is a studio for Kindermusik, yoga and dance classes. It has become a place for artists to gather, work, rehearse, perform and teach. For St. Luke's, art is not just a mission emphasis, it's a means of embracing the local community where many musicians, painters and other artists reside. They now welcome 70 to 80 people at worship, and art is knitting the community together as the congregation experiences renewal and a new relevance.

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