MINISTRY SITE PROFILE

Fredsville Lutheran Church

Cedar Falls, IA Completed:



PART I: WHO WE ARE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is intended for use by congregations and church-related organizations that are seeking to call a rostered minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or a First Call candidate for rostered ministry. Congregations must complete the entire MSP. Churchrelated organizations may, with the concurrence of the synod bishop, complete only the required sections (Part I, III and IV). Once complete, this form is submitted electronically to your synod bishop for review and posting to the "Current Openings" listing on the ELCA website (www.ELCA.org/call).

Summary Description

Fredsville offers an exciting opportunity for an energetic leader to help us grow spiritually with an emphasis on our youth/young family ministry, Sunday worship, teaching and preaching God's Word, ministry to our current members (including pastoral care and visitation) and growing our ministry and mission to a larger community. Fredsville is a caring, active congregation located in a beautiful rural setting with modern facilities. We offer the best of all worlds, being well supported by the surrounding towns and still have all of the resources of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls/UNI area just minutes away. Visit us at fredsvillelutheran.org. Come grow with us!

CONGREGATION		dsville Lutheran Church	02402
CONGREGATION/MULTIPLE POINT PARISH/ ORGANIZ	ZATION NAM	E	CONG ID
Cedar Falls, IA, 50613			
CITY, STATE , ZIP	COUN	NTRY	
Northeastern Iowa Synod (5F)	Con	gregation - Organized	1871
SYNOD	TYPE	OF MINISTRY SITE	YEAR ORGANIZED
Rural			
SIZE OF COMMUNITY			
Contact Information			
Ministry Site (preferred contact information	tion)		
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Gender compa	rison	Age distribut	tion						
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Congregational Information

Congi	egational information							
51 - 1	50	0 - 25		Single site				
AVE WI	EEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	AVE ATTENDANCE	AVE ATTENDANCE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION			PARISH TYPE		
Distar	nce members live from ch	urch facilities:						
0%		0%		10%	90%			
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X	Suburban		Colleg	e or University	X	Farming		
	Inner City		Mining	g/logging		Ranching		
	Industrial		Resor	t		Retirement		
<u>Bud</u> g	get of the Congregation	on/ Organizat	ion	2021 LAST FISCAL YEAR				
\$230	,798			\$180,000				
TOTAL	TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE LAST FISCAL YEAR			TOTAL DEBT OF THE CONGREGATION/ ORGANIZATION AT THE END OF THE LAST FISCAL YEAR				
\$5,00	00			\$751,802				
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PART II: OUR VISION FOR MISSION

<u>Trends in the Community Context of the Congregation or Organization</u>

Characteristics:

Write a description of your community in terms of socio-economic status, demographics, primary areas of employment and lifestyle. The Demographic ZIP Code report for your primary ZIP codes may be helpful.

Fredsville is located in rural Cedar Falls between Dike and Cedar Falls. The area has a diversified commercial base, including John Deere, MercyOne, Unity Point, Cedar Valley Medical Specialists, Tyson Foods, University of Northern lowa and Hawkeye Community College, local Waterloo Career Center for high school students, Target Distribution, and a local waterpark and amusement park. Market conditions in the area are generally stable and the economic base is supported by strong industrial employment centers and farming. The Cedar Falls/Waterloo area offers many attractions including cultural events from the UNI campus, several theaters, athletic events, bike trails, museums, shopping, and restaurants. Fredsville is located in the newly renovated Dike New Hartford school district, which has an enrollment of more than 900 students and is well rated. The city of Dike (population 1304) is a commuter community offering a public library, local wellness center, convenience store/gas station, hardware/lumbar store, bar and restaurant, banks, chiropractor, hairdresser, golf course, swimming pool, sports complex and splash pad, bike/walking path that connects with Grundy Lake and two city parks. The combination of small town living and the cities of Cedar Falls/Waterloo provides an appealing area for its current and future residents.

Trends:

List three changes or trends within the congregation or organization which have occurred in the last three to five years.

