

Statistics Web Form Fields with Instructions

Contact

Church Information

You are submitting statistics for: [Church name and address auto-filled for review]

Year organized: [auto-filled for review]

Synodical status: [auto-filled for review]

Subsidy received: [auto-filled for review]

Pastors as of 12/31/2016: [auto-filled for review]

Submitter Information

Name:

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Members

Communicant Membership Changes

Confirmations – children:

Confirmations – adult:

Those who have completed a full course of instruction (includes previously confirmed non-WELS Lutherans).

Received by profession of faith:

Previously confirmed Lutherans who are received into membership with little or no extra instruction.

Transferred **from** sister congregations:

Total communicants gained: [tallied by the form]

Deaths (communicant members only):

Report deaths of communicant members only, including those who were buried elsewhere by another pastor.

Transferred **to** sister congregations:

Joined other Christian churches:

Removals:

Removals and excommunications. Also include those who request to be removed with no intention of joining another Christian church.

Total communicants lost: [tallied by the form]

Communicant members at the end of 2015: [auto-filled by the form]

The communicant figure your congregation reported for the previous Statistical Report is pre-filled here. (If not pre-populated, please fill in the communicant members override field.)

Net gain or loss of communicants (total communicants gained minus total communicants lost): [tallied by the form]

Communicant members at the end of 2016: [tallied by the form]

Communicant members override:

If no report was filed last year ("Communicant members at the end of 2015" is blank) or if the total "Communicant members at the end of 2016" is incorrect, enter the correct communicant membership total for 2016.

Other Membership Statistics

Baptized members at the end of 2016:

Report members of all ages. Include only baptized members who are under your spiritual care and are not counted as members in another congregation.

Average weekly worship attendance:

Include all weekly worship services except special seasonal services such as Lent, Advent, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, etc.

Baptisms – children:

Baptisms – adult:

Marriages:

Report those marriages conducted under the name of your congregation (marriages coordinated and conducted under the supervision of your congregation's pastor(s), including service held off-site or where a guest pastor preached or officiated).

Burials:

Report all burials, members and non-members.

Total children in your congregation, ages 5 through 13:

Total number of pastors (when fully staffed):

Include all pastors as well as any vacant and/or budgeted positions.

Education

Bible Class

Average weekly adult Bible class attendance:

These figures should be weekly attendance averages for all Bible classes, including Bible information classes. (If there is no separate teen class, include teens under "adult.")

Average weekly teen Bible class attendance:

These figures should be weekly attendance averages for all Bible classes, including Bible information classes. (If there is no separate teen class, include teens under "adult.")

Sunday School

Average weekly attendance:

Note that attendance is what's being gathered now, not enrollment as was collected in previous years.

Number of teachers conducting class on a typical Sunday:

Vacation Bible School

Average attendance per day:

Note that attendance is what's being gathered now, not enrollment as was collected in previous years.

Number of teachers conducting class on a typical VBS day:

Lutheran Elementary School

Male elementary teachers:

Include only teachers of grades K-8 whose salaries are paid by your congregation.

Female elementary teachers:

Include only teachers of grades K-8 whose salaries are paid by your congregation.

Secondary and Post-Secondary Schools

Members attending WELS ministerial education schools:

Members attending LPS (Watertown), MLS (Saginaw), MLC (New Ulm), or WLS (Mequon).

Members attending WELS area Lutheran high schools:

Area Lutheran High School Associations

Please make any necessary changes to the selected list of ALHS associations.

Choose all area Lutheran high school associations of which your congregation is a member.

Age Groups

Membership by Age Category

Beginning in 2015, and repeating every five years, congregations are asked to provide a breakdown of baptized members by age category. (This is being collected again in 2016 to provide a better starting point in the data for future reference.)

