

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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Congregation Name and Location

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

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Congregational Demographics

Number of **paid** staff (full- or part-time): Clergy 1 Lay professionals 2 Secretarial 1

Average worship attendance 35 - 50 Average Sunday school attendance 10

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

Large Inner City

Describe the congregation's ethnic composition and age distribution.

Majority Caucasian

Average age = 58 years 1/3 under 60 yrs. , 2/3 over 60 yrs.

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.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, led by the Word of God, will proclaim Christ Jesus through active discipleship within our community.

What are the primary goals of your congregation?

To continue discipleship growth, build relationships, and outreach to the community, especially children.

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

We use the ELW and GHF hymnals and use settings 1-10 for liturgy in the ELW. Prior to Covid we had a Sr. choir, Sr. Bell choir and in the summer special music is done by congregational volunteers. Altar cloths and pastor vestments are worn to coincide with the liturgical church seasons. Communion is currently on the first, third, and if applicable, the fifth Sundays of the month along with special church holidays

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

** Note: many activities are on hold due to Covid and will resume when safe to do so**

*Water Missions

*City Life (young teen org., by providing food, money, and Bibles)

*Trunk or Treat (Halloween)

*Bargain Yard (distributed Bibles, have prayer sessions and interact with community)

*Clothing Give Away

*Bags (provide backpacks for students and personal hygiene items for homeless)

*Partnership with nursing homes

*Support Wernle

*Support Lutheran Social Services

*Coordinate local neighborhood clean-up project

*Vacation Bible School

*Support NALC Disaster Recovery

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. Preach and teach the Word of God in purity and truth led by the Holy Spirit spoken from the heart.
2. Understanding of the community and its people, our mission(s) as a Church and our people. We all just want to be preached, taught, visited and cared for with the love of Jesus Christ.
3. Participate in Church activities, has a sense of humor and the want to connect with everyone from 1 to 100+.
4. Be a leader and create a discipleship culture.
5. Open communication both from and to the congregation.

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.

1917-2017 – In October 2017 we celebrated our 100th Anniversary of preaching, teaching and sharing the word of God throughout the community.
January, 2017 - The retirement of our pastor of 31 years
2012 – We moved from the ELCA to the NALC. The congregation as a whole decided we needed to stay grounded in the word of God and not give in to the demands of the world.

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. To tell the pastor about us to see if we share the same visions and are a good fit for one another
2. To rethink our financial reporting
3. Open communication is key

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?

Several years ago there was a conflict between two members on how an item was reported to council. One member felt betrayed by the Pastor. The elders and president tried to resolve the issue by getting the parties to talk to each other. Scripture from Matthew 18:15-1 was followed along with the church constitution. This led to a meeting with the Assistant to the Bishop. The conflict was resolved when the member who felt they had been betrayed sent a letter to all congregational members stating they would be leaving and transferring to another congregation.

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?

The experience with our last Pastor was at best a struggle. What was presented in the call process was not what we received and it led to disconnect between congregation and Pastor / Pastor and congregation. Several attempts were made to right the relationship with guidance from the NALC without success.

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: \$203,182.00

Benevolence to the North American Lutheran Church: \$857.00

Other benevolence: \$1,563.00

Total debt of the congregation: \$ none

Total savings, reserves, and endowments: \$242,339.00

Compensation of Last Pastor

Salary: \$44,600.00 Parsonage/housing allowance: \$37,000.00

Social security offset: N/A Pension: \$5,352.00

Health Insurance: \$7,824.00 Vacation: 4 weeks

Continuing education (time/funding): 1 week/\$600.00

Travel reimbursement: \$3,600.00

Other: N/A

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.

We are open and ready to embrace new leadership for a Christ centered future.

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

We would prefer not to go through this process again in the near future, so we hoping to have a pastor who is not close to retirement age and preferably one with some experience.

Completed by: David A. Gillilan

Date: 01/15/2021

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