

Christ Lutheran Church – Pretzel City Parish Discernment Survey

Purpose of This Survey

As Christ Lutheran Church discerns our future within the Pretzel City Parish (PCP), we invite every member to share their understanding, experiences, concerns, and hopes. Your responses will help guide our conversation about whether to renew the covenant or pursue a different path.

Section 1 — Your Understanding of the PCP

1. How well do you feel you understand what the Pretzel City Parish is and why it exists?

- ☐ I understand it well
- ☐ I understand some parts
- ☐ I've heard of it but don't really understand it
- ☐ I do not understand it at all

2. How clear are you about why Christ Lutheran participates in the PCP?

- ☐ Very clear
- ☐ Mostly clear
- ☐ Somewhat unclear
- ☐ Not clear at all

3. Which statements reflect your current understanding of the PCP? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ It helps congregations share pastoral leadership
- ☐ It helps reduce financial strain on small congregations
- ☐ It provides shared worship and ministry opportunities
- ☐ I'm not sure what it provides
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 2 — Impact on Christ Lutheran

1. How has the PCP arrangement affected your experience at Christ Lutheran?

- ☐ Very positively
- ☐ Somewhat positively
- ☐ Neutral / No noticeable change
- ☐ Somewhat negatively
- ☐ Very negatively

2. What benefits have you noticed for Christ Lutheran because of the PCP? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Consistent worship leadership
 - ☐ Access to additional pastors, LLMs, and worship leaders when needed
 - ☐ Shared ministry opportunities
 - ☐ Financial stability
 - ☐ Stronger connection to other congregations
 - ☐ I have not noticed benefits
 - ☐ Other: _____
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3. What concerns do you have about the PCP arrangement? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Loss of identity or autonomy
- ☐ Confusion about leadership
- ☐ Worship inconsistency
- ☐ Financial concerns
- ☐ Lack of communication
- ☐ I do not have concerns
- ☐ Other: _____

4. How informed do you feel about how the PCP functions?

- ☐ Very informed
- ☐ Somewhat informed
- ☐ Not very informed
- ☐ Not informed at all

Section 3 — Relationship With Other Congregations

1. How connected do you feel to the other congregations in the PCP?

- ☐ Very connected
- ☐ Somewhat connected
- ☐ Not very connected
- ☐ Not connected at all

2. What has helped you feel connected? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Shared worship services
- ☐ Lenten meals or events
- ☐ Conversations with members from other congregations
- ☐ Serving together
- ☐ I have not felt connected
- ☐ Other: _____

3. What makes connection difficult? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Distance / travel
- ☐ Scheduling
- ☐ Lack of communication
- ☐ Unfamiliarity with other congregations
- ☐ I don't feel a need for connection
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 4 — Worship & Leadership

1. How do you feel about having multiple worship leaders across the parish?

- ☐ I like it
- ☐ I'm comfortable with it
- ☐ I'm unsure
- ☐ I prefer one consistent leader
- ☐ I strongly prefer one consistent leader

2. Does knowing who is leading worship affect your decision to attend?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Sometimes

3. What aspects of worship leadership matter most to you? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Preaching
- ☐ Consistency
- ☐ Pastoral presence
- ☐ Relationships
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Familiarity with the congregation
- ☐ Other: _____

Leadership-Connection Questions

1. Which worship leaders within the PCP do you feel connected to or comfortable with? (Check all that apply.)

Rostered Leaders

- ☐ Pastor Bruce Osterhout
- ☐ Pastor Drew Neidig
- ☐ Pastor Rebecca Knox
- ☐ Deacon Diana Pelletier

Licensed Lay Ministers / Interns / Seminarians

- ☐ LLM Tanya Kantner
- ☐ LLM Shirley Lyttle
- ☐ LLM Kathy Fegley (Zion-Spies)
- ☐ LLM Wendy Wegman (Zion-Spies)
- ☐ Seminarian April Mulvey

☐ I do not feel connected to any particular leader

☐ Other: _____

1. What helps you feel connected to a worship leader?

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Preaching style
- ☐ Consistency of presence
- ☐ Warmth and relational connection
- ☐ Pastoral care or conversation outside of worship
- ☐ Familiarity with Christ Lutheran's people and history
- ☐ Clarity and flow of worship leadership
- ☐ Shared ministry or service experiences
- ☐ Seeing them regularly in the rotation
- ☐ Their ability to connect across generations
- ☐ I do not feel strongly connected to any leader
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 5 — Discernment About the Future

1. How ready do you feel for Christ Lutheran to continue in the PCP covenant for another term?

- ☐ Ready
- ☐ Mostly ready
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Not ready
- ☐ Need more information

2. What would help you feel more confident in this decision? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Clearer communication
- ☐ Financial information
- ☐ Understanding the long-term vision
- ☐ Hearing from leadership
- ☐ Hearing from other members
- ☐ More time for discussion
- ☐ Other: _____

3. What do you hope the future of Christ Lutheran looks like?

- ☐ Stronger partnership within the PCP
- ☐ A modified or smaller partnership
- ☐ Returning to independent ministry
- ☐ I'm unsure
- ☐ Other: _____

4. What concerns or fears do you have about the future of Christ Lutheran? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Declining membership
- ☐ Financial sustainability
- ☐ Pastoral leadership
- ☐ Loss of identity
- ☐ Uncertainty about the PCP
- ☐ I do not have concerns
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 6 — Open Reflection (Optional)

1. Is there anything else you want leadership to understand as we discern the future of the PCP?

Optional Information

Name (optional): _____

Email (optional): _____

Return Instructions

Please return this survey by Monday, August 10 so results can be compiled for:

- **The Congregational Discussion on Sunday, August 16**
- **The Council Meeting on Monday, August 17**