

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CHURCH COUNCIL AND ELDER NOMINATIONS

### Church Elder

It is the responsibility of the Board of Elders to oversee the spiritual and doctrinal life of the congregation. This is accomplished by receiving monthly reports from the Senior Pastor, and hearing and acting upon recommendations, suggestions, and concerns from both laity and staff. Elders are present at every worship service and help to conduct the service in decency and order. They are responsible for overseeing worship attendance and membership issues. An Elder must be a male communicant of Trinity. He must be a spiritual person, regular in worship and in the study of God's Word.

### Church Council Member

The Church Council is the congregational-elected agency for conducting the day-to-day business of Trinity. It supervises the overall work within the congregation, makes strategic plans, and takes corrective steps when necessary. A Church Council member must be a communicant member of Trinity, male or female. He/She must be a spiritual person, regular in worship and in the study of God's Word.

### Communion Assistant

Communion assistants aid the Pastors and Elders in the preparation and distribution of the Lord's Supper. A communion assistant must be a communicant member. She/He must be a spiritual person, regular in worship and in the study of God's Word. Volunteers interested in being a Communion assistant should contact Board of Elders Chair Greg Geisler at elderchair@trinityroselle.com.

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Name of Person being Nominated

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Phone

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E-mail Address

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For the Position of Elder or Church Council

Initials of

Nominator

Nominee

_____	_____	I have spoken with this person and he or she is willing to be considered for nomination
_____	_____	For all nominees, I have shared the "Prerequisite for Nomination as a Leader of Trinity Congregation" with this person and she or he understands the process being used.
_____	_____	In the case of a Council nomination, I have shared the "Church Council Responsibilities" (Section 4.0)* with the nominee and they are willing to adhere to these policies should the nominee be elected.
_____	_____	I believe this person demonstrates the qualities suggested in these documents and should be considered as a candidate for the Church Council or Elder.

I believe this person is well qualified to give leadership to our congregation because. . .

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Signature of the Nominator

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Phone

\*"Prerequisite for Nomination as a Leader of Trinity Congregation & Church Council Responsibilities" handouts are located in the wall slots by the front desk.

**Please return form to Front Desk Lobby by June 1, 2025.**

# PREREQUISITE FOR NOMINATION AS A LEADER OF TRINITY CONGREGATION

## **As summarized in the Preamble of the Constitution for our congregation we are bound to spread the gospel:**

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

## **We are instructed to teach the Gospel in its truth and purity:**

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel – not that there is another gospel, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:6-8)

## **We are called to remain steadfast in the face of adversity:**

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.” (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

## **And we are called to work in an orderly manner:**

“But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.” (1 Corinthians 14:40)

## **Also, we are equipped for this mission by steadfastly hearing and studying the Word of God:**

“He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God” (John 8:47)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly

“He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” (Luke 11:28)

“While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!’” (Matthew 17:5)

“To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, “If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)

**Therefore it is essential that all persons nominated for positions of leadership within the church subscribe to frequent exposure to The Word through regular church attendance and study of The Word.**

**This is understood to be used as a guide or prerequisite for self examination prior to acceptance of nomination:**

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?!” (2 Corinthians 13:5)

**And always to be administered in a loving and caring manner, with our ministry of forgiveness in Christ Jesus at the center of all we do:**

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen” (1 Peter 4:8-11)

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” And with that He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’” (John 20:19-23)