

**Pastoral Vacancy Statistics  
in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
from September 1998 to November 2018**

Reporting Date	Reporting	Sole	Senior	Ass't	Non-Calling		Total
Sept 19-22, 1998	35	526	0	81	261		868
Nov. 18-20, 1998	35	493	0	99	261		853
Feb. 20-23, 1999	35	495	42	134	297		968
April 18-20, 1999	35	449	34	117	304		904
Sept. 18-21, 1999	35	456	50	104	285		895
Nov. 17-19, 1999	35	474	50	99	289		912
Feb. 29-March 2, 2000	35	526	50	147	294		1017
April 9-11, 2000	34	433	49	104	291		877
Sept. 16-18, 2000	33	462	50	97	289		898
Nov. 15-17, 2000	33	473	58	82	322		935
Feb 17-20, 2001	35	503	45	107	322		977
April 22-24, 2001	35	480	50	91	328		949
Sept. 22-26, 2001	33	439	59	85	338		921
Nov. 14-16, 2001	34	433	59	90	337		919
April 20-23, 2002	35	449	65	88	342		944
Sept. 21-25, 2002	34	405	56	74	357		892
Nov. 20-22, 2002	33	426	55	72	358		911
April 5-9, 2003	34	409	46	81	354		890
Sept 18-20, 2003	35	350	46	61	354		811
Nov. 20-22, 2003	35	348	47	65	387		847
Feb. 6-9, 2004	35	356	54	83	387		880
April 23-28, 2004	35	354	59	73	392		878
Sept. 17-22, 2004	35	315	39	47	409		810
Nov. 16-18, 2004	35	312	43	56	408		809
Feb. 19-22, 2005	35	306	44	65	420		835
April 22-27, 2005	35	357	49	68	402		876
Sept. 17-20, 2005	35	297	42	56	399		794
Nov. 15-17, 2005	35	326	42	66	412		846
Nov. 14-16, 2006	35	328	54	61	371		814
Feb. 12-13, 2007	35	349	58	83	418		908
April 24-25, 2007*	34	259	55	57	350		721
Sept. 6-11, 2007	35	346	55	41	406		848
Nov. 13-18, 2007	35	351	56	51	437		895
Feb. 16-20, 2008	35	329	45	77	431		882
April 19-22, 2008*	35	265	54	45	440		804
Sept. 13-16, 2008	34	267	31	44	394		736
Nov. 18-20, 2008	35	319	46	60	442		867
Feb. 21-24, 2009	35	339	39	78	437		893

\*Post Placement Figures

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					Temporary	Permanent	
April 17-22, 2009*	35	228	41	49	160	347	825

Sept. 19-22, 2009	35	247	31	31	130	390	829
Nov. 17-19, 2009	35	258	41	47	189	353	888
Feb. 20-23, 2010	35	279	36	58	219	342	934
April 23-29, 2010*	34	224	47	54	181	375	881
Sept. 11-14, 2010	35	209	33	33	203	395	873
Nov. 16-18, 2010	35	198	27	37	204	396	862
Feb. 21-24, 2011	35	247	38	54	226	372	937
April 30, 2011*	35	199	32	28	162	416	837

\* Post Placement Figures

In April 2009, the vacancy report was changed slightly. There are now two categories of non-calling congregations. The temporary category reflects congregations being served by an interim pastor or long term vacancy pastor. The expectation is that they will be in a position to call a pastor at some point in the future. The permanent non-calling category is congregations, usually very small, that are not expected to call a sole pastor.

Reporting Date	Reporting	Sole	Senior	Ass't	Subtotal	Non-Calling Temporary	Total
Sept. 17-20, 2011	35	227	48	36	311	440	751
Nov. 16, 2011	35	221	37	45	303	430	733
Feb. 18-21, 2012	35	243	34	63	340	306	646
April 27-May 3, 2012*	35	186	42	39	267	Not Reported	
Sept. 15-18, 2012	32	194	29	33	256	Not Reported	
Nov. 13-15, 2012	35	258	49	64	371	Not Reported	
Feb. 19, 2013	35	309	32	81	422	Not Reported	
April 27-May 1, 2013**	35	324	33	83	440	Not Reported	
Sept. 13-18, 2013	35	278	43	61	382	Not Reported	
Nov. 19, 2013	35	303	39	64	406	Not Reported	
Feb. 17-21, 2014	35	327	40	77	444	Not Reported	
April 26-30, 2014*	34	262	48	50	360	Not Reported	
Sept. 20-23, 2014	35	293	42	52	387	Not Reported	
Nov. 24, 2014	35	289	47	56	392	Not Reported	
Feb. 13, 2015	35	315	46	81	442	Not Reported	
April 27, 2015*	35	298	30	50	378	Not Reported	
Sept. 19-22, 2015	35	359	54	60	473	Not Reported	
Nov. 23, 2015	35	341	57	66	464	Not Reported	
Feb. 1-5, 2016	35	343	48	94	485	Not Reported	
April 23, 2016*	35	284	52	70	406	Not Reported	
September 9-12, 2016	35	329	48	70	447	Not Reported	
November 21, 2016	35	312	47	75	434	Not Reported	
February 10, 2017	35	350	33	101	484	Not Reported	
April 27, 2017	35	302	37	83	422	Not Reported	
September 19, 2017	35	318	33	61	412	Not Reported	
November 15, 2017	35	314	44	55	413	Not Reported	
February 7, 2018	35	364	47	71	482	Not Reported	
April 30, 2018	35	352	44	63	459	Not Reported	
September 27, 2018	35	377	67	67	511	Not Reported	
November 30, 2018	35	344	62	60	466	Not Reported	

\*Post Placement Figures

\*\*Before Placement Figures

In September 2011, a decision was made to eliminate the Non-Calling Permanent Category.