



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Congregational Mission Profile

Date: 05/19/2004

Part I - CONGREGATION INFORMATION

1. Congregation

Congregation ID Number:

Congregation Name:

Address:

City: State: Zipcode:

Church Phone: e-mail:

Fax Number:

Synod:

2. Congregation Council Chairperson

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zipcode:

Home Phone: e-mail:

Work Phone: e-mail:

Preferred Contact Phone Number: Home Work

Preferred Contact e-mail address: Home Work

3. Call Committee Chairperson

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zipcode:

Home Phone: e-mail:

Work Phone: e-mail:

Preferred Contact Phone Number: Home Work

Preferred Contact e-mail address: Home Work

4. List three events or developments that are important from the history of your congregation. Please indicate the dates. If you have a short, concise congregational history, please attach it.

(For example: significant anniversaries, building programs, merger, worship service added, ministries, musical groups and choirs formed, staff or pastoral positions added or revamped, lengthy pastorates, pastoral interims, intentional interims, restructuring of Congregational Council or board, mission development, house mission church, relationship with Lutheran agency or organization, organ purchase.)

1. The merging of Atonement and St. Paul's congregations to form St. Matthew's, which resulted in the calling of Pastor Tyce, the building of St. Matthews, and the attendant growth, both spiritual and physical. (1986-1995)
2. The togetherness generated by and the success of the "Bring the Children Unto Me" fundraiser campaign for the new Sunday School wing. (1997)
3. Community outreach, which includes multiple scout troops, Advantage Preschool, Southridge Quilters, Mountain Chorale, and various self-help groups. (1990-Present)

5. There are historical or internal issues in any congregation about which a candidate should be aware. Please describe:

a. The length of time your three previous pastors served and their reasons for leaving.

Rev. Larry Closter was called in 1983 for St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCA)

Rev. Will Hazard was called in 1986 for Atonement Lutheran Church (ALC)

For a short time after these two congregations merged to form St. Matthew's in about 1986, the two pastors alternated conducting services. They both left for other congregations (probably in 1987), as it was deemed unfair and potentially divisive to select one pastor over the other.

In July 1989, Rev. Robert Tyce was selected as the new pastor. He was installed on October 1, 1989 as pastor of St. Matthew's, which had since become part of the ELCA. Pastor Tyce retired on December 31, 2003.

b. The most significant conflict in your congregation in the last 20 years and what the congregation has learned from that conflict.

The internal debate regarding the Call to Common Mission with the Episcopal Church and the possibility of affiliating St. Matthew's Lutheran Church with the Word Alone movement. There was to be a Congregational vote on whether to "join" Word Alone, but the decision was postponed until the next semi-annual meeting and it was not brought before a Congregational meeting again.

St. Matthew's Congregation learned that we need to keep ourselves better informed as to what is happening in the Rocky Mountain Synod and ELCA at large, particularly the details, and to be much more involved in Synod Conferences, etc.

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6. Review the congregations's current ELCA Congregational Trend Report and Demographic Zip Code Report. This report is available on the internet at www.elca.org/re, or by calling the ELCA Department for Research and Evaluation at 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2990. Comment here on any surprises or especially significant trends. Please attach a copy of the report to this profile.

(Please attach the most up-to-date membership and attendance information available.)

Sunday School is listed as 81 pupils in 2002. This is surprising, as attendance rarely exceeds 25 on any given Sunday.

For the year 2003, the average attendance at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church was:

8:30 a.m. service - 40

11:00 a.m. service - 78

From October 5, 2003 to March 14, 2004, the average attendance at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church was:

8:30 a.m. service - 40

11:00 a.m. service - 70

7. Congregation constitution was last updated: 05/19/1996

(Comment on reason for update.)

Updated to bring it more closely in line with ELCA model constitution and correct errors.

8. Most members live within what distance of the church building?

a. Estimate, to the nearest whole number, the percentage of congregational members who live within the following distances of the church building:

1/2 mile from church: 1 %

1/2 - 1 mile from church: 9 %

1 3 miles from church: 31 %

more than 3 miles from church: 59 %

b. Estimate, to the nearest whole number, the percentage of congregation members who use the following modes of transportation to come to church:

walk or take public transportation: 0 %

drive personal vehicles: 100 %

Part II - MINISTRY PRACTICES AND STRUCTURE

9. Describe the congregation's present program and practices in worship (*time, type, style, frequency of communion*), **education** (*adult, youth, confirmation*), **evangelism** (*calls and guests*), and **special ministry** (*CROP Walk, after-school tutors, etc.*).

(Comment on how ministries are organized - by committees [ad hoc or standing], task forces or as special projects.)

We use traditional, liturgical services in our worship at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM with weekly communion and children's sermon. We haven't typically done special services for Advent, but do have Wednesday services during Lent. There are additional service times on Easter Sunday and Christmas and our choir gathers for special occasions, seasonally.

Christian education involves children, ages three to eighteen. Augsburg Witness material and various others are used. We hold yearly Vacation Bible School, for 1 week in the summer. There is also a pastor-led adult Sunday school and confirmation classes for grades 7 and 8. Typically 15-20 children and adults attend Sunday school.

Evangelism is mostly through meeting and greeting people that visit our church. The congregation feels that we need a better method of inviting people back, more volunteers and focus on local community, greater outreach, and increased visitation to elderly, sick, non-active members and shut-ins. Our program is strong once people are in the door. We are considering a pamphlet to distribute to visitors and recently created a website (www.StMatthewUT.org).

