

Congregational Statistics 2023

Church Name
City, State, United States

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Church Information

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Otherwise, contact Congregational Services office at congstats@wels.net or 414-256-3224.

Submitting statistics for

Church Name

Street Address

City, State Zip

United States

Year organized

2019

Number of pastors when fully staffed

1

Pastors as of 12/31/2023

Pastor Name

Membership Gains

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| * Births i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

This includes all children born to members in the past calendar year, resulting in an increase in total congregational membership.

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| * Adult confirmations i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all individuals who joined the congregation in the past calendar year after taking an adult Bible information class (BIC).

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| * Received by profession of faith i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all individuals who joined the congregation in the past calendar year after professing agreement with all the doctrines of WELS. These individuals were not required to take a Bible information class to join the congregation. (If they were, please count them as "adult confirmations" in the previous field.)

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| * Children of adult confirmations and those received by profession of faith i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all children who joined the church because they have parents who joined the church through adult confirmation or who were received by profession of faith. (E.g., a husband and wife join the congregation after taking Bible information class. They have three children. The two adults are recorded under "Adult confirmations." Their three children are recorded in this field.)

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| * Transferred in from sister congregations i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all new members, baptized and communicant, whose membership was transferred to your congregation from another WELS or ELS congregation in the past calendar year.

Total members gained

0

Membership Losses

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| * Deaths i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

This includes all members, baptized and communicant, who died in the past calendar year.

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| * Transferred to sister congregations i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all members, baptized and communicant, whose membership was transferred from your congregation to another WELS or ELS congregation in the past calendar year.

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| * Excommunications i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all individuals who were removed from membership in your congregation in the past calendar year as a loving warning against their unrepentant sin.

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| * Removals i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes individuals whose names were removed from your membership roster because the congregation lost contact with them. (E.g., an elder tries to contact a long delinquent couple but finds they have moved. Efforts to locate this couple are unsuccessful. Eventually, this couple would be removed from membership.)

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| * Releases i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all individuals who are released from membership in the past calendar year because of self-exclusion. The spiritual leaders of the congregation do not feel excommunication is appropriate, because the individual confesses faith in Jesus Christ. However, the individual has also made it evident, by prolonged absence from any congregational activities, that he does not want the congregation or pastor(s) to serve him.

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| * Joined other Christian churches i | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all individuals who quit the congregation in the past calendar year to join another Christian church that is not in fellowship with WELS or ELS.

Total members lost 0

Total members at the end of 2022 ⓘ 0

This is what your congregation's total membership was listed as at the conclusion of the prior calendar year.

Net gain or loss of members ⓘ 0

This is automatically calculated by adding the membership gains for the past calendar year and subtracting the membership losses for the past calendar year.

Total members at the end of 2023 ⓘ 0

This is automatically calculated applying the net gains/losses to the total membership of the prior calendar year.

Total member override ⓘ

If the automatically calculated field above is inaccurate, please enter in the accurate total membership for your congregation at the end of the most recent calendar year. (This line allows for corrections if some of the gains or losses lines are inaccurate or if the congregation did not submit any statistics in the previous year.)

* Communicant membership ⓘ 0

This includes all members who have completed either a youth instruction course (e.g., 8th grade confirmation) or an adult Bible information class (BIC). Communicant membership cannot be greater than total membership.

Percent of congregation that are communicants 0%

Membership Demographics

AGES

| Total number of members that are ... | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| * 0 to 4 (birth through preschool) | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| * 5 to 13 (elementary and middle school) | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| * 14 to 17 (high school) | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| * 18 to 24 (college and graduate school) | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

Worship

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| * Average weekly number of in-person worshippers ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| <p>This is the average total number of people, both members, and non-members, who attend any worship service in a week. Please do NOT count members twice because they attended multiple services. (E.g., Peace Lutheran had 300 people come to church on the first Sunday in Advent. That Wednesday 150 of those same people attend an Advent service. For the purpose of this statistical report, Peace's attendance for that week was 300 people, not 450, since 150 people attended twice.)</p> | | |
| Estimated average weekly online worshippers ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| <p>This is the best estimate average total number of people who watch the majority of the worship service content provided by the congregation. This does NOT include other types of online engagement, such as online small group Bible study.)</p> | | |
| * Number of marriages this past year ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

