

Christ Lutheran Church

Growth Projections

From Metropolitan Council Guidelines

Lake Elmo Population

2000 6,863 2010 9,952 2020 18,403 2030 24,000

Conclusion: Lake Elmo expected population growth in the next 20 years: 14,048

Growth Calculations:

Calculation 1:

- Assumptions: 40% of new residents become/are church members - $.40 \times 14,048 = 5,620$
- New residents stay in Lake Elmo for church equally: $5,620/6$ congregations = 937 new members each congregation.

Calculation 2:

- Assumptions: 40% of new residents become/are church members - $.40 \times 14,048 = 5,620$
- 30% of new church members decide to attend an ELCA Lutheran Church. $.30 \times 5,620 = 1,686$
- There are seven ELCA congregations within 5 miles of Lake Elmo.
- $1,686/7 = 241$ new members each congregation

Calculation 3:

- Assumptions: 40% of new residents become church members - $.40 \times 14,048 = 5,620$
- 30% of new church members attend an ELCA Lutheran Church. $.30 \times 5,620 = 1,686$
- There are seven ELCA congregations within 5 miles of Lake Elmo.
- 30% of new Lutheran Church members want to stay in Lake Elmo for church. $.30 \times 1,686 = 506$ new members at Christ Lutheran Church

Conclusions:

Level of Growth at Christ Lutheran will depend on:

- Met Council's population growth accuracy.
- Proximity of population growth in Lake Elmo to Christ Lutheran – closer equals more members.
- Ability of Christ Lutheran's facilities to accommodate growth.
- Ability of surrounding Lutheran Churches to accommodate growth.
- Interest of new community in Lutheran Churches.
- Pastor and congregation's ability to welcome new members.
- Attractiveness of Christ Lutheran's facilities.
- Programs.
- Community outreach.

Why Growth?

- Replace members who have left the congregation due to relocation.
- Replace members who have died.
- Replace members who have decided to go elsewhere.
- Reach an ideal size that allows for enough staff and programs to meet more needs.
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Planning for Membership Growth

Current Christ Lutheran Membership

598 Baptized members

Sanctuary capacity: 213 worshipers x 2 services = 426 on a Sunday morning.

30% of a congregation worships on any given Sunday – $30\% \times 598 = 180$ average attendance or 90 each service.

If congregation were to expand to 1,200 members (double in size)

$.30 \times 1,200 = 360$ members would worship on a Sunday.

Sanctuary capacity (assuming equal numbers at two services)

$.30 \times TG = 426$ $426/.30 = 1,420$ members possible without changing Sanctuary size.

$1,420 - 598 = 822$ **growth** in congregation without needing additional worship facilities.

Growth in congregation would increase demand for:

Nursery (more kids)

Classrooms (more kids)

Gathering (more people)

Administration (more staff)

Community facilities (more programs)

What size of congregation will be needed to support an assistant pastor?

When would a visitation pastor be desired?