

November 27, 2015

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

The purpose of this email is to inform you of the progress of the Call Committee.

First of all, the Call Committee consists of nine (9) members, including one representative each of the Church Council, Pastoral Care and Discipleship Committees as well as six (6) members representing the TTF, school and the congregation. The specific members of the Committee are the following: Mary Ann Almond, Melissa Bauer, Ron Crouse, Katie Gibson, Jerry Hayward, Jason Lui, Mark Mellinger, Roger Thusius, and George Walls. The Committee is chaired by George Walls, our congregation's President. We have met three (3) times and will continue to meet every week. Under the guidance of Pastor David Maack, our acting Circuit Counselor and Southeastern District (SED) Vice President, and Pastor Donald Schaefer, LCMS SED Mission and Ministry Facilitator, the Committee's role has been defined and action has begun.

The Committee is completing a Self-Evaluation Tool (SET), a congregational profile document supplied by the District Office which consists of four major topics that pertain to our congregation. (A prospective pastor reviews this document in evaluating a divine call.) These topics include the following: (1) Self-Evaluation, (2) Demographics, (3) Financial, and (4) Missional. When the profile document has been completed, it will be shared with the congregation for additional input and, once finalized, sent to the SED President. He will use this to provide us with a list of pastoral candidates that are a match to our congregation. The congregation may also use the profile to submit names of pastoral candidates that they wish to be placed on the call list.

Preparing and extending a divine call is a deliberative and prayerful activity. We are grateful for the guidance provided us by our Father through Pastor Maack and Pastor Schaefer. We also request your prayers for wisdom and understanding as we prepare the SET for your attention, input, and final approval.

Your Servants in Christ,
The Call Committee