

Congregation: Ascension Albert Lea MN 56007  
Southeastern Minnesota Synod Conference: Blue Earth River  
Year Organized: 1964

From 2009 to 2016	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	%Chg (09-16)
<b>Baptized Membership</b>	673	668	660	650	636	636	624	621	-7.7%
<b>Members Received By:</b>									
a. Baptism: Children	1	4	1	5	7	4	2	2	
b. Baptism: Adults	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c. Affirmation of Faith	3	0	0	1	0	6	0	2	
d. Transfer	2	4	5	6	8	5	0	7	
e. Other & Stat. Adjustment	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	
<b>Total Members Received</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>Members Removed By:</b>									
a. Death	7	6	9	6	9	4	7	9	
b. Transfer	9	7	5	12	14	5	1	7	
c. Other & Stat. Adjustment	20	2	0	4	6	6	6	8	
<b>Total Members Removed</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>Membership Change</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-3</b>	
<b>Baptized Youth Confirmed</b>	10	2	6	4	7	3	5	4	
<b>Confirmed Membership</b>	559	555	554	544	530	526	518	511	-8.6%
<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>	143	130	101	122	114	100	93	80	-44.1%
<b>Percent Attending Worship [1]</b>	21.2 %	19.5 %	15.3 %	18.8 %	17.9 %	15.7 %	14.9 %	12.9 %	-39.2%

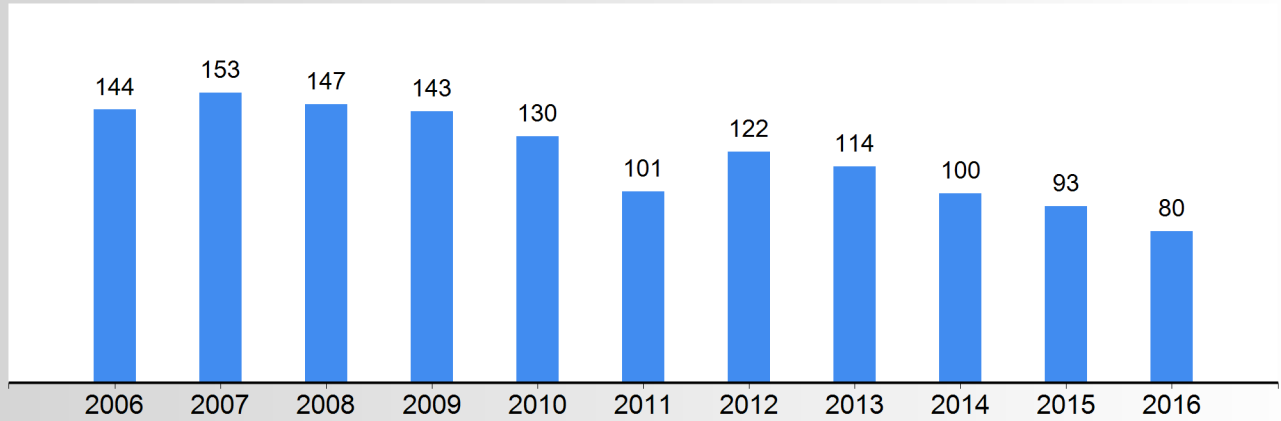
From 2009 to 2016	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 [2]	%Chg (09 -16 )
African American/Black	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	
African National/African-Caribbean (New in 2010)		0	0	0	2	5	5	5	
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	
Latino/Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Amer Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	
Arab/Middle Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Multiracial	6	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	
White	385	398	378	369	324	335	326	326	
Other	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	
<b>Race/Ethnicity of Active Participants</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>333</b>	

Racial/Ethnic Composition - Congregations filing in 2010 to 2016 show Active Participants, which is NEW in 2009. All other numbers are Baptized Members. **This data is collected to measure the ELCA'S progress in becoming more diverse.**

