

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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Congregation Name and Location

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Call Committee Chair

Name Ruth Mowat

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Congregational Demographics

Number of **paid** staff (full- or part-time)

Clergy Part time

Lay professionals 3

Secretarial 1

Average worship attendance 25 - 30

Average Sunday school attendance 0

Indicate the type of community in which your congregation is located (check all that apply).

- X Farming area
- _____ Metropolitan city
- X Small town or rural
- _____ Suburb of large city

Describe the congregation's ethnic composition and age distribution.

Caucasian Senior Citizens

Describe the congregation's current activities for mission and ministry; and the primary goals for your congregation.

- 1) Contribute to the local food pantry
- 2) Our "warm coat closet" gives away free clothing
- 3) Provide baby supplies for EMT for transport
- 4) Provide some supplies to new mothers who need help
- 5) Prepare & give away backpacks for National Night Out – activity promoting good community/police relations, especially with children
- 6) Send packages to military personnel
- 7) Each fund raising activity we have we select projects to receive funds. These vary each time.
- 8) Special collection once a month

Primary Goals

Our congregation needs a pastor who can help us refocus on our vision statement, which is centered on Christ.

Come together in worship,

Hear of God's plan of salvation in His word,

Respond to God's grace with thankful hearts,

Invite others into Christ's community,

Serve God in the world,

Tell to all the story of God's love.

Only by putting God first in everything can we hope to reenergize our members and keep our doors open.

List and Briefly Describe the Congregation's Top Five Ministry Needs

1. We need to promote, through prayers for God's help, that we love each other enough to accept different viewpoints in a supportive manner.
2. Group Bible study.
3. Development of leadership especially in discipleship style.
4. Need a pastor with a heart for elderly & shut-ins.
5. Availability for counseling.
6. Guidance to lead members back to our vision statement.

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

Follow liturgy in the LBW printed in 1978 and "With One Voice"
Vestments and paraments coordinated to church seasons
Electronic music for congregational singing, choir and song leaders
Holy Communion – weekly
Use of lay readers

Describe the nature and extent of any significant current or recent conflict in the congregation.

-Problems trying to achieve unity between traditionalists who want things the way they have always been and those who would like to incorporate some contemporary practices, especially in music.

-We still have members who embrace the concept that the pastor should do everything during the worship service while the laity watches.

-Some still view the pastor as an employee.

Congregational finances

Total budget for last fiscal year \$74,839
Benevolence to the North American Lutheran Church \$1,500
Other benevolence \$2,875
Total debt of the congregation none
Total savings, reserves, and endowment

Compensation of Last Pastor

Salary \$18,497 (9.75 months) Parsonage/housing allowance \$750/month included in salary
Social security offset 0 Pension \$1,175 (10 months paid with health insurance)
Health Insurance \$4,879 (10 months) Vacation 4 weeks 4 Sundays
Continuing education (time/funding) \$1,000
Travel reimbursement \$3,000 included in salary
Other: Our last Pastor was part of a two point parish arrangement and these figures reflect our payments only.

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

During our pastoral vacancy we have been blessed that God has sustained this congregation through the gifts of our Elders and others who are willing to use their talents to provide continuing pastoral care and worship services for our members.

Completed by: Ruth Mowat, call committee chair

Date: July 8, 2014

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