Bible Study

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| * Average weekly number of communicant members in some form of group Bible study ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| <p>This is a measure of the average number of communicant members who gather with other members on a weekly basis for any sort of Bible study (e.g., a pastor-led study on Sunday morning at church, a midweek small group study held in a member's home, an online Bible study, etc.). Please do NOT count members twice because they attend multiple studies each week. (E.g., Mark attends the Sunday morning Bible study that is led by his pastor. Mark also facilitates a Wednesday evening small group study in his home, where he and other members discuss the previous week's Scripture lessons. For this statistical report, Mark counts once.)</p> | | |
| * Average weekly number of pre-confirmation members in some form of Sunday school/youth Bible study ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| <p>This is a measure of the average number of younger (e.g., 8th grade or younger) members who gather with other young members for some form of Bible study on a weekly basis. Please do NOT count young members twice because they attend multiple studies each week. Please note that this field is looking at</p> | | |

This is the total number of marriages conducted under the name of your congregation and coordinated by your congregation's pastor(s). Please include services held off-site or where a guest pastor preached or officiated.

* Number of funerals/burials this past year 0

i This includes all funerals and/or burials for members or non-members. (E.g., a funeral service and subsequent burial/committal service for the same person counts as one.)

attendance, not enrollment. (E.g., Peace has 50 young members enrolled in its Sunday school. The average weekly attendance is 30. For this statistical report, Peace would list 30.)

* Number of youth confirmations this past year 0

i This includes the total number of members who, through the congregation's youth confirmation process, became communicant members this past year.

Visitation

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Number of members who are homebound | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

i This includes all members who, due to age, illness, or disability, are mostly confined to their place of residence.

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| Average monthly number of homebound visits <i>i</i> | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes any visit by pastor or church member (e.g., an elder) at the homebound individual's place of residence, where the primary purpose of the visit is to share the means of grace.

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| Average monthly number of hospital visits | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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i This includes any visit by pastor or church member (e.g., an elder) to a hospital to share the means of grace with anyone (member or non-member) who is hospitalized.

Delinquency

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Average monthly number of face-to-face delinquency contacts <i>i</i> | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

This includes any type of delinquency contact where a pastor or church member physically visits with a member who is straying in some way (e.g., persistent absence from worship, living in some unrepentant sin, etc.).

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| Average monthly number of other (e.g., phone, mail) delinquency contacts <i>i</i> | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all types of communications with straying members, other than face-to-face (e.g., a phone call to a member who has been absent from worship for four straight weeks, a formal letter sent to a member indicating he is going to face church discipline, etc.).

Evangelism

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Estimated annual number of first-time in-person worshiper visitors who are prospects <i>i</i> | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

This includes the total estimated in-person worship visitors who are not members in any sort of Christian congregation. Please list ONLY first-time in-person visitors in this field. E.g. Peace Lutheran had 15 people who count as prospects who visited worship in-person once this past year, a different 10 people who visited twice, and another 5 people who visited three times. Peace would report 30 first-time in-person worship visitors: 15+10+5

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| Average monthly number of face-to-face evangelism contacts <i>i</i> | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes any type of evangelism contact where a pastor or church member physically visits with a prospect (e.g., a brief worship visitor follow-up call, a longer law/gospel presentation with a repeat visitor, an in-home meeting with unchurched parents of a child in the church preschool, etc.). This face-to-face visit can take place anywhere: the prospect's home, the pastor's office, a coffee shop, etc. The key is that it is face-to-face, not e-mail or phone (these are counted below).

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| Average monthly number of other (e.g., phone, mail) evangelism contacts <i>i</i> | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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WELS Schools

| Number of members that attend ... | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| * WELS early childhood ministry | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| * WELS elementary school | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| * WELS area Lutheran high school | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| * Luther Preparatory School and Michigan Lutheran Seminary | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
| * Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

This includes all types of evangelism communications, other than face-to-face, with non-members. This includes evangelism contacts with individual prospects (e.g., a phone call inviting a frequent worship visitor to attend an upcoming Bible information class). It includes evangelism contacts made with a larger group (e.g., a mass mailing to everyone on the prospect list inviting them to Easter worship).

