



St. John's Lutheran Church

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Dear Members of St. John's:

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold its Annual Meeting on January 28, 2024. The Church Council is passing on two items for our consideration at the Annual Meeting.

One item is a proposed addition to our bylaws. It authorizes members of our ministry committees to find and submit possible candidates to the Nominating Committee to replace those whose terms have ended.

The second item to be considered is a proposed amendment to the constitution that addresses unforeseen maintenance and repairs. The amendment allows the Church Council or Trustees to enter into contracts containing unbudgeted expenses over \$1,000.00.

These items are available to be read on our website and on our church bulletin board. Included with these items for consideration at the Annual Meeting are the constitutional requirements for their consideration and approval.

Amendment to the Constitution

Current Section C12.05.c

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c. The Congregation Council acting through the Boards, may enter into contracts of up to \$1,000 for items not included in the budget.

Proposed Section C12.05.

C12.05.c

c. The Congregation Council acting through the Boards, may enter into contracts of up to **20% of the budget** for items not included in the budget.

Chapter 17. AMENDMENTS

*C17.01. Unless provision *C17.04. is applicable, those sections of this constitution that are not required, in accord with the Model Constitution of Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, may be amended in the following manner. Amendments may be proposed by at least 10 voting members or by the Congregation Council. Proposals must be filed in writing with the Congregation Council 60 days before formal consideration by this congregation at its regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose. The Congregation Council shall notify the members of the proposal with the council's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. Notification may take place by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law.

*C17.02. An amendment to this constitution, proposed under *C17.01., shall:

- a. be approved at a legally called Congregation Meeting according to this constitution by a majority vote of those present and voting;
- b. be ratified without change at the next annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting; and
- c. have the effective date included in the resolution and noted in the constitution.

Proposed Bylaw Resolution

St. John's Lutheran Church relies on its members, called by the Holy Spirit, to lead and serve in its ministries. A Nominating Committee presents nominees for Church Officers and Committee Members to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Church Committee members are familiar with the work of their ministries and the time and talents of the members.

Now Therefore:

In order to assist the St. John's Nominating Committee in finding members with the time and talents to lead and serve in its Ministry Committees, therefore be it:

- Resolved: That the Ministry Committees consider the time and talents of members and recruit replacements for their Committees.
- Resolved: That the Ministry Committees submit these members for consideration by the Nominating Committee.
- Resolved: That the Nominating Committee present candidates to be considered and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Chapter 16. BYLAWS

- *C16.01. This congregation may adopt bylaws. No bylaw may conflict with this constitution.
- *C16.02. Bylaws may be adopted or amended at any legally called meeting of this congregation with a quorum present by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting.
- *C16.03. Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any voting member provided, that such additions or amendments be submitted in writing to the Congregation Council at least 60 days before a regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose. The Congregation Council shall notify the congregation's members of the proposal with the council's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the Congregation Meeting. Notification may take place by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law.