



Vestry Recognition Sunday

2008 Vestry

Russell Jones, Senior Warden
Victor Clarke, Junior Warden
Jim Gray

Brenda Carl
Melissa Neufeld
Rose Schrempp

Carol Garton
Todd Gordon
Mary Hayselden

The Vestry is the legal governing and decision-making group of a parish. The group consists of the rector and lay persons who are elected by the congregation at the annual parish meeting.

It is the responsibility of the vestry to hire the rector, approve the parish budget, make parish policy decisions, and spend the parish's money.

Each parish chooses its own way of structuring its vestry.

The Bylaws of St. Luke's state:
(our vestry)

...shall consist of the Rector and nine qualified electors who must be 18 yrs. of age or older. ...elected for three-year terms, with three Vestry members elected each year at Annual Meeting.

Annually, a Vestry member is appointed as Senior Warden with the approval of...the Vestry, ...Junior Warden shall be elected by the Vestry from among its members.

Looking back,

St. Luke's, as most new congregations, began as a mission with financial support from the diocese. Technically, the bishop is the rector of a mission and often appoints the priest-in-charge, who may be called the vicar.

The "vestry" of a mission is called the "bishop's committee" and is selected either by the bishop or by a vote of the congregation.

Once a mission becomes self-supporting it may apply for status as a parish. Achieving parish status requires an act of a diocesan convention.

October 18, 1959

St. Luke's was a granted mission status.

August 1966

the status was changed to that of a parish.

St. Luke's then elected its first vestry and called its first rector.

1966 Vestry

Robert Lusk, Senior Warden
Herbert Wenner, MD, Junior Warden
Wilda Mae Boehm, Clerk
Fred Braun
Dudley Cook
William Holton
John Robert Knoblauch
Jerry Lispi
Edward Perkins
Robert Pulford
William Todd
Harry Trotman

Today, when you enter the parish hall, you can "see" where the first Vestry of St. Luke's met.

Special thanks to Tom Hayselden for providing the insight and information which inspired this visual display.

The group is called the Vestry because at one time it customarily met in the vestry (vesting room) of the church. That was the room where vestments were stored and put on by those who would participate in leading worship.