10. Describe the service ministries of the congregation, its community involvement and ecumenical partnerships.

(For example: food pantry sponsor or contributor, build shelter for low-income residents in the community, house counseling office, addiction-related groups or other organizations.)

The congregation has people who work at the Food Pantry, we have participated in the CROP Walk, and Diabetes and Alzheimer's walks, Faith-in-Action, LSSU (Elder House), Head Start program, and Sunday School children do an annual collection for the food bank.

The Youth Group has participated in campus ministry, Ronald McDonald House, cemetery luminaries, feeding the homeless, sponsored sub-for-Santa families, Christian Youth organization lock-ins, food baskets, hospital-based service projects, and attended national youth gathering in Atlanta.

Scout troops have performed various service projects.

Mountain Chorale, a professional choir performing largely Christian music, uses sanctuary for regular practice and recording sessions.

11. Describe the congregation's present staffing. Please include volunteers responsible for parish printed communications, supervising education programs, building maintenance or other regular tasks.

(For paid staff: note whether part-time or full-time; whether members of the congregation; relationship to members, if any; and length of service.)

Paid Staff - Pastor (vacant)
Church Secretary (part-time)
Church Youth Director (part-time)
Organists, nursery attendant, cleaning, ground maintenance, and snow removal are contracted.

All of the aforementioned, with the exception of snow removal, are performed by members of the congregation.

We have volunteers responsible for the parish-printed communications and maintaining the website. Miscellaneous volunteers provide altar guild support, worship and music selection, children's sermons, and Sunday school teachers.

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12. Construction date of church building: Date of last renovation:
Is any building program projected? Yes No If yes, when?:

Please describe existing building issues which may need to be addressed and the current extent of handicapped accessibility. Also use this space to describe the condition of any church property, its insured value and any outstanding debt on it.

No building programs are projected. We have a full basement under the Sunday school wing with no handicap accessibility. It is currently used for storage.

The church was built in 1992 and expanded in 1999. The congregation has committed approximately 15% of the property for the building of Elder House on a 100-year lease.

\$236,678 is still owed on the building.
Building and grounds are insured for \$1.5 million.

13. Briefly describe the congregation's stewardship practices. What process is used for determining annual income projections? What is your current commitment (percentage of offerings) to ministry beyond the congregation (synod, churchwide, other ministries)?

(For example: describe how stewardship is encouraged; pledge Sundays; how offerings are allocated.)

We have an inconsistent stewardship program, which differs from year to year. This is an area that needs work. Annual income projection is by prayer. (A bit tongue-in-cheek, but not all that inaccurate.) Our current benevolence commitment is 11% of the budget after the mortgage and salaries are deducted. If benevolence is looked at as a percentage of offerings it is 16%. Budgeted benevolence include general, synod, community, Elder House, Lutheran Social Services of Utah, and Lutheran Campus Ministry.

14. Please attach a current spending plan for the congregation. Additionally, briefly describe savings, endowments, or investments and how these funds are to be used.

(Comment on how use of financial resources reflects the congregation's mission.)

The council budgets for more than we think we will spend so that we don't have to go back to the congregation throughout the year. We do not have savings, endowment, or investment accounts. Philosophically, we have minimized the money kept in savings, as a majority of the congregation believe that our funds should be doing the work of God, not being saved for a rainy day.

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15. Describe synod and churchwide activities in which members have participated.

(For example: synod or churchwide assemblies, synod or churchwide council, synod committees, global mission events, Women of the ELCA, stewardship or evangelism seminars, seminary events and youth gathering or youth leadership training.)

Youth Gathering - Atlanta
WELCA - local activities and area cluster
Synod assembly attendance - every 1-2 years
Youth used to attend confirmation camp, have not done for 4-5 years
Sporadic participation in other synod activities

16. How does this congregation, as an integral piece of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, see itself as a partner with the synod and churchwide organizations?

(For example, how has the congregation become involved in synod and churchwide activities and why? What does it mean to be a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America? If there is no involvement, as best you are able, explain why that might be so.)

A majority of the congregation feels that we have done a poor job of partnering, or even participating, with synod and churchwide organizations, and that we should increase our level of involvement. We have provided benevolence quite consistently, albeit tardily at times. A few years ago, the decision was made to take part of our benevolence that was sent to the Rocky Mountain Synod and give it directly to various charitable causes, this was due in part to dissatisfaction with the perceived direction of the church at large (i.e. - CCM, gay/lesbian debate, etc.). This perception is a potentially divisive issue within the congregation, but a majority agree that we should strengthen our involvement with synod and the ELCA at large, if for no other reason than to see that our voice is heard. There is also the desire to be part of a larger community, the belief that, since we have largely adopted the model constitution and call ourselves an ELCA congregation, then we have an obligation to participate.

Part III - MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY

17. Describe the larger community in which the church building is located and list the resources of your information.

(For example: gender percentages, race, marital status, media age and income; types of employment; quality of education, cost and types of housing, tax rate and recreational activities.)

