



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF SPRING, TX



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MEMBERSHIP REVIEW POLICY: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is “13 in 6”?

“13 in 6” is our shared membership rhythm. It means that every member is expected to attend worship **at least 13 times every 6 months**. That is about every other week. This helps us remain connected, accountable, and present for one another.

What is the Membership Review Policy?

The Membership Review Policy is a simple way to help our pastors and elders care well for every member of Trinity. It establishes a rhythm for reviewing member participation in worship and communion, so that no one falls through the cracks and every member is supported in their walk with Jesus.

Why did we adopt this now?

Our leadership has been working since 2023 to improve how we care for our congregation. We believe unity begins with clarity. The Board of Directors adopted the Membership Review Policy in July 2025 as part of our strategic goal of organizational unity, so that our members are known, cared for, and walking together in shared commitment.

What if I cannot attend in person right now?

If you are homebound, deployed, caring for someone, or attending college away from home, we want to know. Please contact **Pastor Jim Bretthauer** so that we can mark your status as **Under Pastoral Care** and continue to support you well. These situations are always considered with grace and pastoral discretion.

What happens if I miss more than half the time?

If a member is consistently missing, our pastors or elders will reach out to check in. We know life happens. Illness, travel, caregiving, or seasons of struggle may keep someone away. That is why this policy includes grace, conversation, and restoration—not automatic removal. The goal is always reconnection.



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What does “active member” mean?

An active member is someone who regularly participates in the worship life of the church, especially through attendance and communion. Active members are eligible to vote, hold office, and receive member tuition rates through our school. More importantly, being active reflects a shared rhythm of discipleship and care.

When does this start?

The **first official membership review will take place in July 2026**, covering the period from January to June 2026. Between now and then, we are simply preparing, communicating, and helping our congregation become familiar with this rhythm.

How do I check in for worship?

There are three ways:

1. Use the **iPad kiosks** in the lobby when you arrive.
2. Use the **Church Center App** (tap “Check-In”).
3. Fill out a **Connect Card** in the pew and place it in the offering box.

If you ever need help checking in, stop by and speak with **Carrie Miller** or a member of our team who is present in the lobby on Sunday mornings.

What if I have questions about my Membership status?

You can view your membership start date directly in the **Church Center app** by following the steps below:

1. Open the **Church Center app** on your phone or tablet.
2. Tap **Profile** in the top right corner.
3. Select **My Profile and Settings**.
4. Select **My profile and household**.
5. Scroll down to the **Additional information** section.
6. Your **membership start date** will be listed there.

If you don't see this information or believe it's incorrect, please contact the church office for assistance at membership@trinityklein.org.



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Is there somewhere I can check my check-ins?

At this time, there is not a way to tally or view your check-ins through the Church Center App. We recommend keeping a personal record for now. There is a planned update to the app that will allow you to view your check ins and we are hopeful that will be completed soon.

What if I forget to check-in?

Email Carrie Miller at millerc@trinityklein.org, and she can manually enter your attendance.

What can I expect from Trinity as a Member?

As a member of Trinity, you can expect regular, relational care. An elder or a member of his Ministry Action Team will reach out to you or your household about once every three months. These check-ins are a simple way for us to stay connected, pray with and for you, and answer any questions as we walk together in faith.

As a member, you will also receive congregational mailings and occasional surveys through the ChurchVoice platform to help us listen well and communicate clearly.

Above all, you can expect your church to care for you and walk alongside you in your ongoing life of faith. You are not meant to walk alone. Your church family is here with you.

Is this about checking a box?

No. This is about being present in the body of Christ. We are not trying to enforce rules but to create a rhythm that helps us care for each other. Being present in worship is not just about membership; it is much more about spiritual formation, community, and our shared confession that God meets us here.

