



# Transition Team Survey # 5 - Part 1

## What has our history taught us?

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Our significant historical moments and our collective history are important for us to understand who we are as a congregation. The church is a body of people, and like the larger church, we as a congregation have a history. To know who we are means to know what we have experienced. In this survey, we ask you to recall a few specific highlights and challenges, especially as a congregation. This survey has 2 parts and is intended to be facilitated with a 17-minute meeting with room and time for your additional reflections in writing. Please keep Part 1 as a tool for exploring and sharing your personal story and continuing the conversation.

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LCOS HISTORY & MY HISTORY

1944

The Rev. Elmer E. Onstiansen 1945-47

First Worship Service Oct 1, 1944, 2760 "D" St in renovated home.

The Rev. Theodore T. Brueckner 1948-52

Officially organized May 1945, American Lutheran Church.  
Dedication of New Chapel April 7, 1946, 30th and "G" Streets.

The Rev. Elmer H. Doering 1953-64

First Parsonage Completed, February 1948.  
Groundbreaking for New Sanctuary, April 17, 1948.  
Laying of Cornerstone, May 28, 1950.  
Dedication of New Sanctuary, March 30, 1952.

The Rev. Lester H. Hoffmann 1964-71

Became member of the American Lutheran Church, 1964.  
Planning Committee tours new Church site, September 24, 1964.

The Rev. Kenneth T. Caudill 1971-91

Last Service at LCOS, 30th and "G" Street, August 28, 1966.  
Groundbreaking New Parish Hall, Feb 27, 1966, 5050 N. Sierra Way.  
Parish Hall completed, September 1966.  
Laying of New Cornerstone for Sanctuary, October 30, 1966.  
Dedication of New Sanctuary and Parish Hall, January 29, 1967.

The Rev. Mark A. Bankson 1989-93

Dedication of New Addition: Offices, Library & Nursery, June 20, 1976.

The Rev. Eugene R. Holtz 1992-98

Installation of Stained Glass Windows, December 19, 1978.

The Rev. Edwood "Woody" Hall 1999-2010

Groundbreaking for New Education Unit, March 20, 1988.  
Dedication of new Visser-Rowland Pipe Organ, October 29, 1989.  
Became a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1991.

Celebration of its 50th Anniversary, May 21, 1995.

Dedication of Friendship Center, April 22, 2001.

Groundbreaking for Renovation, September 21, 2008.  
Dedication of renovated facilities, October 18, 2009.  
Celebration of 65th Anniversary of the Congregation, June 6, 2010.

2011

- Most joyful memory?
- Most difficult task?
- Most significant congregational conflict? What have we learned?



- 1) When & where were you baptized? Does it fit on this timeline?
- 2) When did you join the LCOS community & what brought you here?
- 3) What is your most joyful memory of LCOS? When was that?



# Transition Team Survey # 5 - Part 2

## What has our history taught us?

Your name:

Your name helps us reach every member.

This part is very important. All congregations, like all families, and like the whole Church from the time of the Apostles, have conflicts, difficult experiences, losses, and various challenges. While the issues that result in conflict are of interest, there have and always will be old and new issues for disagreement. So even more of interest to a potential candidate is what we have learned through our history. How have we grown over the years of working, worshiping, and serving together in the midst of loss, disagreement, and other challenges? Please express your thoughts in one of the 17-minute meetings and/or write a response in the space below.

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LCOS HISTORY & LESSONS LEARNED

The Rev. Emer E. Christiansen 1945-1947
The Rev. Theodore T. Brueckner 1948-1952
The Rev. Elmer H. Doering 1953-1964
The Rev. Lester H. Hoffmann 1964-1971
The Rev. Kenneth T. Caudill 1971-1991
The Rev. Mark A. Bankson 1989-93
The Rev. Michael Stoits 1993-97
The Rev. Elwood "Woody" Hall 1999-2010



Think through the difficult experiences the congregation has come through.

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4) What is the most difficult task that the congregation had to face in its history?

5) What was the most significant congregational conflict in the last 25 years?

What did the congregation learn for it?

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**Thank You for your participation!**