St. Matthew Lutheran Church is based in Taylorsville, UT, one of 15 municipalities in Salt Lake County. SL County is 764 square miles with a population of 910,000 residents. Forty percent of this population is in the 20-44 age group, 34% is age 0-19, 17% is 45-64 years of age, and 9% of the population is 65 years and older. Salt Lake County population is 82.2 percent white, 2.6 percent Asian American, 1.2 percent Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 1.1 percent African American, 0.9 percent American Indian, 9.4 percent Hispanic, and 2.6 percent multiracial. Currently the median yearly household income is \$48,373. Granite School District (one of 4 school districts in Salt Lake County) is currently the nation's largest district with 89 schools serving 69,000 students. There are five 2-year colleges and one University (University of Utah), as well as one private college (Westminster College) in SL County. There are 15 canyons and 4 world class ski resorts in SL County. The median house value is \$157,000. Salt Lake County is home to fine ballet and opera companies, as well as the internationally famous Utah Symphony.

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18. Describe three distinct attributes of the community the congregation serves.

(For example: urban, suburban, small town or rural; growing, stable or declining economy; racially diverse or not, quality of education opportunities, single or two-income families, many single or elderly people.)

Salt Lake County consists of 15 municipalities including the incorporated city of Taylorsville, in which St. Matthew Lutheran Church is located. The area is growing with a stable economy and good employment forecasts. The population is racially diverse, especially in the outlying suburban areas. 57.8 of the population live in a married couple household. Over 80 percent of the population has a high school degree or higher, with 27.4 percent bachelor's degree or higher.

19. List four primary businesses or industries in the community.

(For example: note source of tax base and local economy, primary employers; note whether people commute to other locations for employment.)

The four largest County Employers are University of Utah (State Government), State of Utah (State Government), Granite School District (Local Government) and Jordan School District (Local Government). We have large employment figures in Novus (Credit Services), Delta Airlines (Air Transportation), and Intermountain Health Care (4 hospitals in SL Co.) Currently 3% of the population is unemployed. There is a new light rail (TRAX) system that serves the Salt Lake City Center and University area, as well as the Utah Transit Authority (bus system).

20. What trends in the community should be addressed by the congregation in the next five years?

(For example: impact of population shifts, domestic violence, day care, youth services or recreation, homelessness, now construction, inflated housing prices or decline of housing stock.)

We are located in a relatively new city and our community is more diverse racially, religiously, occupationally, etc. than it has been in the past. There is an increasing population, especially of younger people and we have seen an incoming population of individuals that are disenchanting with other faiths and/or affiliations.

There has been increased job outsourcing which is believed to have driven a decrease in average wages.

As a result, we should increase evangelism, provide a stable worship environment recognizing the needs of others, proclaim God's love and make ourselves inviting to the community. This will necessitate our review/renewal of our Vision for St. Matthew's.

21. What opportunities for ecumenical cooperation have you found in your community?

(For example: cooperative worship, youth events, food pantry, women's shelter or homeless shelter.)

Workshops (Vision, Stewardship, Etc.)
Social Activities (Lutherfest, Spring Fling)
Community Service (Faith in Action, Lutheran Social Services - Elder House)
Worship (Ecumenical services - not recent, Use of sanctuary by other congregations)

Part IV - WHERE IS GOD LEADING US?

22. In the past five years, has the congregation conducted a process to review its ministry and goals?

Yes No **If yes, briefly outline the process used to develop these.**

(For example: Who led and participated? How was input sought? Were open meetings held and how many? Were decisions made by committees or a task force?)

In 1998, St. Matthew's Congregational Council undertook to better define our long-term goals and objectives. This resulted in two special retreats being held, which were facilitated by Jan Krakow (Associate in Ministry - At the time working at Ascension Lutheran Church in Ogden). These retreats were ostensibly for the Council, but members of the Congregation were invited to attend, few did.

The results of the retreats were a new mission statement (as follows) and a series of more specific vision statements to direct the various committees going forward.

Mission Statement - As part of God's chosen people, we are called to gather in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to worship, teach, love, and serve.

23. What is the current vision or mission statement of the congregation?

(Comment on whether this mission statement accurately reflects the current understanding of the mission of the congregation or if it may need to be reevaluated.)

Vision Statements

- 1) Provide God-centered, liturgical worship services that reach out to all of God's people. - Worship Comm & Pastor
- 2) Provide biblically sound educational experiences in an effort to reach all of God's people. - Christian Education, Small Group Ministries, & Youth Director
- 3) Develop a youth program leading to involvement in all aspects of congregational life. - Small Group Ministries & Youth Director
- 4) Develop a strong, on-going, Christ-centered Stewardship program. - Stewardship & Fellowship
- 5) Encourage community experiences that foster love and mutual concern. - Social Ministries, Fellowship, Small Group, & Youth Director
- 6) Encourage congregational involvement in the community and the world. - Social Ministries, Evangelism, & Youth Director

24. During the next one to three years, what are the top three mission priorities for the congregation which, if accomplished, hold the most promise for the continued development of you ministry?

(For example: outreach to increase membership; service to the community; building program; adding staff or pastors; restructuring of committees or boards; stewardship or evangelism programs.)

Evangelism (Youth, inactive members, un-churched Lutherans and others in the area, visitors, people new to the area)

Community Outreach (Website maintenance, Peace Gardens, expanding benevolence, participation in Taylorsville Days, Elder House completion)

Maintaining Support of Congregation (Possible additional staff, support for elderly, property, education, worship, fellowship, stewardship program, restructuring of committees, increased Sunday School participation, church bus)

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25. What is your congregation excited about?

(For example: list events or activities that generate interest and participation.)

