

# I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

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I like the metaphor of 'membership.' It's not membership as in a civic organization or country club. It's the kind of **membership given to us** in 1 Corinthians 12: "Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27). Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a **functioning member**, whether I am an 'eye,' an 'ear', or a 'hand.' As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize [share the Good News]. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

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I will **seek to be a source of unity in the church**. I know there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other church members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel.

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I will **not let my church be about my preferences and desires**. That is self-serving. I am in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Savior went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that are just not my preference or style.

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I will **pray for my pastor every day**. Her work is never-ending. Her days are filled with constant demands for her time—with the need to prepare sermons, with those who are rejoicing in births, with those who are traveling through the valley of the shadow of death, with critics, with the hurts and hope of others, and with the need to be a wife and mother. My pastor cannot serve our church in her own power. I will pray for God's strength for her and her family every day.

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I will **lead my family to be good members of this church** as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church, because He gave His life for her.

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This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, in my baptism, I became a part of the body of Christ. I then identified with a local body of Christ, and now identify with this local body of Christ, called St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Big Falls. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and love others in our church. I pray that I will **never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity** to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.

**I am a church member. And I thank God that I am.**

**I make these 6 pledges in thanksgiving to God!**

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