



PASTORAL PRIORITIES

Congregation Name and City:

Date:

PURPOSE:

To think about the Pastor's use of time, talent, and energies. What are you looking for in a pastor? What do you think a pastor's priorities should be? Arrange numerically the following list of 12 possible priorities according to what you think they should be in your congregation. The item that you consider most important receives number one (1) while the least important receives number twelve (12).

- _____ **WORSHIP:** Plan for and preside at the worship service(s).
- _____ **TEACHING:** Confirmation classes, Sunday School, planning and/or teaching classes for Church School teachers, special classes, etc.
- _____ **PREACHING:** An effective style in the pulpit and ample time for sermon preparation.
- _____ **EVANGELISM:** To have an active program of visitation among members (including inactive) and non-members.
- _____ **STEWARDSHIP:** To teach what it means to be "stewards" of God's gifts and how this relates to "thanksgiving."
- _____ **COUNSELING:** To work with persons regarding personal / spiritual / vocational problems, couples planning marriage, hospital calling, etc.
- _____ **ADMINISTRATION:** Day-to-day operations in the congregation, working with committees, planning and implementing programs, etc.
- _____ **GLOBAL BENEVOLENCE:** To stimulate and encourage members to support the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- _____ **LOCAL BENEVOLENCE:** To stimulate and encourage members to support needy causes in the community.
- _____ **SENIOR CITIZENS:** To work with the concerns of the older persons in the congregation (clubs, organizations, etc).
- _____ **YOUNG ADULTS:** To work with the concerns of singles and young couples in the congregation.
- _____ **YOUTH:** Work to serve and minister to young people through youth organizations, retreats, camping experiences, etc.

Which leadership style do you think would be the most effective for a pastor in this congregation. Rank them numerically (1-2-3).

- _____ **LEADER:**
To be able to take charge and give appropriate advice / guidance to congregational leaders.
- _____ **LEADER AMONG LEADERS:**
To serve with lay leadership as one of the "core" of leaders in the congregation.
- _____ **ENABLER:**
To help others identify their leadership skills and enable them to respond in a meaningful way.