Interacting with other Lutherans (e.g. - Lutherfest)
Fellowship Activities (e.g. - Talent Show, Festival of St. Matthew, Oink Inc.)
Youth (e.g. - Youth Group, Scouting, Sunday School Wing)
Community Service & Outreach (e.g. - Elder House, Groups that use our building)
Congregation involvement in worship
Friendly congregation
Growth

Part V - THE LEADER WE SEEK

26. Position title:

Pastor

27. Please list the expectations for this position.

Actively involved in planning and leading worship services, acting as an interpreter of theology in the Lutheran tradition, and preaching the gospel in the Lutheran tradition.

Open to new liturgical worship concepts, but maintain more traditional liturgies as the core of the worship services.

Excited about the Evangelism possibilities in our community and having the skills to help us build a strong evangelism program.

Having the skills and desire to help us build a strong, consistent stewardship program, emphasizing the need for all to give of their time and talents.

Motivate and drive us to be active in, involved in, and informed about the larger Lutheran community.

Other Lutheran congregations.

Rocky Mountain Synod

ELCA at large

Desire and ability to help us improve our social ministry.

Ministering in difficult situations and counselling.

Supporting each other

Extend our existing outreach efforts.

Support and help improve our ministry to youth and young adults and support teaching of the entire congregation.

Strong leader that shares our vision and can help us reach our full potential in realizing God's plan for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Motivate and stimulate everyone to be involved.

Help us / drive us to select competent lay-leaders.

Help bring consistency to our various leadership roles.

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28. Ministry Priorities and Skills. Please rate the following based upon your priorities and the perceived necessary skills for the leader you seek: (5 is the highest)

Priority 1 - 5 (5 is high)	Skill 1 - 5 (5 is high)	Ministry Area	Description	Four areas of most essential need
5	5	Worship Leadership	Place high value on carefully planned and well-conducted worship services.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	3	Social Ministry	Enable persons to become aware of community needs and participate in action and advocacy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Children's Ministry	Teach and relate to preschool and elementary age children.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Ministry to Youth and Young Adults	Teach, work and relate well with high school youth and young adults.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Teaching Adults	Teach and lead adults in faith development.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	4	Administration	Provide oversight of the organization and work of staff, committees, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	3	Community Work	Motivate persons to cooperate in community activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	3	Ecumenical Work	Stimulate cooperation in local inter-church and inter-faith programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Stewardship	Inspire and motivate persons in developing and using individual and group resources in the service of the church.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	5	Evangelism	Reach out with the Good News of Jesus the Christ.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Visitation	Support and nurture persons by visiting with them in settings other than church functions.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	5	Preaching	Hear both law and gospel as it applies to the lives of people.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Ministering in Crisis	Support persons in the midst of crisis.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Counseling	Assist persons facing problems or decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	3	Participant in the Larger Church	Provide leadership to programs of the ELCA through the synod and church-wide organizations as well as other affiliated institutions.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Priority 1 - 5 (5 is high)	Skill 1 - 5 (5 is high)	Ministry Area	Description	Four areas of most essential need
3	3	Financial Management	Work with accounts, figures and budgets.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	4	Inter-personal Climate	Exhibit and inspire a spirit of community.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Recruit and Equip	Enlist, equip and motivate leaders to carry out the work of the organization.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	5	Interpreter of Theology	Communicate a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and Christian theology from a Lutheran perspective.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	4	Innovator	Envision and implement new approaches, activities and projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	4	Utilizing Conflict	Analyze and utilize conflict situations to strengthen community life.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	3	Planner	Engage in visioning, long-range planning, and goal setting.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Sharing Leadership	Work mutually with volunteers and colleagues in a staff situation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Family Life / Self Care	Expect the pastor to, and allow time for, cultivating home and personal life.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Study Habits	Expect the pastor to, and allow time for, following a regular schedule of reading and studying.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Spiritual Discipline	Expect the pastor to, and allow time for, maintaining a disciplined life of prayer and personal devotion.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	3	Small Groups	Plan, cultivate and support small group ministry.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Teaching	Creatively relate to youth to teach the faith and inspire commitment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	4	Transformational / Redevelopment	Understand and embrace the need to change and to reach out in a new community context.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	3	Musical and Artistic	Enjoy and use music and the arts to invite and enhance worship.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Congregation Name: **29. Compensation and professional expense reimbursement.**Range of base salary: \$ - Range of base salary including housing allowance: \$ - In addition to base salary, we have been providing: *(Check all that apply.)* Parsonage Housing Equity Allowance Social Security offset Continuing Education of 14 days and synod recommended minimum allowance of: \$ Four weeks vacation, including four Sundays Car allowance or Mileage allowance Health and pension through the ELCA Board of Pensions Other: *(Please explain briefly below.)***Total compensation and professional expense package:** \$

Please comment on how these figures compare to your synod's compensation guidelines.

Total compensation and professional expense package reflects the high end of the salary range. The low end would be approximately \$62,000 and is slightly less than is included in 2004 budget. If one were to work backward from these numbers and compare them to Rocky Mountain Synod guidelines for salary, they would be appropriate for a pastor have 5-20 years of experience, depending on health and pension needs.

References

Please list two people outside of the present membership whom a candidate might call for further insights and impressions of the congregation or ministry setting.

Relationship: Name: Address City: State: Zipcode: Phone e-mail: Relationship: Name: Address City: State: Zipcode: Phone e-mail:

Use this space if you need to include additional information.

