

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 ELCA Research and Evaluation  
 Source: Congregational Report Forms\*

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Number of Congregations	10,721	10,657	10,585	10,549	10,470	10,448	10,396	-3.0%
Baptized Membership	5,038,006	4,984,925	4,930,429	4,850,776	4,774,203	4,709,956	4,633,887	-8.0%
Members Received By:								
a. Baptism: Children	73,494	71,705	71,150	67,652	66,166	62,721	61,617	-16.2%
b. Baptism: Adults	7,397	7,428	7,168	6,764	6,405	5,854	5,839	-21.1%
c. Affirmation of Faith	60,780	57,914	57,321	53,961	52,357	49,295	47,586	-21.7%
d. Transfer From:								
1. ELCA Congregations	70,343	66,622	64,429	62,575	57,493	52,501	49,522	-29.6%
2. Other Lutheran Congs.	15,710	16,169	15,290	13,943	13,617	11,896	10,446	-33.5%
3. Other Non-Lutheran Congs.	19,430	19,064	18,682	17,794	16,791	16,576	17,104	-12.0%
e. Other & Stat. Adjustment	25,898	20,862	21,775	21,251	19,965	19,056	23,511	-9.2%
Total Members Added	<u>273,052</u>	<u>259,764</u>	<u>255,815</u>	<u>243,940</u>	<u>232,794</u>	<u>217,899</u>	<u>215,625</u>	-21.0%
Members Removed By:								
a. Death	49,664	48,557	47,191	47,210	45,697	45,154	45,225	-8.9%
b. Transfer To:								
1. ELCA Congregations	51,431	48,226	46,394	43,527	40,733	38,267	35,384	-31.2%
2. Other Lutheran Congs.	11,143	11,337	10,706	9,902	9,520	8,673	7,830	-29.7%
3. Other Non-Lutheran Congs.	16,236	15,670	14,416	13,788	13,047	11,977	11,490	-29.2%
c. Other & Stat. Adjustment	186,162	181,022	192,825	208,436	202,246	183,958	193,133	3.7%
Total Members Removed	<u>314,636</u>	<u>304,812</u>	<u>311,532</u>	<u>322,863</u>	<u>311,243</u>	<u>288,029</u>	<u>293,062</u>	-6.9%
Total Membership Change	-41,584	-45,048	-55,717	-78,923	-78,449	-70,130	-77,437	86.2%
Baptized Youth Confirmed	55,218	53,705	52,560	50,564	47,658	45,239	43,195	-21.8%

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Confirmed Members	3,757,723	3,724,321	3,685,987	3,636,948	3,580,402	3,533,956	3,483,336	-7.3%
Confirmed-Communing Members	2,710,187	2,663,246	2,621,862	2,579,669	2,562,360	2,496,723	2,439,494	-10.0%
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	1,537,043	1,503,426	1,474,767	1,439,747	1,408,682	1,362,120	1,330,709	-13.4%
Percent Attending Worship	30.5%	30.1%	29.9%	29.6%	29.5%	28.9%	28.7%	
<b>Racial/Ethnic Composition of Baptized Members</b>								
African American/Black	53,564	53,258	54,241	54,354	53,288	52,896	52,661	
American Indian/Alaska Native	7,273	7,265	6,780	7,095	7,007	6,866	6,818	
Arab/Middle Eastern (new in 2003)		1,381	1,638	1,779	1,944	2,136	2,154	
Asian/Pacific Islander	22,898	22,030	22,395	21,950	22,545	22,202	22,067	
Latino/Latina (All Races)	39,614	39,949	38,255	39,157	39,563	39,760	42,621	
Multi Racial (new in 2003)		5,692	11,036	12,261	13,613	15,417	18,098	
Other	<u>15,151</u>	<u>13,019</u>	<u>12,440</u>	<u>11,096</u>	<u>10,802</u>	<u>11,397</u>	<u>10,722</u>	
Total Members of Color/Language	138,500	142,594	146,785	147,692	148,762	150,674	155,141	
Percent of Total Baptized	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	
Regular Giving Per Confirmed- Communing Member	\$619.95	\$654.14	\$686.26	\$715.82	\$745.17	\$782.55	\$796.64	28.5%
Regular Giving Per CC Member in 2002 Dollars	\$619.95	\$642.07	\$652.34	\$657.98	\$668.01	\$673.97	\$685.52	10.6%
Regular Giving by Members	\$1,680,187,672	\$1,742,143,203	\$1,799,281,419	\$1,846,578,404	\$1,909,390,439	\$1,953,805,792	\$1,943,406,300	15.7%
Regular Giving in 2002 Dollars	\$1,680,187,672	\$1,709,995,292	\$1,710,343,554	\$1,697,378,807	\$1,711,690,219	\$1,682,719,655	\$1,672,322,778	-0.5%
Designated Giving by Members	\$327,374,546	\$306,396,399	\$306,368,416	\$331,062,240	\$333,656,738	\$346,732,154	\$321,610,482	-1.8%
Earned Income, Unrestricted	\$74,610,633	\$73,090,822	\$72,091,620	\$83,677,260	\$94,814,604	\$95,206,073	\$88,195,438	18.2%
Earned Income, Restricted	\$39,825,839	\$48,189,519	\$45,800,330	\$48,600,559	\$58,995,418	\$66,273,498	\$57,717,694	44.9%
Grants & Partnership Support	\$17,166,769	\$19,114,867	\$19,332,163	\$20,833,334	\$22,460,674	\$26,095,598	\$27,970,949	62.9%
Cash Borrowed	\$178,492,905	\$192,036,245	\$181,513,428	\$157,243,253	\$146,867,535	\$149,064,787	\$121,174,549	-32.1%
Other Receipts	<u>\$175,658,561</u>	<u>\$173,538,359</u>	<u>\$175,971,614</u>	<u>\$188,906,538</u>	<u>\$181,882,928</u>	<u>\$178,752,727</u>	<u>\$181,237,687</u>	3.2%
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$2,493,316,925	\$2,554,509,414	\$2,600,358,990	\$2,676,901,588	\$2,748,068,336	\$2,815,930,629	\$2,741,313,099	9.9%

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Current Operating Expenses	\$1,624,737,309	\$1,676,128,429	\$1,728,314,039	\$1,791,639,179	\$1,835,443,858	\$1,885,298,911	\$1,926,284,447	18.6%
Capital Improvements	\$313,498,318	\$293,770,870	\$286,019,766	\$257,340,213	\$258,729,032	\$259,231,686	\$261,089,360	-16.7%
Payments on Debt	\$196,319,921	\$216,284,565	\$209,100,304	\$208,057,901	\$222,884,155	\$229,695,096	\$215,247,530	9.6%
Mission Support	\$133,204,219	\$131,538,299	\$130,490,038	\$130,323,202	\$131,568,011	\$132,905,973	\$131,498,498	-1.3%
Misn Supt % of Total Expenses	5.4%	5.2%	5.1%	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	-11.7%
World Hunger Appeal	\$12,924,955	\$11,569,829	\$11,498,052	\$11,103,628	\$11,156,302	\$11,126,748	\$11,123,138	-13.9%
Disaster Response (new in 2003)		\$1,132,743	\$2,651,013	\$18,343,920	\$4,004,978	\$2,528,170	\$2,548,292	125.0%
Mission Partners	\$4,679,768	\$4,170,464	\$4,836,183	\$4,449,460	\$4,541,954	\$4,808,638	\$5,019,644	7.7%
Mission Founders (new in 2003)		\$292,091	\$247,560	\$281,257	\$339,967	\$191,904	\$347,468	19.0%
Missionary Sponsorship	\$5,817,701	\$5,599,620	\$7,435,570	\$6,577,404	\$7,580,252	\$7,303,684	\$7,741,124	33.1%
Specific Mission Support	\$11,866,616	\$9,468,044	\$8,410,597	\$10,371,776	\$10,491,208	\$9,506,771	\$9,111,124	-23.2%
Vision for Mission Offering	\$321,544	\$314,764	\$330,398	\$432,940	\$338,024	\$451,823	\$400,037	24.4%
Synod-Related Special Benevs	\$15,958,905	\$16,918,758	\$18,336,749	\$17,244,535	\$18,730,876	\$18,984,526	\$19,851,432	24.4%
Local Community Benevolences	\$32,903,292	\$33,545,914	\$36,941,731	\$38,117,762	\$41,056,320	\$43,849,607	\$46,635,042	41.7%
Other Benevolences	\$16,198,597	\$17,366,378	\$17,042,171	\$19,541,552	\$20,600,973	\$22,913,611	\$22,616,233	39.6%
Other Expenses	\$104,218,327	\$98,926,903	\$106,359,635	\$90,973,276	\$96,681,300	\$96,551,880	\$104,496,352	0.3%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,472,649,472</b>	<b>\$2,517,027,671</b>	<b>\$2,568,013,806</b>	<b>\$2,604,798,005</b>	<b>\$2,664,147,210</b>	<b>\$2,725,349,028</b>	<b>\$2,764,009,721</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
Total ELCA Benevolences	\$184,773,708	\$181,004,612	\$184,236,160	\$199,128,122	\$188,751,572	\$187,808,237	\$187,640,757	1.6%
Total Non-ELCA Benevolences	\$49,101,889	\$50,912,292	\$53,983,902	\$57,659,314	\$61,657,293	\$66,763,218	\$69,251,275	41.0%
Endowment & Memorial Funds	\$925,963,001	\$967,567,113	\$1,042,078,903	\$1,101,641,303	\$1,186,307,758	\$1,253,381,083	\$1,093,785,974	18.1%
Cash, Savings, Bonds etc.	\$693,282,057	\$706,763,911	\$750,644,548	\$769,870,723	\$974,800,069	\$907,224,666	\$869,634,754	25.4%
Other Assets	\$284,140,179	\$254,590,672	\$247,337,930	\$262,727,518	\$263,990,326	\$285,031,415	\$280,209,115	
Number of Congs. With Parsonage	3,734	3,594	3,488	3,361	3,223	3,115	3,026	-19.0%
Total Indebtedness	\$1,410,246,441	\$1,566,419,246	\$1,634,835,740	\$1,691,374,706	\$1,733,938,188	\$1,781,435,454	\$1,770,824,328	25.6%
Number of Bequests Received	6,074	5,420	8,409	4,444	4,171	2,991	4,948	-18.5%
Value of Bequests	\$85,098,351	\$79,401,453	\$83,847,181	\$74,657,068	\$90,397,082	\$82,795,864	\$66,615,167	-21.7%
Intended Mission Support	\$133,071,677	\$127,601,575	\$135,767,478	\$131,644,946	\$133,880,645	\$134,980,387	\$127,633,093	-4.1%

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