

ROSTERS AND STATISTICS

A look at the people and church workers who make up Christ's body in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

OUR MEMBERSHIP



Total Confirmed: **1,545,124**



Total Baptized: **1,968,641**

Children baptized last year: **21,087**

OUR WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



Total Weekly Average: **709,866**

Average Per Congregation: **133.2**

Sunday School Attendance: **288,560**

Figures are based on 4,475 congregations (74 percent) that reported for 2017.

OUR CONGREGATIONS

5,936 + **110** = **6,046**

Established Congregations New Church Starts Total Congregations

OUR CHURCH WORKERS

ORDAINED

	Total	Active	Candidate	Emeritus
Minister	9,436	5,825	416	3,195
Minister-Specific Min	244	230	5	9
Total Ordained	9,680	6,055	421	3,204

COMMISSIONED

	Total	Active	Candidate	Emeritus
Teacher	10,346	5,701	1,459	3,186
Director of Christian Education	837	588	217	32
Teacher/DCE	242	123	41	78
Deaconess	302	178	64	60
Lay Minister	149	82	22	45
Other	197	143	40	14
Total Commissioned	12,073	6,815	1,843	3,415

** Includes those classified as DPM, DFLM, DCO, Teacher/DPM, Teacher/DCE/DCO or Parish Assistant*

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ... If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

*Now you are the body of Christ
and individually members of it."*

— 1 COR. 12:12-14, 26-27