Needs of St. Matthew's:

One of our greatest short-comings is that we struggle getting and keeping members involved, which is perhaps a symptom, rather than the problem itself. In analyzing this issue, we see that we do a poor job of encouraging members to increase participation and, when we do get someone to try something new, we typically communicate the task/event poorly, don't mentor well, and often times don't do anything to make it more fun and/or less onerous. A typical example is altar guild, where a few years ago we put some effort into finding more people to undertake that service, but there are few written instructions telling one what needs to be done and how, and a new person can find themselves doing it for the first time without the assistance of someone who "knows the ropes". This points to the larger need for improved continuity when committees or functions are in transition, better systems for doing just about everything, and better communication of both the fact that there is a need or event and how that need or event is to be accomplished. At the root of the problem is a need for leadership in the pastoral role, not to do all of these things, but to help us stay the course and do what we know we should.

Positive aspects of St. Matthew's:

We are a friendly, open and warm congregation.
 When something needs doing, someone always steps up.
 We have a strong youth program.
 Our location is excellent in terms of the building, Wasatch Front, and the metropolitan area.
 We have a high potential for growth.
 There is a current trend toward increasing our activity with other Lutherans.

Additional statistical information regarding St. Matthew's:

Age Group	Number
0-9	33
10-19	82
20-29	40
30-39	32
40-49	54
50-59	51
60-69	26
70-79	32
80-89	11

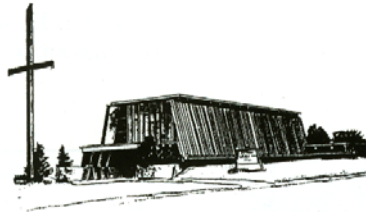
Pie-Chart Attached

Completion of item 28 "Ministry Priorities and Skills" was completed by surveying the entire congregation. Approximately 50 surveys were returned. A summary of the results is attached. For ranking the top four categories, one point was assigned to each box checked.

From our website: www.StMatthewUT.org

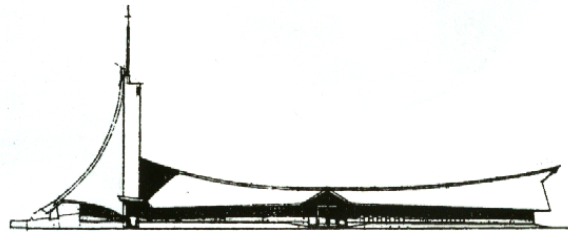
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - ELCA (Our History)

In the beginning...



1950's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Kearns, Utah
Augustana Synod &
Lutheran Church in America Synod (LCA)



1960's

Atonement Lutheran Church - Granger, Utah
American Lutheran Church Synod (ALC)

1980's

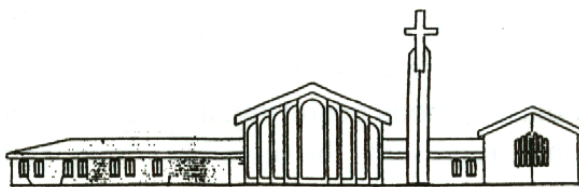
Synod mergers. Two buildings "FOR SALE". Newly-merged congregation worships in temporary facilities chartered under the new name,
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - Salt Lake County, Utah
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)



1992

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - Salt Lake County, Utah

1999



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - Taylorsville, Utah

2002 - We enter a new century with a newly-expanded church building and a growing, energized congregation in Utah's newest city, Taylorsville. We continue to thank the Lord for old and new.

...God saw that it was good and he blessed it!

Then and Now

St. Matthew's congregation had its beginning in the 1950's and 1960's with membership in the early Utah mission churches of St. Paul's in Kearns and Atonement in Granger. The late 1980's merger of these two congregations became St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and in March 1992 dedicated its new building in the soon-to-be incorporated Utah City of Taylorsville.

Steadily increasing membership soon resulted in the need for additional Sunday School space. In 1996 this prayerful congregation went forward in pledging to a 3-year building commitment titled "Bring the Children Unto Me"

October 10th, 1999 the new education wing was dedicated. In gratitude to God for His goodness to St. Matthew's the special dedication offering was divided among the three newest ELCA mission churches in Utah.

Tree of Life in Orem, *New Promise* in St. George, and *Mountain of Faith* in Stansbury. THANKS BE TO GOD!

Besides the regular 8:30 and 11:00 AM Sunday worship services, there are 9:45 AM Sunday School classes for ages 3 through adult, as well as the annual Vacation Bible School. There are strong [Scouting programs](#), Men's

and [Women's](#) organizations and a very active [Youth Group](#). Community quilters, crafters and dancers are happy to have meeting places at St. Matthew. It's facilities are also rented on a part-time basis by the Advantage Preschool and a Samoan Christian Congregation, as well as used as a local election polling center.

In addition to a very active congregational and community Faith in Action Program, St. Matthew's congregation is deeply committed to [Lutheran Social Services of Utah](#) and is looking forward to a 12-unit assisted-living facility, [Elder House](#), scheduled to be built on its property under a long-term lease agreement.

The congregation of this friendly ELCA church extends a hearty invitation to all who are seeking a church home.

