

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
OF THE  
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PREAMBLE

- WHEREAS, Christians should practice fellowship with those who profess  
The true faith-Acts 2, 42: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers"; Hebrews 10, 24 and 25: "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching;"
- WHEREAS, They should endeavor to keep the unity of the faith-Ephesians 4, 3—6: "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of you calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all;" Corinthians 1, 10 "Now I beseech you, brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the judgment";
- WHEREAS, As a body they should administer the office of the keys-John 20, 21—23; "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you; as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost; whosoever, sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained"; Matthew 18, 17—20: "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father, which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"";
- WHEREAS, In such body, all things should be done decently and in order-1 Corinthians 14, 40: "Let all things be done decently and in order";
- WHEREAS, We the undersigned\*, herewith, adopt the following constitution and its Bylaws according to which all affairs of the congregation, both spiritual and material, shall be conducted.

(\*The list of the original signers is no longer available)

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this congregation shall be the maintenance of a public and private ministry of the Word and Sacraments; Christian fellowship; Christian education; and Mission Outreach.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To witness to our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, education, building relationships and caring for others.