- Competition with nearby larger churches attracting younger families.
- Decrease in numbers due to COVID. We had a substantial growth in young families and young member prior to COVID, but are having difficulty getting families to return to in-person services versus on social media platforms.
- Our longtime Pastor has accepted a call elsewhere, but despite this we are moving forward. Staff and congregational members have stepped up to continue keeping Fredsville an active church within the community by continuing services, outreach to community and adding new programs.

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Context:

List three ways the community in which you are located has been challenged by change and transition in the last three to five years.

- Shifting demographics have the smaller communities transitioning into bedroom communities.
- There is a general trend throughout communities of lower church attendance
- Divisions within the church regarding politics of COVID and COVID protocols

Programs:

Describe your congregation's or organization's current programs for mission and ministry.

- Music: Children handbell choir
- Youth: Sunday school classes (with Christmas program), WINGS and JAM (previous youth programs which we are currently working to bring back into the community), VBS, support of summer church camps, 3-year confirmation program, Youth mission trips
- Ministry: outreach to our members and surrounding communities and
- Outreach: Clothing Closet, Endowment Committee donations (ex: local school, foodbanks, local fire depts), Little Food Pantry, Salvation Army and Lutheran World Relief, Bremwood Angel Tree, Lutheran Disaster Relief fund for Ukraine, Lutheran Services of America, community service and activities

Goals:

What are the primary goals of your ministry site (please refer to any Strategic Plan that has been adopted).

Fredsville is a congregation committed to expanding our ministry and mission to a larger part of our community, particularly to young families and young adults through afterschool Christian programs with other area churches (WINGS, JAM), while revitalizing inactive members and enhancing the service we provide to our current members.

Energy:

What is your congregation or organization really excited about right now?

The people at Fredsville are filled with HOPE for the future. We look forward to:

- The selection of an enthusiastic Pastor who will bring a real passion for doing God's work and will guide and direct us through the teachings of God's Word.
- Growing our ministry with more young families and more young adults.
- Continued revitalization of the adult and youth involvement in the church and it's activities.
- A spiritually renewed church where members of all ages feel a deep desire to come to worship and grow in their faith.

Partnership:

How does this congregation or organization see itself as a member and active participant in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the synod?

We continue to offer our support financially and through participation in Synod activities. We remain committed to supporting the ELCA and its ministries and missions.

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Ministry Site Characteristics

AS A COMMUNITY

	A LOT LIKE US	A LITTLE LIKE US	A LITTLE LIKE US	A LOT LIKE US	
We tend to be formal and programmatic.		X			We tend to be informal and spontaneous.
We have clearly defined goals and plans for our future.		\boxtimes			We have no stated goals or plans.
We are racially and economically diverse.				X	We are demographically homogeneous.
	OUI	R LEADERS	SHIP STYLE		
We welcome ideas that are provoking and challenging.		\boxtimes			We prefer ideas that are tried and true.
We rely on our leaders for direction.			X		We rely on group decision-making.
We have learned how to use conflict constructively.		X			We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive.
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Our facilities are often used by community groups.		X			Our facilities are only used for our activities.
We train people to minister outside our walls.	X				We train people to minister inside our walls.
We focus on ideas and beliefs.		\boxtimes			We focus on skills and action.
	OUR THI	EOLOGICA	L PERSPEC	TIVE	
We are obviously Lutheran in identify and practice.	\boxtimes				We are less obvious about our Lutheran heritage.
We participate in synod and ELCA activities.		X			We are not very active in the synod and ELCA.
We focus on Biblical studies and doctrine.		X			We focus on contemporary issues and topics.

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Purpose, Giftedness and Mission

Purpose

How does this congregation or organization understand its reason for being in the light of God's call to mission and service? Who are you? Why are you here?

Fredsville is a caring Christian community welcoming all people to celebrate God's love and grace through worship, service and community (local and international) outreach. Fredsville is a giving and family-oriented congregation rich in Danish heritage. We are a service minded, hardworking, middle class and Christ seeking people. We have a strong tradition of being caring and supportive of each other and others in need as reflected in our endowment organizations and in our various outreach programs

Giftedness

What are your gifts and resources for fulfilling this purpose? What are the congregation's or organization's top three assets and how are they being used? Are there obstacles that must be overcome to be able to use these gifts and accomplish the mission?