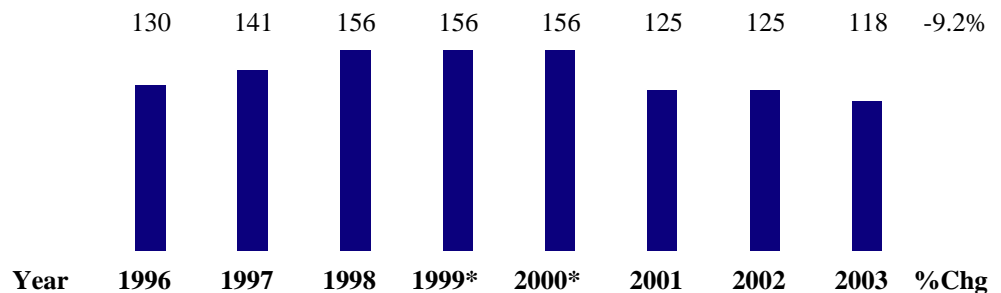
WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Congregation Trend Report
Department for Research and Evaluation
Source: Congregational Annual Reports

Congregation: St Matthew Lutheran Church Salt Lake City Taylorsville UT 84118
 Rocky Mountain Synod Conference: Utah
 Year Organized: 1958

From 1996 TO 2003	1996	1997	1998	1999*	2000*	2001	2002	2003	%Chg 96-03
Baptized Membership	358	371	384	384	384	315	321	343	-4.2%
Members Received By:									
a. Baptism: Children	15	12	12	12	12	9	8	9	
b. Baptism: Adults	4	8	8	8	8	2	4	0	
c. Affirmation of Faith	19	16	16	16	16	4	6	0	
d. Transfer From:									
1. ELCA Congregations	6	10	10	10	10	12	12	17	
2. Other Lutheran	0	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	
3. Other Non-Lutheran	0	6	6	6	6	0	6	5	
e. Other & Stat. Adjustment	0	12	12	12	12	0	0	0	
Total Members Added	44	68	68	68	68	27	36	31	
Members Removed By:									
a. Death	4	7	7	7	7	6	12	5	
b. Transfer To:									
1. ELCA Congregations	6	13	13	13	13	12	18	4	
2. Other Lutheran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Other Non-Lutheran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c. Other & Stat. Adjustment	28	35	35	35	35	78	0	0	
Total Members Removed	38	55	55	55	55	96	30	9	
Membership Change	6	13	13	13	13	-69	6	22	
Baptized Youth Confirmed	12	6	4	4	4	4	6	8	
Confirmed Membership	265	282	297	297	297	250	254	271	2.3%
Conf-Communing Members	260	245	276	276	276	212	212	212	-18.5%
Conf-Comm-Contrib Members	241	235	266	266	266	201	201	201	-16.6%

Average Worship Attendance 1996 to 2003



Percent Attending Worship	36.3%	38.0%	40.6%	40.6%	40.6%	39.7%	38.9%	34.4%	-5.3%
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Racial/Ethnic Composition of Baptized Members

African American/Black Non-Hispanic	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Asian/Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	
Hispanic/Spanish (All Races)	6	3	3	3	3	12	12	10	
Amer. Indian/Native Alaskan Non-Hisp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Arab/Middle Eastern Non-Hispanic***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Multiethnic Non-Hispanic***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
White Non-Hispanic	346	367	375	375	375	297	304	327	
Other Non-Hispanic	0	0	5	5	5	6	5	0	

This data is collected to measure the ELCA's progress in becoming more diverse.

Regular Giving Per Confirmed-

Communing Member	521.62	751.58	494.25	494.25	494.25	627.11	603.45	772.09	48.0%
Regular Giving Per CC Member in 1996 Dollars	521.62	734.73	475.75	465.47	450.33	555.58	526.30	658.38	26.2%

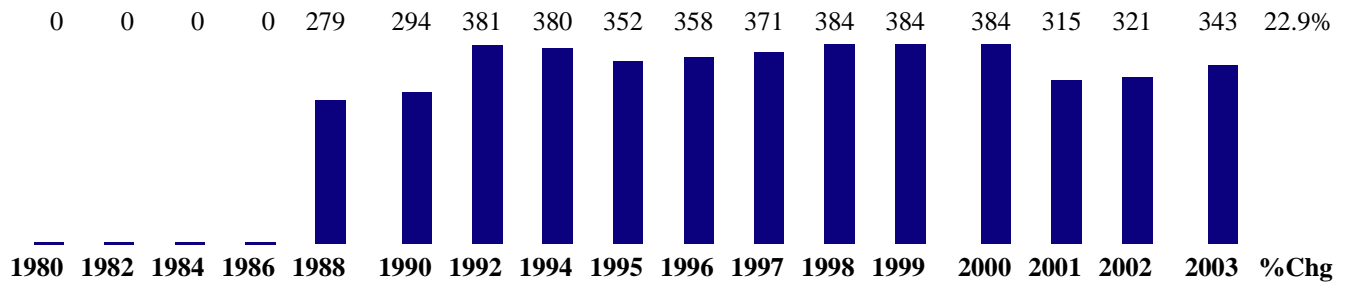
Regular Giving by Members	135620	184138	136412	136412	136412	132947	127932	163684	20.7%
Designated Giving by Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	40810	1025	0.0%
Grants & Partnership Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Income**	135620	184138	200905	200905	200905	132947	168742	173259	27.8%

Current Operating Expenses	97481	115115	135280	135280	135280	131947	127068	137114	40.7%
Payments on Debts	39000	37788	0	0	0	45963	40810	37509	-3.8%
Total Disbursements**	147581	164593	145234	145234	145234	190510	170878	187877	27.3%

