

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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Congregation Name and Location

Name St. Johns Lutheran Church

Mailing address 308 N. Front Street

City Danforth State/Province IL Zip/Postal Code 60930

Telephone 815 269-2162 Fax same

Email address office@stjohnsdanforth.com

Congregation website stjohnsdanforth.com

Seeking Full-time pastor Part-time pastor Either full-time or part-time

Call will be for Solo pastor Senior pastor Associate pastor

Congregational President or Vice President

Name Marvin Peters Title Council President

Mailing address 483 E 2400 N Rd

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Call Committee Chair

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Congregational Demographics

Number of **paid** staff (full- or part-time): Clergy 1 Lay professionals 0
Secretarial/musician/janitor 4

Average worship attendance 45-50 Average Sunday school attendance 12-15 kids & adult class
has 10

Indicate the type of community in which your congregation is located (is it small town, small city, suburban, large city, farming, industrial, etc.).

Danforth is a small town farming community. It's population is 500.

Describe the congregation's ethnic composition and age distribution.

Our congregation is majority caucasian, ranging from infant to 90s. Our school district is 50% caucasian and 50% persons of color.

Does the congregation have a clear vision for mission — a clear and shared understanding of where God is leading you? If so, state it as succinctly as possible.

As a baptized people of God, St. John's Lutheran Church will encourage and provide opportunities for spiritual nurturing and growth in faith through Worship, Sacrament and Bible Study. In response to God's grace in Christ, we will witness and serve our Lord in the community and in the world!

What are the primary goals of your congregation?

- Educating others about Christ
- Mission driven
- Ignite the desire to pursue Christ daily

Describe your congregation's worship practice (liturgy, hymns, vestments, music, hymnals, and frequency of Holy Communion).

liturgy - traditional
hymns - average three hymns per service
vestments - robes and stoles
music - pipe organ, piano, adult choir
hymnals - Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and With One Voice (WOV)
Holy Communion - at least twice a month
scripture readings - read by congregational member with gospel by pastor

Describe your congregation's Christian education ministry.

Sunday School - age 4 through high school (following Sunday worship during school year)

Adult Bible Study - following Sunday worship

Small Group - some in people's homes and some at church

Vacation Bible School - 2021 VBS with 78 registered kids, including not only kids in our congregation but throughout the community.

Describe the congregation's current activities for mission and outreach.

Lutheran World Relief - school kits, layettes, healthcare kits, quilts, sewing kits, disaster relief kits, flood buckets

Operation Shoe Box at Christmas

Food Pantry (locally)

Actively supporting two missionary families

Prairieview Lutheran Home (nursing home In Danforth)

The NALC is committed to moving away from an institutional understanding of the Church, to the biblical commission to be a community of followers of Jesus who focus on being disciples and making disciples. Which best describes your congregation's understanding of this movement? [Type an X by the appropriate response]

- Totally unaware
- Have heard about it
- Have been involved personally
- Some in the congregation are involved, some aren't
- Congregation understands, is on-board and involved

List the *Top Five Things* your congregations hopes for in its next Pastor

1. Practical sermon with dynamic delivery
2. Help lead congregation to growth
3. Communion for the baptized believers
4. Connecting to people of all ages with emphasis on youth
5. Member visitation of all members including those not attending

What were the three most significant events in your congregation's history? Provide the years in which these events happened and why they are important to your congregation.

1999 - We celebrated our 125th anniversary and look forward to our 150th in 2024.

2003 - We had a church wide bible study with small groups and Sunday worship.

2010 - We left ELCA and joined NALC.

Has your congregation participated in the Congregational Workshop Preparatory to the Call Process? [Type an X by the appropriate response]

Yes No

What were the three most significant results of the workshop?

1. [enter text]
2. [enter text]
3. [enter text]

Describe the nature and extent of any significant current or recent conflict in the congregation. Is this conflict resolved, or ongoing? If resolved, how was it resolved?