0 to 5	45 to 54
6 to 11	55 to 64
12 to 17	65 to 74
18 to 24	75 to 84
25 to 34	85+
35 to 44	

Total (this should match baptized membership): [tallied by the form]

Baptized membership from Members tab: [auto-filled by the form]

Cultural Info

Languages Used in Worship

What languages other than English are used in public worship services (including Signed): [choose from list]

Nationality of Members

To your knowledge, what countries of origin other than the U.S. are represented in your church? [choose from list]

Languages Used by Members

To your knowledge, what languages other than English are spoken in your member homes? [choose from list]

Nationality of Community

To your knowledge, what countries of origin other than the U.S. are represented in your community/area of ministry? [choose from list]

Institutional

Ministry at Other Institutions

If your church served institutions such as elder care facilities, hospitals, prisons, military installations, colleges, or a social service organization, please record that here. Institutional ministry is ministry above and beyond your own parish, therefore member visits would be excluded. Enter yearly totals.

In situations where several different people rotate conducting ministry at an institution, to avoid duplication in reporting, all involved should choose a person to report on behalf of the group.

Contact person:

Provide the name of one contact person in the format of title (with no period), first name, (no middle initial), last name (e.g., Rev John Smith).

Select the Add button to enter yearly totals for an institution. Continue to add for all institutions your church served. Select the row of an institution to edit or delete.

Enter Yearly Totals

[Add any institutions served, then provide the following information.]

Name of institution:

City:

State/Province:

Institution type: [Choose from a dropdown either Aged – Nursing Home or Assisted Living, Campus Ministry, Medical (including Mental), Military, or Penal.]

Souls in your care:

Those with whom you make contact either personally or within a group for ministry purposes. This would exclude those whom you might hope to reach but who haven't yet been contacted.

Total group ministrations:

Provide the total number of group ministry activities (worship, Bible study, etc.) that you were involved with at the institution.

Average group attendance:

Average number of attendees per ministry gathering throughout the year.

Individual ministrations:

Provide the total number of ministry-related personal visits at the institution for the year.

Communed:

The total number of people you were involved with communing at the institution (count by souls, not by number of times each person took communion).

Baptisms:

Provide the total annual number as part of your ministry at the institution.

Confirmations:

Provide the total annual number as part of your ministry at the institution.

Burials:

Provide the total annual number as part of your ministry at the institution.

Finances

Offerings That Support Gospel Ministry

Offerings received for use in local ministry:

Of the gifts the congregation received, this is the amount designated for use in the congregation's local ministry.

Please include gifts, memorials, bequests, which may be undesignated, e.g. for general operations, or designated, e.g. for capital projects, endowment funds managed by the church (not by WELS Foundation), etc.

Please exclude non-gift income such as school tuition/fees, ticket sales, investment income, synod subsidy, receipts from sale/rent of property used or owned by church.

Remember to also exclude the amounts that appear as separate totals on this page, i.e. offerings sent to parasynodicals and "CMO" and "Other Offerings" sent to synod.

Offerings sent to parasynodical organizations:

These are gifts the congregation gave to additional church-related charitable organizations. Examples include area Lutheran high schools, mission organizations, camps, foundations, etc.

Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) sent to WELS: WELS provides

Of the gifts received by the congregation, this is the amount the church gave toward its annual CMO commitments to WELS.

Other offerings sent to WELS: WELS provides

These are gifts the church and its sub-organizations sent to WELS, WELS Foundation, or the synod's four ministerial education schools for purposes other than CMO.

Examples of sub-organizations: Sunday school, women's group, Lutheran elementary school, etc.

Examples of non-CMO designations: WELS World or Home Missions, Debt Elimination, Christian Aid and Relief, WLS Scholarship Fund, MLC Operating Endowment Fund, LPS 150th Anniversary, MLS General Fund, a named endowment fund manage by the WELS Foundation, etc.

Total offerings: WELS calculates

Capital Projects and Indebtedness

Total spent on capital projects during the past calendar year:

Money spent on completing capital projects like new construction, purchase of real estate, church roof, heating systems, etc.

Total capital indebtedness of congregation:

Use total as of the close of 2016. Do not include any operating deficit.

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