Number of individuals on congregational prospect list ⓘ

0

This includes all unchurched non-members for whom the congregation has contact information. These individuals are contacted in some way on a semi-regular basis.

* Baptisms - Children ⓘ

0

This includes the baptism of anyone, both member and non-member, between the ages of birth and 13.

* Baptisms - Adult ⓘ

0

This includes the baptism of anyone, both member and non-member, who is 14 or older.

Called Workers (as of Dec. 31, 2023) ⓘ

This list contains the following called workers:

1. All called workers that currently serve your church from Jan. through Dec. 2023.
2. All called workers that served any of the schools from Jan. through Dec. 2023, where the church is listed as owner.
3. If you are listed as supporting, the called workers will not appear here and you may review from the online *Yearbook* at yearbook.wels.net.

This list does not take into account billing nor does it list those serving that are listed as lay workers.

If you are responsible for non-remitting churches, you may review those called workers from the church information form at cloud.wels.net/me or the online *Yearbook* at yearbook.wels.net.

If pastors or vicars information is incorrect, contact the President's office at carla.martin@wels.net or 414-256-3202. If teachers or staff ministers information is incorrect, contact Lutheran Schools office at lutheranschools@wels.net or 414-259-4354.

| Service As | Name |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Pastor | Rev Christopher D Johnson |

Hired Staff and Volunteers

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Equivalent of paid full-time employees ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | 0 |

This does NOT include called workers. Included here are all hired staff members that are financially compensated by the congregation for their service (e.g., administrative assistant, teachers aid, maintenance/janitor, etc.). Please include the equivalent of full-time employees. (E.g., a congregation has a full-time church secretary and a half-time janitor. They would enter 1.5 here.)

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| Total number of members involved in some sort of volunteer service to the congregation ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | 0 |
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This includes all members who serve the congregation in some regular, recurring role (e.g., Sunday school teachers, elders, board/team members, ushers, grounds crew, etc.). If a member serves in more than one role, please still count them only once.

This information helps WELS identify and support multi-cultural ministry. Please report significant opportunities.

Languages Used in Worship

What languages other than English are used in public worship services (including Signed)?

Languages Used by Members

To your knowledge, what languages other than English are spoken in your member homes?

Nationality of Members

To your knowledge, what countries of origin other than the U.S. are represented in your church?

Nationality of Community

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

Offerings That Support Gospel Ministry

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| * Offerings received for use in local ministry ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | \$0 |
| <p>Of the gifts the congregation received, this is the amount designated for use in the congregation's local ministry.</p> <p>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.).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Remember to also exclude the amounts that appear as separate totals on this page (offerings sent to WELS affiliated ministries and CMO and Other offerings sent to WELS).</p> | | |
| * Offerings sent to WELS affiliated ministries ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | \$0 |
| <p>These are gifts the congregation gave to additional church-related charitable organizations. Examples include area Lutheran high schools, mission organizations, camps, foundations, etc.</p> | | |
| Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) sent to WELS ⓘ | WELS provides | \$0 |
| <p>Of the gifts received by the congregation, this is the amount the church gave toward its annual CMO commitment to WELS.</p> | | |
| Other offerings sent to WELS ⓘ | WELS provides | \$0 |
| <p>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.</p> <p>Examples of sub-organizations: Sunday school, women's group, Lutheran elementary school, etc.</p> <p>Examples of non-CMO designations: WELS World or Home Missions, WELS Mission and Ministry, WELS Christian Aid and Relief, WLS Scholarship Fund, MLC Operating Endowment Fund, a named endowment fund managed by the WELS Foundation, etc.</p> | | |
| Total offerings | WELS calculates | \$0 |

Capital Projects and Indebtedness

| | 2023 | 2022 if available |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| * Total spent on capital projects during the past calendar year ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | \$0 |
| <p>Money spent on completing capital projects like new construction, purchase of real estate, church roof, heating systems, etc.</p> <p>Do not include mortgage payments.</p> | | |
| * Total capital indebtedness of congregation ⓘ | <input type="text"/> | \$0 |
| <p>By capital indebtedness, we mean what you have in outstanding bank loans for capital projects.</p> <p>Do not include any operating deficit or mortgage payments.</p> | | |