

To: L.I.F.T. Congregations of Fremont, Ohio area

From: The Transition Team (A subcommittee of the "Call Process")

Subject: Status update regarding the Call of a new Pastor for L.I.F.T.

Date: May 27, 2020

Following the departure of Pastor Scott Mauch as Pastor of the L.I.F.T. Parish, the L.I.F.T. Board endeavors to seek a new Pastor for this position. The Board is following the guidelines outlined in "The Call Process" provided by the Northwest Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Call Process is a detailed process to assist congregations in bringing closure to present ministry, reflect on the congregation's future and initiate a search for a new Pastor.

One of the steps is to form a "Transition Team". This team is made up of the L.I.F.T. board executive team and 2 members from each L.I.F.T. member congregation. The transition team facilitates the leaving of the departing pastor, examines L.I.F.T.'s organizational needs, visions and identity. This team will also work to welcome the new pastor and support installation.

The transition team has met three times, most recently Sunday May 24. The team is currently in the organizational, vision and identity phase. We have entertained discussions and sought feedback from the leadership of the L.I.F.T. member churches and are receiving very good constructive feedback. We have finalized a survey to be made available to our member churches and individual members. These surveys are to be distributed beginning the end of May with results to be in by the middle of June. Look for information to be available through your Church office as a hard copy and also online through "Survey Monkey".

The resulting information will be used to help determine the needs and direction of the L.I.F.T. Ministry to best serve God's Mission. This information will in turn provide guidance to the "Call Committee" to steer their search for a new pastor. We are targeting to have the Call Committee up and running by the end of June.

Any questions and comments can be directed to your church office or by contacting a member of the Transition Team. See included list of transition team representatives.

Thank you,

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