Mission Support	9800	9600	9954	9954	9954	3000	3000	3000	-69.4%
Mission Support as % of Current Operating Expenses, Debt Expenses & Mission Support	6.7%	5.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%	-74.8%

Mission Support as % of Regular Giving	7.2%	5.2%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	2.3%	2.3%	1.8%	-74.6%
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Total ELCA Benevolence	11100	11690	9954	9954	9954	3000	3000	11600	4.5%
Other Benevolence	0	0	0	0	0	9600	0	1000	0.0%

Baptized Membership 1980 to 2003**Population of Congregation's ZIP Code 84118 for 1990, 2000 and 2003**

Year	Population	%Chg
1990	56026	
1992	-	
1994	-	
1995	-	
1996	-	
1997	-	
1998	-	
1999	-	
2000	64002	
2001	-	
2002	-	
2003	65123	16.2%

2003 VALUE OF CONGREGATIONAL ASSETS

Church edifice and lot	\$1,500,000	Parsonage(s) and lot(s)	\$0
Parish house and lot	\$0	Other real estate	\$0
Endowment & memorial funds	\$0	Other assets	\$0
Cash, savings, bonds, etc.	\$0		
Total indebtedness	\$236,678	Capital improvements this year	\$0

Wheelchair accessible? Y Community Context: Suburb of large city within 10 miles

Size of 2003 Sunday School: 65 Pupils and 10 Leaders

Zip Codes Served: 84118 84120 84119 84123 84084 84095

*No Congregational Report was received for this year. The previous year's data was carried forward.

**These totals include other income and expenses not displayed.

***Arab/Middle Eastern and Multiethnic were first collected in 2003.

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Forms filed electronically will be checked for errors starting in March.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Demographic Report for ZIP Code 84118
Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UT

	ZIP Code	County
Population:		
2006 Projection	69,338	975,654
2001 Estimate	66,013	911,331
1990 Census	56,479	725,956
1980 Census	40,348	619,065
Population Change and Percent Change:		
1980 - 1990 Number Change	16,131	106,891
1980 - 1990 % Change	40.0%	17.3%
1980 - 2001 Number Change	25,665	292,266
1980 - 2001 % Change	63.6%	47.2%
1980 - 2006 Number Change	28,990	356,589
1980 - 2006 % Change	71.8%	57.6%
1990 - 2001 Number Change	9,534	185,375
1990 - 2001 % Change	16.9%	25.5%
1990 - 2006 Number Change	12,859	249,698
1990 - 2006 % Change	22.8%	34.4%
2001 - 2006 Number Change	3,325	64,323
2001 - 2006 % Change	5.0%	7.1%
Number of Persons in Families, Households and Group Quarters		
1980 Families	9,927	151,350
1980 Households	10,896	201,743
1980 Population in Group Quarters	65	7,047
1990 Families	13,337	175,036
1990 Households	15,247	240,680
1990 Population in Group Quarters	71	9,585
2001 Families	15,887	225,472
2001 Households	19,092	319,785
2001 Population in Group Quarters	85	10,961
2006 Families	16,672	241,503
2006 Households	20,438	347,491
2006 Population in Group Quarters	88	10,962
1980 Average Household Size	3.70	3.03
1990 Average Household Size	3.70	2.98
2001 Average Household Size	3.45	2.82
2006 Average Household Size	3.39	2.78
1980 % Population by Race & Hispanic Origin		
White (Non-Hispanic)	91.9%	92.2%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	0.4%	0.6%
Other (Non-Hispanic)	2.0%	2.2%
Hispanic	5.8%	5.0%
1990 % Population by Race & Hispanic Origin		
White (Non-Hispanic)	89.4%	89.8%

Black (Non-Hispanic)	0.5%	0.7%
Amer. Indian, Eskimo & Aleut (Non-Hispanic)	0.6%	0.8%
Asian, Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic)	2.6%	2.7%
Other (Non-Hispanic)	0.0%	0.1%
Hispanic	6.8%	6.0%
1990 % Asian or Pacific Islander Population by Type:		
Chinese	0.2%	0.5%
Japanese	0.2%	0.4%
Korean	0.3%	0.2%
Vietnamese	0.3%	0.3%
Other Asian	1.8%	1.3%
2001 % Population by Race & Hispanic Origin		
White (Non-Hispanic)	75.3%	81.5%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	0.9%	1.1%
Amer. Indian, Eskimo & Aleut (Non-Hispanic)	1.0%	0.9%
Asian, Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic)	5.2%	4.3%
Other (Non-Hispanic)	0.0%	0.1%
Hispanic	17.5%	12.2%
2006 % Population by Race & Hispanic Origin		
White (Non-Hispanic)	72.2%	79.6%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	1.0%	1.2%
Amer. Indian, Eskimo & Aleut (Non-Hispanic)	1.1%	0.9%
Asian, Pacific Islander (Non-Hispanic)	5.8%	4.6%
Other (Non-Hispanic)	0.1%	0.1%
Hispanic	19.9%	13.6%
2001 % Population by Age:		
0 - 4	10.5%	9.0%
5 - 9	12.2%	9.7%
10 - 14	11.2%	9.7%
15 - 17	5.2%	4.8%
18 - 24	8.5%	9.0%
25 - 34	12.8%	13.0%
35 - 44	15.4%	15.3%
45 - 54	13.7%	13.4%
55 - 59	3.2%	4.2%
60 - 64	2.3%	3.2%
65 - 74	3.2%	4.8%
75 +	1.6%	4.1%
2001 Total Population Median Age	26.90	31.30
2001 Per Capita Income	\$18,545	\$23,628
2001 Median Family Income	\$59,734	\$59,858
2001 Median Household Income	\$57,055	\$51,803
2001 Average Family Income	\$66,948	\$76,521
2001 Average Household Income	\$64,052	\$66,768
2001 Average Household Wealth	\$195,433	\$198,358
2001 Median Household Wealth	\$121,707	\$100,041
1990 % Educational Attainment (18yrs+):		
Less than Grade 9	2.5%	2.7%
Grade 9-12 (No Diploma)	17.0%	13.4%
High School Grad or Equivalency	33.3%	26.6%
Some College (No Degree)	27.0%	29.2%
Associate Degree	10.1%	7.2%

