

ENCOMPASS: A Homeless Ministry of the Santa Clara Valley Lutheran Parish

OBJECTIVES:

To minister to the spirit by:

- Building relationships
- Accompanying homeless to 12 step programs
- Visiting the homeless in jail
- Sharing God's word
- Praying with, and for, homeless folks
- Creating worship services in homeless encampments
- Providing Holy Communion as part of those worship services



To minister to the body by:

- Working with the Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues
- Accompanying homeless who seek out medical or homeless services

To communicate with the Santa Clara Valley Lutheran Parish By:

- Blogging each week on key issues effecting those served, including prayer requests and pastoral reflections
- Providing temple talks upon invitation
- Engaging congregations in ministry to the homeless by hosting food, clothing, and shoe drives, meal preparation and other supportive measures