Leaving the ELCA - which resulted in a split of our congregation. Within the members of the congregation who have stayed, we're organized and moving forward.

How does your congregation handle conflict/tension? Which of the following do you think best describes your congregation? [Type an X by the appropriate response]

- As a church, we respect and listen to each other and work things through without generating divisiveness.
- As a church, we try to respect and listen to each other, but it is not uncommon for differences of opinion to be a problem and for some people to choose sides. Some have left our church because of conflict.
- Conflict hurts our sense of unity, but we tend not to talk about it.
- Painful experience with conflict has been present, but it has been worked through, and we have learned from the experience.
- We have had some painful experiences with conflict, and they linger in the background.
- Open conflict is present, and we need a minister who can help us deal with it.
- Other (describe).....

What was the nature of the relationship between your last pastor and the congregation? Positive? Struggling? Cooperative? Tense?

All of the above at some point in his tenure.

How did your council/congregational leaders work together with your last pastor? [Type an X by the appropriate response]

- Leadership is shared, with shared decision-making
- Pastor makes important decisions
- Council makes decisions with pastoral input
- Council makes decisions without pastoral input

Is your pastor a member of council with: [Type an X by the appropriate response(s)]

Voice Vote

Congregational finances

Total budget for last fiscal year: \$ 148,500.00

Benevolence to the North American Lutheran Church: \$ 500.00

Other benevolence: \$ 6,395.00

Total debt of the congregation: \$ 0

Total savings, reserves, and endowments: \$ 418,000.00

Compensation of Last Pastor

Salary: \$50,000.00

Social security offset: \$4,600.00

Health Insurance: \$6,080.00

Continuing education (time/funding): \$500.00

Travel reimbursement: \$2,500.00

Other: Parsonage is provided.

Parsonage/housing allowance: \$5,000.00

Pension: \$ 5,000.00

Vacation: 4 weeks

When the Congregational Vacancy List is updated, a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) is included announcing each congregation's ministry. If you wish, your call committee may compose that summary, realizing it may be edited/formatted as needed.

Our church provides Christian growth through teaching the Word and providing communion. Our congregation ministers to Prairieview Lutheran Home (an accredited nursing care facility, alzheimer's unit, and independent living facility) allowing our congregation to be involved while keeping our elderly members active in Christian growth. Danforth is located 90 miles south of Chicago, nestled along I-57, which provides opportunities for spousal employment within a 30 minute drive. In our school district, we have an active Youth For Christ organization and opportunities for Christian education from prek-12 within 30 minutes; our area also provides an accredited Christian university.

Consider filming a video to be included with your Congregational Profile on the [NALC website Vacancy List](#). We invite your call committee to make a 3-5 minute video introducing prospective pastoral candidates to your context and congregation. The video can be informal, explaining what your congregation is seeking in a pastor and showing images of the members of your congregation and your worship environment. Here are some sample videos: [Example One](#), [Example Two](#). These samples were not produced by the NALC. They are both simply examples of the type of content you could include in a video.

Video Submission Instructions:

Upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo. (Here are instructions on how to upload to YouTube: www.wikihow.com/Upload-a-Video-to-YouTube.) Include a link to the video below. Make sure the link allows for public access to the video.

[video link]

Provide any other information about your congregation that may be helpful in the call process.

[enter text]

Completed by: The St. John's Call Committee Date: July 19, 2021

Morgan Connor, Brad Howe, Josh Leonard, Wyatt Tammen, Megan Wilken-Reynolds, Sandy Wilken (Chairman)

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North American Lutheran Church
Attn: Pr. David Wendel
2655 Innsbruck Drive, Suite A
New Brighton, MN 55112-9304

In addition, mail or email a copy of the completed profile to your mission district dean (can be found at thenalc.org/mission-districts/).

Should you have questions, call Pr. David Wendel, assistant to the bishop for ministry, at 719-650-8171 (cell).

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