



Dear Pastor,

Lutheran Life Villages began in 1931, organized by a group of Lutheran congregations as an extension of their ministry in response to a need for Christ-centered care for older adults. Today, over 88 years later, we continue to provide that Christ-centered care and services for the ever-growing number of older adults in our community.

At Lutheran Life Villages, our mission is paramount: As an expression of Christ's love, we serve individuals and their caregivers with compassion and respect for independence, wellness and spiritual life. The mission of Lutheran Life Villages does not exist without the support and participation of our 62 member congregations, including our 15 member Board of Directors.

Chaplain Mike Wakeland faithfully leads our pastoral care team who minister to the staff and residents daily while also partnering with many of our congregations and the Seminary to extend their ministry partnership in our greater community.

One critical component for Lutheran Life Villages is our congregational delegates, appointed by you, our member congregations.

The most important responsibility of a delegate is to pray for the LLV ministry and to share with us how we are doing. We at Lutheran Life Villages strive to continually improve and your valuable input is essential to make this happen.

The second item is to connect Lutheran Life Villages with your congregation. We enjoy building relationships and sharing our skills/tools/knowledge with your church.

The third item that we ask of delegates is to read the monthly e-newsletter. This will allow your congregation to stay in the loop on what is happening at Lutheran Life Villages.

Finally, as a delegate, we ask that you join us at the annual meeting in March each year. It's a time to come together, have a great meal, get to know other delegates and celebrate the accomplishments and plans for Lutheran Life Villages.

As partners in ministry, we want to share our resources with you! Our professional staff are available to share knowledge, experience and expertise in senior care and services that can support the members and groups at your church.

We are refreshing our delegates for 2020. Please find attached the Delegate Appointment Instructions. I ask that you appoint delegates for your congregation for 2020, based on the size of your congregation, no later than Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

We have also begun a new program with our Board of Directors in 2019. Each board member has



selected a congregation to mentor. This means that each of our 62 member congregations now have a Board Liaison. Your Board Liaison is _____ who is a member at _____.

You will be contacted by your Board Liaison soon to confirm your receipt of this packet and ensure completion of the delegate appointment form. They will also be your champion for Lutheran Life Villages and work with your delegates to ensure they are getting information they can share from Lutheran Life Villages.

Your contribution and efforts are vital to us. I hope these changes provide you with additional support and resources to assist you in your ministry at your congregation. We look forward to partnering with you in 2020 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Alex Kiefer
President and CEO
Lutheran Life Villages

Lutheran Life Villages 2020 Delegate Appointments

Our Church is a member of the Lutheran Life Villages Association. As members of the association, it is our responsibility to appoint delegates as representatives of our congregation.

We understand that our pastor is our first delegate. We are also entitled to 2 additional delegates.

Delegate 1: Pastor _____ Email _____

Delegate 2: _____
Name (Last, First) Address (#, City, State, Zip)

Phone Email

Delegate 3: _____
Name (Last, First) Address (#, City, State, Zip)

Phone Email

If our congregation has more than 200 communicant members, we may appoint 1 additional delegate for every 200 additional communicant members. Additional delegates are listed on the reverse side.

As representatives of our congregation, our delegates pledge our engagement to Lutheran Life Villages as an extension of the mission and ministry of our church. We support the mission of Lutheran Life Villages:

As an expression of Christ's love, we serve individuals and their caregivers with compassion and respect for independence, wellness and spiritual life.

Further, we support the vision and values that the organization has set forth; to be the leading provider of senior care services in Northeast Indiana as a thought leader, employer of choice and provider of choice, and to deliver on this mission and vision by espousing the values of Leadership, Impact, Friendship and Excellence in all that we do.

I appoint the listed individuals as delegates for our membership.

Name Title

Signature Date

(See back for additional delegates)

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400+ Communicant Members:

Delegate 4: _____
Name (Last, First) Address (#, City, State, Zip)

Phone Email

600+ Communicant Members:

Delegate 5: _____
Name (Last, First) Address (#, City, State, Zip)

Phone Email

800+ Communicant Members:

Delegate 6: _____
Name (Last, First) Address (#, City, State, Zip)

Phone Email

1000+ Communicant Members:

Delegate 7: _____
Name (Last, First) Address (#, City, State, Zip)

Phone Email

LLV Delegate FAQ's

1. Why do you need me?
 - a. Our delegates play an important role in the governance of LLV by electing our board of directors and making decisions for our organization at our annual meeting. They also are an important connection between our congregations and LLV so that we can be good partners in ministry.
2. But we already have delegates for LLV. I don't need to fill this out, do I?
 - a. For 2020, we're resetting our delegates. If you have someone who has been a delegate for years and they want to continue, just write down their contact info on the form.
3. How much time will I need to commit as a delegate?
 - a. It's really up to you. We'd like you to read our monthly newsletters and share them with your congregation. We'd also like you to attend our annual meeting in March each year.
4. Who is an ideal LLV Delegate?
 - a. You! No seriously. We want you to be a delegate if you're interested in bringing your congregation and LLV closer together in ministry. If you're reading this, you're perfect for the job. You can be 14 or 84, single or married, male or female. As a communicant member of your congregation, you are an ideal delegate and can represent your ministry!
5. How will LLV communicate with me when I'm a delegate?
 - a. We prefer to use email and our web portal. But if you'd like something different, let us know.
6. Do I have to stand in front of church and talk?
 - a. No! But we'd love you to help us set up a time when we can come visit your congregation and do that for you!
7. Do I get food at events and meetings?
 - a. Of course! We're Lutheran, after all.
8. How can I best help LLV?
 - a. Two big things – pray for our residents and staff and read our newsletters. We hope you find the news interesting and help communicate our story to your congregation.
9. What's the most important for me to know? Do? Say?
 - a. Tell us how we're doing. Support us in prayer. Ask us for help with senior support and services.
10. Does my pastor help?
 - a. Your pastor has nominated you to this position. Think of it this way – your work as a delegate helps your pastor, your congregation and LLV. But we also work to help you as well.
11. Can I bring my spouse/significant other to the events/meetings?
 - a. Absolutely!