



Title: Communion Assistant Selection

Policy #: 27

EXPIRES: When Replaced

ISSUED BY: Church Council

SIGNED:

1 History

VERSION	DATE APPROVED	UPDATED BY	PURPOSE FOR CREATION/UPDATE
1.0	5/21/02	UNKNOWN	GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
	4/18/17	ELDER TEAM	UPDATE TO CURRENT PRACTICES

2 Scope

This policy is part of St. Paul Lutheran Church's organizational policies. This policy applies to Congregation members.

3 Policy

Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 focus upon the themes of spiritual wisdom, good character and good reputation as important criteria for lay leaders in the church. Men will not be considered who randomly volunteer from the congregation nor will a general request for volunteers be published. There is to be a sense of calling connected to being invited to participate in this ministry. These men have not sought this position. Rather, God has led fellow leaders and the Pastors to invite them to consider participating.

4 Procedure

1. The Senior Pastor will compile a list of male members that would be good candidates.
2. Candidates will be invited to interview with the Pastor.
3. After sharing the Bible passages mentioned above, the interviewing Pastor will ask the candidate if there is anything in their past from the last 3 years that would preclude them from serving as a Communion Assistant. (ie, Has there been any public sin in their recent past? If there has been, it is appropriate for them to not be involved in public ministry for 3 years after they have changed the way they think and act (repented).
4. If there is agreement between the pastor(s) and the candidate, he will become a Communion Assistant.

5 Forms

None