# Faith Lutheran Church - Parish update/census form

We have moved to a new software and are updating our church records to ensure efficient communication, correct contact information, and accurate voting records. It is <u>important</u> that <u>everybody</u> completes this form, regardless of how long you have been a member or how involved you are, because we need everybody switched over to the new record keeping software.

Please **print legibly,** completing <u>all sections</u> and return to the church (201 Granite St. 02169) or by e-mail to <u>FLCQUINCY@gmail.com</u>. **Due back by November 6th, 2022.** 

\*Your information is confidential and will not be shared beyond authorized church personnel. You have the option to opt-in for your contact information to be made available to other church members.

#### **Section 1 - Contact Information**

Place a checkmark in the far right column for any contact information you authorize to be available to the congregation members

Name (Title,first, middle, last)		
Pronouns <i>(optional)</i>	□ She/Her □ He/Him □ They/Them □	
Address (street, city, state, zip)		
Mailing Address (if different from above)		
Phone Number (primary)		
	(is the number above: <a>home</a> <a>cell</a> <a>work</a> <a>other</a> )	
Phone Number(s) <i>(alternate)</i>		
	(is the number above: <a>home</a> <a>cell</a> <a>work</a> <a>other</a> )	
E-mail (please use all CAPS so we can distinguish letters easily)		
Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)		

#### **Section 2 - Membership**

*There are many ways you can choose to classify membership status. Please read first.* **Member vs. Participant -** <u>Participants</u> are not eligible to vote nor serve on church council. They are involved in one or more areas of church life and do not need to consider themselves to be Lutheran. Some participants are connected through community service projects or newsletter communications only, while other participants are actively involved in multiple areas of church life, but choose not to be members. <u>Members</u> are eligible to vote and serve on church council. They are members of the congregation and larger ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) denomination. Membership can occur by baptism, transfer, or choice as an adult.

Active vs. Inactive - The ELCA constitution dictates that active membership requires a person to have received communion once, and made any financial contribution during the year to remain active. Only active members are eligible to vote and serve on council. Inactive members can return to an active status simply by meeting the two requirements. For participants, active means that you have contact with the congregation at least once during the year. This can be worship, events, special services, ministries, or communications.

Active members are the only category eligible to vote (congregation, synod, & churchwide) and serve on church council. All others have voice, but no vote. Inactive Participants are the only category that will be automatically removed from church communications. If you find yourself in this category, but would like to continue receiving communications please let the office administrator know directly. Inactive members are never removed from church rosters and records, except by request of the individual. You can always return to active by meeting the requirements.

# <u>Please select which category of membership you choose. Note that for active</u> <u>members, you must meet the requirements (listed above) by Dec. 31, 2022, and</u> <u>annually to maintain active status.</u>

Active Member	Active Participant
Inactive Member	Inactive Participant

□ I would like become a member by baptism, transfer, or choice

#### **Section 3 - Church Records**

Churches keep many records for you and can be useful for generations. Please fill out as much of the information below as you know and are comfortable having in the confidential church record. Not all categories will apply to everybody.

	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Location (church name, city, state)	Notes/comments Or others involved
Baptism			
First Communion			
Confirmation			
Marriage			

## Section 4 - Household & Family Information

Please include anybody in your household or family that you would like us to know. However, listing someone here who is confirmed or over age 18, <u>does not count</u> for their membership. Each individual who wants to be a member/participant <u>must</u> fill out their own form.

Name	Birthdate	Relation to you	Please check one
			<ul> <li>Member</li> <li>Participant</li> <li>Child (under 18 and not confirmed)</li> <li>Non-Member</li> </ul>
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# Section 5 - Financial Stewardship Information

Please check one:

I use offering envelopes and my current envelope number is \_\_\_\_\_\_

- □ I give online
- □ I would like help setting up online giving and/or auto pay
- □ I currently don't have envelopes and would like some
- □ I do not give regularly and do not need envelopes or online giving assistance



## Section 7 - Care & Communications

Do you want to receive our monthly newsletter? <sup>O</sup> Yes, by email <sup>O</sup> Yes, by mail <sup>O</sup>No

Do you want to receive email communications about upcoming events and the weekly bulletin/readings/worship information? <sup>□</sup> Yes <sup>□</sup> No

Are you unable to leave your residence and want the Pastor to visit you regularly?  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No