

Congregational Survey #1 – *How I Feel*

Please check only one answer for each of the following unless otherwise directed.

1. How do you feel about the fellowship and group life of our congregation?
 - a. ____ Not meeting needs
 - b. ____ Barely passing
 - c. ____ Meeting needs
 - d. ____ Very effective
2. I find the worship services at our church ...
 - a. ____ Dull, uninteresting
 - b. ____ Routine
 - c. ____ Usually helpful
 - d. ____ Consistently inspiring
3. What potential does our congregation have for growth?
 - a. ____ Poor
 - b. ____ Limited
 - c. ____ Good
 - d. ____ Excellent
4. How do you feel about our congregation's efforts to care for hurting and needy people?
 - a. ____ Not meeting needs
 - b. ____ Barely passing
 - c. ____ Meeting needs
 - d. ____ Very effective
5. How do you feel about our congregation's program of Christian education for children?
 - a. ____ Not meeting needs
 - b. ____ Barely passing
 - c. ____ Meeting needs
 - d. ____ Very effective
6. How do you feel about our congregation's program of spiritual growth for youth (14-18)?
 - a. ____ Not meeting needs
 - b. ____ Barely passing
 - c. ____ Meeting needs
 - d. ____ Very effective
7. How do you feel about our congregation's program of spiritual growth for adults?
 - a. ____ Not meeting needs
 - b. ____ Barely passing
 - c. ____ Meeting needs
 - d. ____ Very effective

8. How do you feel about the evangelism efforts of our congregation in the community?
- a. ____ Not meeting needs c. ____ Meeting needs
b. ____ Barely passing d. ____ Very effective
9. I feel, in general, that the programs being carried out by our congregation are ...
- a. ____ Not meeting needs c. ____ Meeting needs
b. ____ Barely passing d. ____ Very effective
10. Church activities for me are ...
- a. ____ Something to avoid c. ____ Somewhat satisfying
b. ____ A necessary duty d. ____ A major source of satisfaction
11. What **one** major area do you feel should receive more emphasis in our congregation?
- a. ____ Fellowship and group life f. ____ Reclaiming inactives (strayed and straying)
b. ____ Worship g. ____ Adult spiritual growth (Bible study/Christian Ed.)
c. ____ Outreach/Evangelism h. ____ Children's spiritual growth
d. ____ Teen program i. ____ Involving members in meaningful service
e. ____ Missions (home and world) j. ____ Other:
12. All in all, do you feel you "fit in" and are valued as a part of our church family?
- a. ____ Generally, no c. ____ Usually
b. ____ At times d. ____ Very much so
13. Do you feel you have a part in the decision-making in our congregation?
- a. ____ No c. ____ Sometimes
b. ____ To a small degree d. ____ Yes
14. If given the opportunity to participate in training for outreach ministry, I would:
- a. ____ Run the other way c. ____ Be available if asked
b. ____ Be cautiously interested d. ____ Sign up

15. In using my spiritual gifts in the work of the church, I ...

- a. Don't know what my gifts are
- b. Would like to find out more about my gifts
- c. Would like to use my gifts if asked
- d. Have identified and am using my gifts

16. The areas of my faith-life with which my church could better help me are:

(Select only three and number them 1-2-3 in priority order.)

- Feeling close to God
- Knowing my Bible better
- Coping with hurts and problems
- Connecting with other Christians in close friendship
- Managing my time and money
- Developing a stronger family
- Gaining a greater sense of purpose and meaning for my life
- Making better decisions
- Understanding the challenging issues and questions a Christian faces
- Becoming a more prepared and confident Christian witness

17. Our ability as a congregation to carry out its existing mission would best be served by ...

- Keeping things the same
- Making some changes
- Doing things significantly different

18. I would prefer that music in worship be ...

- Traditional Lutheran hymns and liturgical responses
- A blend of the traditional and easy-to-sing spiritual songs
- Up-beat and easy-to-sing spiritual songs

19. I would rank in order of importance the following purposes of the church:

(Select only three and number them 1-2-3 in priority order.)

- Outreach to non-Christians
- Spiritual care of members through visitation and counseling
- Spiritual growth of members through Bible study
- Nurturing children with God's Word
- Equipping members for serving the Lord
- Glorifying God with worship
- Regaining those who stray from the faith
- Providing a fellowship of mutual love, comfort, and admonition

20. I would rank in order of importance the following ways the pastor's time should be spent:

(Select only five and number them 1-2-3-4-5 in priority order.)

- Counseling troubled members
- Preparing for preaching and worship
- Teaching children
- Visiting unchurched prospects
- Visiting inactive members
- Teaching and training adults
- Efficient administration and communication of church programs/organizations
- Personal (spiritual) and professional growth through study
- Creative planning and leadership

21. Additional comments you wish to share: