

# 2024 CONGREGATION STATISTICS REPORT

Please complete the enclosed form.

*Return the original form to the office of Rosters, Statistics and Research Services at the address below:*

**Due Date: February 28, 2025**

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete numbers **1** through **20** on the following page.

This report is a vital source of information for planning and action by the Synod and its districts. Information gained from use of this data is now being used by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund committee to evaluate loan requests. Districts also use demographic studies which incorporate this data when assisting congregations in planning local ministry.

- 1.** Fill in the total Baptized Membership as of December 31st. This is not a sum of questions **2a** and **2b**. It is the total number of Baptized Members in your congregation, including those who are also confirmed members. **This is a required field.**
- 2.** Enter the number of baptisms that took place during the past year: infants/children on line **a**, and adults on line **b**.
- 3.** Fill in the total Confirmed Membership as of December 31st. This is not a sum of questions **4a** through **4m**. It is the total number of Baptized Members in your congregation that are confirmed **This is a required field.**
- 4.** Enter the number of gains (**4a-4f**) or losses (**4g-4m**) of confirmed members in each category that occurred by the end of the year.
- 5.** Enter the average weekend worship attendance. Do not include Lenten, Advent, or other festival services. Of the number entered in line A, please enter the number of people in attendance in person on a typical Sunday who are NOT members (baptized or confirmed) of your congregation. In addition to visitors, please also include regular attendees who are not yet members and even those who are members of another LCMS congregation. **This is a required field.**
- 6-7** Enter the amount rounded to the nearest dollar. **If submitting financials both receipts and disbursements are required.**
  - 6a** Total Contributions - Enter the total of contributions (weekly offerings) including building funds and other special contributions which include gifts for missions and ministries of the congregation, the District or Synod. This income excludes subsidy, dividends/interest, rent/fees, etc.
  - 6b** Total Other Income - Enter the amount of other income the congregation received from subsidy, dividends or interest, rents, fees and other receipts like school tuition (day school or preschool), subscriptions, loans, endowment funds, etc.
  - 7a** AT-HOME Expenses - Enter the sum of all funds spent for salaries, benefits, operating expenses, capital expenses, debt service, school/preschool expenses, registrations, subscriptions (including Lutheran Witness), payments for health and pension programs, conference and convention registrations, etc.
  - 7b** AT-LARGE District/Synod Contributions - Enter the total amount disbursed to your District for District/Synod budget. Usually this is the amount given to a pledge of support for district and national work of the church. Doesn't include gifts for use of a specific ministry.
  - 7c** Other AT-LARGE Contributions - Enter the total amount disbursed for other purposes, i.e.; World Relief, colleges/seminaries, Wheat Ridge, local ministries beyond the congregation, etc.
- 8-18** Enter the enrollment on the appropriate line for each age or class group. A special class group is for people with physical or developmental disabilities as stated in the Lutheran Annual. This does not include enrollment of pre-schools, elementary, or high schools associated with the congregation.
- 19.** Enter the last Vacation Bible School enrollment figures.
- 20.** For each group listed, please enter the percent of baptized (including confirmed) members of your congregation of that age. If possible, calculate each percentage by counting the total number of members in an age group, and then dividing that by the total number of members in the congregation. If you do not know the exact ages of your members, please estimate as accurately as possible. **Please ensure the total of all numbers entered adds to 100%.**

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Congregation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Use this worksheet to collect the statistics necessary to complete the online form.)

<i>MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE</i>	<i>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</i>					
<p><b>BAPTIZED MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>1. Total Baptized Membership (Required)..... _____</p> <p>2. Baptized During the Year</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Baptisms of Infants/Children..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Baptisms of Adults..... _____</p> <p><b>CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>3. Total Confirmed Membership (Required)..... _____</p> <p>4. GAINS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Adults Confirmed..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Juniors Confirmed (Parents Members)..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Juniors Confirmed (Parents Non-Members)..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. Profession of Faith..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e. Transfer from Other LCMS..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">f. Receive from Other Lutheran..... _____</p> <p>LOSSES:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">g. Deaths..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">h. Transfer to Other LCMS..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. Release to Other Lutheran..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">j. Join Non-Lutheran..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">k. Moved Without Transfer..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">l. Excommunicated..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">m. Other..... _____</p> <p><b>WEEKLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p>5. a. Average Weekly Church Attendance (Required) _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. On a typical Sunday, how many of the above numbers are not members of your congregation? _____</p>	<p>(Both financial sections are required if submitting.)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>6. RECEIPTS</b></p> <p>(Round to whole dollars)</p> <p>a. Total Contributions: \$ _____ .00</p> <p>b. Total Other Income: \$ _____ .00</p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>7. DISBURSEMENTS</b></p> <p>(Round to whole dollars)</p> <p>a. At-Home Expenses: \$ _____ .00</p> <p>b. At-Large District/Synod Contributions: \$ _____ .00</p> <p>c. Other At-Large Contributions: \$ _____ .00</p> </div> </div>					
	<i>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ENROLLMENT</i>			<i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</i>		
	Sunday Bible Classes		Weekday Classes			<p>19. Members _____ Non-Members _____</p>
	a. Members	b. Non-Members	c. Members	d. Non-Members	e. Confirmation Class	<p style="text-align:center;"><b>MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS</b></p> <p>(Total membership includes all baptized and confirmed members.)</p> <p>20. Estimate the percentage of your total membership:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Under 15 _____ %</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. 15-18 _____ %</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. 19-34 _____ %</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d. 35-49 _____ %</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">e. 50-64 _____ %</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">f. 65+ _____ %</p> <p style="text-align: right;">= <u>100%</u></p>
	8. Cradle/Nursery _____	_____	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	9. 2 yr/Parents _____	_____	_____	_____	n/a	
	10. Age 2-3 _____	_____	_____	_____	n/a	
	11. Age 4-5 _____	_____	_____	_____	n/a	
	12. Grade 1-2 _____	_____	_____	_____	n/a	
	13. Grade 3-4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
	14. Grade 5-6 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
	15. Grade 7-8 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
	16. Grade 9-12 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
	17. Adult _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
	18. Special Class _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	

**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**

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Saint Louis, MO 63122-7295

Congregation ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
District: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONGREGATION LAY LEADERS**

Please update the list on the left by providing names and home addresses in the appropriate blanks on the right and return the form by February 28, 2025. This list will be used to send copies of the Reporter and for other special mailings to the congregation leaders. The Reporter is sent, free of charge, to all Congregational Chairman and Board of Elders Chairmen each month, and will be sent to the other six congregation leaders if funding permits.

**After you complete this form, please send your District office a copy and return the original to the address above on the left.**

**CONGREGATIONAL CHAIRMAN**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONGREGATIONAL VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**BOARD OF ELDERS CHAIRMAN**

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**EDUCATION BOARD CHAIRMAN**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

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**EVANGELISM BOARD CHAIRMAN**

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**STEWARDSHIP BOARD CHAIRMAN**

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**HUMAN CARE/SOCIAL MINISTRY CHAIR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**CONGREGATIONAL SECRETARY**

**CONGREGATIONAL TREASURER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PERSON**

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