

Summary of March 30, 2025
St. John's Lutheran Church
Pearl City, IL
Holy Conversation

Our Attendance was 45

Summary compiled from written and verbal responses.

1. We look to pastors to be compassionate, caring, empathetic.
2. One of our struggles is that we fail to talk to the pastor directly about a concern we might have, or to a fellow member if we have a concern with them (Matthew 18), and not let things fester personally, or in small groups
3. Come to an understanding that when dealing with pastoral concerns the following steps are important.
 - a. Go to the pastor him or herself first if not resolved.
 - b. Take the concern to the Mutual Ministry Committee, if not resolved.
 - c. Take the next step and bring the matter to the Council.
 - d. If unresolved, the council needs to bring the matter to the attention of the synod

The synod typically does not deal with individual pastoral complaints.

4. Broaden Christian Education and Faith Formation for all ages.
5. It's God's Church. God has given the church a Mission. We are called by the Spirit to identify that mission for our congregation. We are empowered as pastor and people to accomplish this mission together.