

## Fall 2018 CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

We are conducting a survey from our congregational members about our ministry together particularly in the area of worship. Your participation will help provide information for a better understanding of our faith practices. Your opinion is valuable no matter how active you are in the congregation. *This takes about 5 to 10 minutes to complete but provides valuable information to serve you!* Please complete and return by Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU!!

{All confirmed members in the household are encouraged to complete the survey – you can use multiple markings on the same form for each person or contact the church for another copy.

### 1. How does the summer worship schedule change from worship at 10:30AM to 9:30AM, impact your worship attendance during the summer:

- I attend the 8:00AM service, so no impact.
- Having it a 9:30AM instead of 10:30AM makes me more likely to attend
- Moving it to 9:30AM instead of 10:30AM makes me less likely to attend
- Changing the time from 10:30AM to 9:30AM makes no difference to me at all.

### 2. Outside services. During the summer months we have the outdoor worship in the chapel once a month for the 9:30AM service. Does having the outdoor worship service:

- Make you more likely to attend that Sunday. If yes, please answer question 2a.
  - 2a. If more likely, is it because (check all that apply)
    - I like being able to worship outside.
    - I wish we had even more opportunities to worship out in the chapel.
- Make you less likely to attend that Sunday. If yes, please answer question 2b.
  - 2b. If less likely, is it because (check all that apply)
    - I do not like worshipping outside.
    - Too much variance in the weather (too hot, too wet, too cold)
    - It is too hard for me physically to navigate the ground and getting back there
    - It is too hard to hear and/or sing.
- It has no impact on me because I attend the 8:00 service.

### 3. The 242 services. Have you ever worshipped at the 24Tuesday worship service?

- Yes – once *Go on to question 5*
- Yes – a few times. *Please answer question 4*
- Yes, I am a fairly regular attender at these services. *Please answer question 4*
- No, and I currently do not plan to. *Go to question 5*
- No, but I am thinking of trying it sometime. *Go to question 5*

**4. If you answered yes to question #3, what are some of the reasons you attend: (Check all that apply)**

- I like the format  I like the alternative worship time from Sunday morning
- I prefer it to Sunday morning liturgy  I like worship in the Fellowship Hall
- I like the "teaching" aspect to it.  I like something different in my worship such as this.
- Other reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Christmas Eve services. Which best describes your worship on Christmas Eve?**

- Due to family/travel we worship at another church
- Due to family gathering and schedules we typically do not worship on Christmas Eve
- I/we typically attend the 5:30PM Family Service
- I/we typically attend the 7:30PM Traditional Service
- I/we typically attend the late 11:00PM Evening Service

**6. Other weeknight services: During Advent and Lent we offer midweek services during these special church seasons. Which best describes your worship attendance during these evenings?**

- I attend most of these services *(If yes go to question 6a)*
- I attend occasionally *(If yes, go to question 6a)*
- I rarely if ever attend *(If yes, go to question 6b)*

6a – I attend the Advent and Lent midweek services as I can because: (Check all that apply)

- I like that format of these services
- It helps me enter more fully into the church season
- It has always been my practice to attend these

6b – I typically do not attend the Advent and Lent midweek evening services because: (Check all that apply).

- I do not like the format of these services.
- My schedule is too full.
- I do not see the value of these services/I'm not interested.
- I typically do not go out at night when these services are offered.
- I am just not familiar with them.
- It is not my practice to attend these.

**7. Sunday morning worship. On average, from fall through spring, how often do you typically attend worship on Sunday morning?**

- A few times a year (1- 5 Sundays)                       Twice a month  
 Multiple times a year (6-10 Sundays)                       Almost every Sunday  
 Once a month

**8. What factors go into making a decision to come to Sunday worship? (Check all that apply)**

- Our schedules                       The time of the year  
 The worship format                       The type of service  
 Feeling guilty if I do not                       It is my expectation as a member

**9. Once a month, at the later worship service, we have our RUAH service (music lead by differing instruments and songs as opposed to the organ). How does this impact your decision to attend worship? (Check all that apply)**

- I am unfamiliar with the RUAH service, so it has no impact.  
 I attend the 8:00 service, so it has no impact.  
 I am more likely to come to worship knowing it is a RUAH Sunday.  
 I am less likely to come to worship knowing it is a RUAH Sunday.  
 The worship format does not impact my decision to come to worship.  
 I wish there were more RUAH type worship services.

**10. Your worship experience. On the Sundays that I attend worship, MOST of the time, (*not every time*) what I appreciate/connects with me, the most are: (Check all that apply)**

- The music and singing                       Hearing the choir  
 Lutheran liturgy/order of service                       Hearing the Bible lessons  
 The sermon                       The time in prayer & meditation  
 Receiving communion                       A time for confession  
 Fellowship with others

**11. Your Sunday worship experience. For your worship and spiritual growth in God, MOST of the time, (*not every time*) what is usually most important to me are the following: (Rank the top 3 – with 1 being the highest)**

- The music and singing                       Hearing the choir  
 Lutheran liturgy/order of service                       Hearing the Bible lessons  
 The sermon                       The time in prayer & meditation  
 Receiving communion                       A time for confession  
 Fellowship with others

**12. Outside of worship at CRLC, what types of things do you find meaningful for your spiritual life?**

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**13. Anything you would like to add about your usual worship experience on Sunday mornings:**

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**OTHER AREAS OF MINISTRY:**

**14. How do you get your information about what is happening at CRLC? Rank the top method with 1, and your second method with a 2.**

- WEEKLY INSIGHT (Bulletin)
- MONTHLY INSIGHT (Newsletter)
- Check the church's website
- Pastor's Sunday morning announcements
- Announcements on sanctuary and gathering space screens
- Hear from other members
- Automated phone call reminders

Use of computer and technology:

**15. The newsletter**

I mainly read the newsletter online  I never read the newsletter

I read a hard copy of the newsletter

**16. I am  more likely OR  less likely to read the newsletter when I get it by email.**

**17. I would use the internet/computer to sign up for attending, volunteering, and helping with things like ushering, reading lessons, works days, etc.**

YES  MAYBE  NOT LIKELY

**18. Were you aware we have the ability to receive online giving directly from your bank account and also on our website?  Yes  No**

**19. Would you be interested in using online giving if you are not already?  Yes  No**

20. Do you know what a columbarium is? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, please answer 20a

20a: Would you be interested in one possibly being located on CRLC grounds? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure

21. In telling others about CRLC, what would you list as some of the strengths of our congregation:

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THANKS!!

A little about you: {Optional – but helpful information for us}

Do you consider yourself a regular attender of worship? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you primarily attend the early or later worship on Sunday morning? \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> service \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> service

How long have you been a member at CRLC?

\_\_\_ Less than 3 years

\_\_\_ 3 to 7 years

\_\_\_ 8 to 10 years

\_\_\_ 11 to 19 years

\_\_\_ 20+ years

What age bracket do you place yourself?

\_\_\_ 13-20

\_\_\_ 31-40

\_\_\_ 51-60

\_\_\_ Over 70

\_\_\_ 21-30

\_\_\_ 41-50

\_\_\_ 61-70

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS.**

Please turn these into the church office or place in the "Survey Box" by October 7<sup>th</sup>.