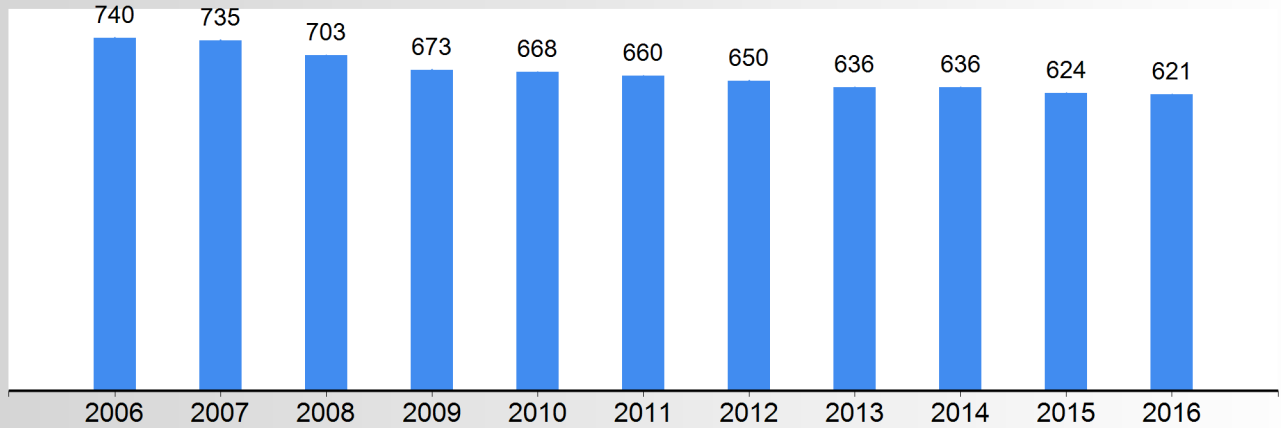
Regular Giving Per Confirmed Member	417.80	372.43	389.59	448.99	435.06	417.54	400.58	446.35	6.8%
Regular Giving by Members	233,552	206,701	215,835	244,251	230,580	219,624	207,502	228,085	-2.3%
Designated Giving by Members	18,214	36,807	31,781	27,266	23,410	17,208	24,196	21,316	17.0%
Grants & Partnership Support	0	0	1,352	1,909	1,014	1,870	457	0	0.00%
Total Receipts [3]	270,331	244,198	256,208	279,790	255,961	239,560	233,278	250,028	-7.5%
Current Operating Expenses	180,120	183,955	189,613	217,809	195,389	196,008	194,444	190,914	5.99%
Payments on Debts	5,327	1,883	4,930	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
Total Disbursements [3]	273,505	244,847	240,051	280,956	259,623	233,356	230,368	228,393	-16.5%
Mission Support	19,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	21,000	21,500	21,500	21,500	13.2%
Mission Support as % of Current Operating Expenses, Debt, Expenses & Mission Support [4]	9.3%	9.7%	9.3%	8.4%	9.7%	9.9%	10.0%	10.1%	8.6%
Mission Support as % of Regular Giving [4]	8.1%	9.7%	9.3%	8.2%	9.1%	9.8%	10.4%	9.4%	16.0%
All other benevolence (non-mission support)	15,375	17,057	19,667	39,547	17,462	15,848	14,424	15,979	3.93%
Mission Support as % of total benevolence.	55.3%	54.0%	50.4%	33.6%	54.6%	57.6%	59.8%	57.4%	3.8%



***Average Worship Attendance From 2006 to 2016 (-44.4% change)***



***Baptized Membership From 2006 to 2016 (-16.1% change)***



**Population of Congregation's ZIP Code 56007**

2000	2002	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	%Chg
22,026	-	-	21,263	-	-	20,995	-4.7%



**2016 VALUE OF CONGREGATIONAL ASSETS**

Church real estate	\$1,926,000	All Other Assets	\$0
Endowment & memorial funds	\$51,672	Cash, savings, bonds	\$40,365
Total indebtedness	\$0	Capital improvements this year	\$0

Wheelchair accessible? **Yes**                      Assistive hearing devices? **Yes**  
 Braille worship materials? **No**                      Special needs outreach/support? **Yes**  
 Large print worship materials? **Yes**                      Sign language interpreters? **No**

Community Context: **Small city 10,000 to 49,999 pop.**  
 ZIP Codes Served: **56007 56009 56020 56016 56036 56089**

[1] Average worship attendance divided by baptized membership  
 [2] Racial/Ethnicity numbers forwarded from 2015  
 [3] These totals include other receipts and disbursements not displayed  
 [4] The percent change in the right most column is the percent change between 2009 and 2016

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 Forms filed electronically will be checked for errors starting in early summer.  
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