Assets:

- 1. We are supportive and caring of each other, including our youth with dedicated leaders, willing workers, and talented and gifted people.
- 2. We have wonderful recently updated facilities which include youth education classrooms, gathering space, and office and meeting rooms.
- 3. We are blessed to be owners of farmland, the proceeds from which we have been able to support our endowment programs and help fund capital improvement projects with our facilities.

Obstacles:

- 1. We struggle to keep our youth and young families involved.
- 2. We are currently challenged to increase in person worship attendance post-COVID

Mission

In light of the way you have described your ministry context in this Ministry Site Profile, what are the top three mission priorities which, if accomplished, hold the most promise for the continued development of this ministry?

- We seek to continue to grow our ministry with children, youth, and young families. We are looking to continue our involvement with visitation and pastoral care including the sick, shut-ins, current, prospective, new and inactive members.
- We desire Bible-based and life-applicable worship services which are meaningful and inspiring.
- We desire to continue to be actively involved in our community with community outreach.

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	Communications/ Media		Community Organizing	Conflict Management
	Counseling/ Social Work		Early Childhood Administration	Ecumenical Work
	Evangelism/ Mission		Financial Management	Global Service
	Innovation / Creativity		Interim Ministry	Interpret Theology
	Inter-personal Climate		Ministry in Crisis	Ministry in Daily Life
	Ministry with Seniors		Multicultural Ministry	Music / Worship / Arts
	Outdoor/ Camping Ministry		Parish Nurse / Health	Participant in the Larger Church
X	Pastoral Care and Visitation	X	Preaching / Worship	Public Policy / Advocacy
	Recruit and Equip Leaders		Self Care / Family Life	Small Group Ministry
	Social Ministry		Spiritual Formation / Direction	Stewardship
	Strategic Mission Planning		Teaching	Volunteer Coordination
X	Youth and Family Ministry			

Gifts for Ministry

The five gifts essential in this position, and the five that are very helpful in this position.

Top Priority		Very Helpful
Yes	Help people develop their spiritual life.	
	Help people understand and act upon issues of social justice.	
	Provide care and nurture.	
Yes	Be active in visitation of members and non-members.	
	Be effective in working with children.	Yes
Yes	Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works.	
	Help others develop their leadership abilities and skills for ministry.	
	Be an effective administrator.	
Yes	Be an effective communicator.	
	Be an effective teacher.	
	Encourage support of the Church's wider mission.	
	Work regularly in the development of stewardship growth.	
	Be active in ecumenical relationships.	
Yes	Be effective in working with youth.	
	Organize people for community action.	
	Be skilled in planning and leading programs.	Yes
	Have a strong commitment and loyalty to the ELCA.	
	Understand and interpret the mission of the Church from a global perspective.	
	Deal effectively with conflict.	Yes
	Bring joy and good humor to relationships.	Yes
	Be able to share leadership and work in a team.	Yes

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Be creative and innovative about his or her tasks.	
Be able to use technology and media.	
Appreciate cultural diversity in language and customs.	
Have talents in the areas of music, arts and writing.	

Mutual Expectations

Please list the five primary areas of activity or focus that you wish your newly-called rostered minister to give special attention to during the first year of his or her ministry at this congregation or organization:

- A. Children/youth/young family ministry
- B. Building relationships with all ages (including the sick, current, prospective, new and inactive members)
- C. Enthusiastic worship leadership and sermons (Bible-based and relative to our daily lives)
- D. Spiritual development in and throughout our every day lives
- E. Continuing to build a sense of community

Please list the five ways that this congregation / organization will support and encourage the rostered minister during the first year in order to help her or him accomplish these responsibilities:

- A. Active participation and support of worship, fellowship, committees, youth and all other activities
- B. Listen to and support new ideas
- C. Be welcoming to him/her and their family
- D. Be positive, encouraging, patient and understanding
- E. Prayer

Compensation

Yes	Yes
PARSONAGE	SOCIAL SECURITY TAX OFFSET
Synod Guidelines	
MAXIMUM AMOUNT AVAILABL	E FOR DEFINED COMPENSATION

Benefits

Yes	Yes	4 weeks
PENSION	MEDICAL	VACATION WEEKS
Yes	No	
SABBATICAL POLICY	PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY	_
Yes		
ARE BACKGROUND CHECKS F	REQUIRED	_

