

Invitation for Members Interested in Being Candidates for Congregation Council

St. John's Council has established that a "brief" Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2011 (immediately following the Festival of Faith Service at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts) for the sole purpose of voting on candidates for the Congregation Council.

The Nominating Committee has started soliciting names for potential candidates for the Congregation Council.

Beginning May 9th several forms: *Council candidates (Biographical Data and Self Evaluation, Recommendation for Consideration for Congregation Council, and Expectations for Congregation Council Members)* will be available at the Welcome Centers and Receptionist office.

These forms should be completed and returned to the Receptionist in the church office not later than June 8, 2011.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION
FOR CONGREGATION COUNCIL
CR 2 Form 1**

Date: _____

Please consider _____
(print candidate name)

as a candidate for nomination for the Congregation Council of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This person gives permission to submit his/her name for consideration and understands that s/he will receive a self-evaluation and biographical form to be prayerfully completed and returned to the Nominating Committee Chair, by

(Deadline date)

Respectfully submitted,

(Print name of St. John's member or Nominating Committee Member)

(Contact information)

Candidate's contact information:

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL CANDIDATE
SELF-REFLECTION AND BIOGRAPHICAL FORM
CR 2 Form 2**

We ask that you prayerfully and thoughtfully complete this form. Please return it to:
_____ in the enclosed envelope by _____

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: _____ Nick Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Second E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Work Phone, if you may be called at work: _____

Year joined St. John's: _____ Place of baptism: _____

Previous service on St. John's Congregation Council: _____
(approximate dates of service)

Previous service on other councils: (church name, address, approximate dates of service)

PREVIOUS CHURCH SERVICE:

<u>GROUP</u> (Committee, etc.)	<u>ROLE</u> (teacher, member, etc.)	<u>TIME FRAME</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Information about your family (spouse, children, etc.) a favorite Bible verse and/or hobbies.

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SELF EVALUATION

Please give us written answers to these questions as you deem appropriate. Be assured that this information will be held in the strictest confidence.

- 1. Are you willing to be a leader? _____
- 2. Are you supportive of the theology of the ELCA? _____
- 3. Do you faithfully and regularly contribute to St. John's with your time, finances and talents? _____

Please give examples of each.

- 4. Do you agree to be a part of confidential discussions? _____
- 5. Do you accept the role of leadership within the congregation with the commitment to regularly seek spiritual guidance and direction? _____
- 6. Do you agree with "Expectations for Congregation Council Members" of Continuing Resolution #2? _____
- 7. After answering the above questions, are you willing to have your name placed on the ballot for the Congregation Council? _____

8. Additional Comments:

Signature _____ Date _____

CR-2 EXPECTATIONS FOR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

In accordance with the constitution, the members of the Congregation Council are expected to fulfill the following.

The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the ELCA.

Be a voting member of St. John's and maintain that status throughout the term of office by communing and making a recorded contribution each year.

- Attend regularly scheduled meetings.
- Do the utmost to complete the term for which elected
- Lead the congregation in stating its mission, do long-range planning; set goals and priorities, and evaluate activities in light of the mission and goals.
- Seek to involve all members of St. John's in worship, learning, witness, service and support
- Oversee and provide for the administration of St. John's to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.
- Maintain supportive relationships with the pastors and staff.
- Be examples individually and as a Congregation Council of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.
- Promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill and, as differences arise, endeavor to foster mutual understanding.
- Provide supervision for annual review of the membership roster.
- Perform role of liaison to a Ministry Team.
- Be responsible for the financial and property matters of St. John's.
- Carry out the provisions of St. John's Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions.
- Willingly accept other duties as may be required.