Professional Expenses

Yes	Yes
AUTO / TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT

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Yes	Yes
FIRST CALL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION	CONTINUING EDUCATION

Comments:

<u>Please offer any comment or explanation regarding the compensation package, especially as it compares to synodical recommendations or guidelines.</u>

We have an on-site parsonage available that we would highly encourage our new pastor to utilize. It is a three-bedroom ranch style house built in the early 60's that is move in ready. Major updates were done 10 years ago including the kitchen with additional updates in 2022. Compensation and benefits are negotiable according to each specific situation according to Synod guidelines. We do not currently have a Parental Leave Policy in place; however, we would be open to implementing one on an individual basis.

Other Supporting Resources

Are you able to supply the following items, if requested?	
Mission and Vision statement of the congregation or organization	Yes
Printed history of the congregation or organization	Yes
Strategic Plan: Goals and Objectives	No
Budget	Yes
Annual Report	Yes
Position description: Duties and Responsibilities	Yes
Communications Piece (publicity, newsletter, etc.)	Yes

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PART IV: COMMENTARY

You are encouraged to offer information or commentary that will help the reader appreciate the vision, opportunities, challenges and nature of your ministry site. Use this opportunity to creatively promote and commend your ministry possibilities.

Our mission statement: Fredsville is a caring Christian community welcoming all people to celebrate God's love and grace through worship and service.

We have modern, up to date and well-maintained facilities. Our current schedule includes:

o Sunday morning worship at 9:30am followed by fellowship in the fellowship hall. Youth Sunday school meets from 10:30 to 11:15am. Wednesday night is church night for our school districts. Confirmation classes along with practices for handbell and youth handbell choirs are held on Wednesday evenings.

Missions, Ministries and Activities that we offer:

- o Strong music leadership
- o Sunday School classes with a Christmas program
- o Strong community attended VBS program
- o Christian afterschool youth programs (WINGS and JAM)
- o 3-year confirmation program with parental and mentor involvement
- o Support of summer church camps and youth mission trips
- o Knowledgeable and progressive technology and media team
- o Fancy fingers fellowship a group who meets to share fellowship and crafting
- o Quilting group that meets weekly for Lutheran World Relief
- o Support of Bremwood Residential Youth Treatment Center
- o Fredsville developed community services including Little Pantry, pillow case dresses, and Clothing Closet
- o Support of many local and regional non-profit programs

Fredsville is very fortunate to have a well-funded endowment fund that distributes to many local causes each year. A farm was gifted to us several years ago that provides the majority of the funding for the endowment fund. We also have a well maintained self-funded cemetery.

We see ourselves as a small country church, however as you can see, Fredsville is very active within and outside of our congregation and we have the capacity and desire to expand these missions and ministries.

It is our wish that our pastor will be involved in community activities. We feel that it is very important for our church and our Pastor to be a part of the communities in which we live so that we can be most effective at mission and ministry.

Fredsville is a congregation that is active in mission and ministry and yet has the potential for so much more. We are looking for an energetic Pastor to bring passion and focus to our congregation so that we may grow together, inspire each other, and partner with us to do so much more for so many more people.

PART V: COMPLETION OF PROFILE

Discernment Process and Adoption

Please describe the process used to gather information, formulate responses, and officially adopt this Ministry Site Profile. (Approximately 100 words maximum).

A call committee of 9 volunteers met frequently. A questionnaire was developed from the Ministry Site Profile by the committee and sent to all active members of the congregation. The committee compiled the results of the questionnaire to be used for completing the MSP and posted the results to keep the congregation informed. After careful deliberation by the committee, the MSP was submitted to the church council for their approval. A summary of the MSP was posted for the congregation.

Enter the date on which this Ministry Site Profile was adopted by vote of the Congregation Council or organization's **7/31/2022** board:

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CALL PROCESS ADMINISTRATOR

The name of the person on the synod staff that the bishop has designated as the Call Process Administrator for this call process.

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