Bachelor Degree	8.1%	14.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree	2.0%	6.4%
1990 % Employment Status (16yrs+):		
Armed Forces	0.3%	0.2%
Civilian Employed	71.8%	67.2%
Civilian Unemployed	3.8%	3.4%
Not in Labor Force	24.0%	29.2%
1990 Families with Workers (16yrs+):		
Families with 0 Workers	799	15,943
Families with 1 Worker	3,476	46,810
Families with 2 Workers	7,182	86,722
Families with 3+ Workers	1,963	26,619
1990 % Occupation (16yrs+):		
Executive & Managerial	10.2%	12.7%
Professional Specialty	9.1%	14.5%
Technical Support	4.0%	4.2%
Sales	11.1%	13.1%
Administrative Support	18.9%	18.1%
Private Household Service	0.2%	0.2%
Protective Service	1.5%	1.3%
Other Service	10.4%	10.6%
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.5%	0.9%
Precision Produc., Craft & Repair	14.6%	10.7%
Machine Oper., Assembly. & Inspect.	9.0%	5.9%
Transportation & Material Moving	5.7%	3.8%
Laborers	4.3%	3.6%
2001 % Population by Gender:		
Female	50.0%	50.5%
Male	50.0%	49.5%
1990 % Female Marital Status (15yrs+):		
Never Married	17.0%	22.2%
Married, Spouse Present	67.1%	56.5%
Married, Spouse Absent, Not Separated	1.7%	1.7%
Separated	1.1%	1.1%
Widowed	4.0%	8.1%
Divorced	9.1%	10.4%
# Females (15yrs+)	17,388	260,005
1990 % Male Marital Status (15yrs+):		
Never Married	23.9%	28.2%
Married, Spouse Present	67.3%	59.3%
Married, Spouse Absent, Not Separated	0.8%	1.3%
Separated	1.2%	1.5%
Widowed	0.5%	1.6%
Divorced	6.3%	8.1%
# Males (15yrs+)	17,215	248,771
Median Home Value:		
1990	\$55,573	\$70,958
2001	\$99,898	\$124,772
2006	\$127,654	\$160,975
1990 Median Rent for Housing	\$441	\$379
1990 % Owner/Renter Occupied Housing Units		

Owner occupied	81.7%	65.1%
Renter Occupied	18.3%	34.9%
1990 Total Housing Units	16,017	257,339
Occupied	15,248	240,680
Vacant	769	16,659
1990 % Household by Type:		
Family Households		
Married Couple with Children <18yrs	54.8%	36.1%
Married Couple with No Children <18yrs	20.7%	24.6%
Female Householder with Children <18yrs	7.8%	6.9%
Female Householder with No Children <18yrs	2.2%	2.8%
Male Householder with Children <18yrs	1.6%	1.6%
Male Householder with No Children <18yrs	1.0%	1.2%
Non-Family Households (Single or with non-relatives)	12.0%	26.8%

Source: ELCA Department for Research and Evaluation 1-800-638-3522

"Basic Tools for Congregational Planning" is a resource which includes information on how community demographics fit into planning. It costs \$9.95. Order code #0806613866 from Augsburg Fortress 1-800-328-4648.

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Ministry Priorities and Skills - Summary

Ministry Area	Priority	Skill	Top 4
Worship Leadership	4.50	4.70	25
Evangelism	4.37	4.57	17
Interpreter of Theology	4.39	4.56	15
Preaching	4.43	4.62	14
Ministering in Crisis	4.41	4.42	14
Ministry to Youth & Young Adults	4.20	4.40	10
Counseling	4.18	4.26	5
Visitation	3.93	4.00	5
Stewardship	3.86	4.14	5
Teaching	4.19	4.27	4
Participant in Larger Church	3.23	3.40	4
Study Habits	3.86	3.85	3
Spiritual Discipline	4.31	4.22	2
Teaching Adults	3.98	4.10	2
Children's Ministry	3.72	3.62	2
Transformational / Redevelopment	3.54	3.50	2
Recruit & Equip	3.51	3.75	2
Administration	3.40	3.50	2
Social Ministry	3.33	3.34	2
Musical & Artistic	3.21	3.29	2
Ecumenical Work	3.19	3.31	2
Community Work	2.98	3.14	2
Family Life / Self Care	4.14	4.12	1
Sharing Leadership	3.74	4.10	1
Planner	3.65	3.49	1
Innovator	3.45	3.71	1
Inter-Personal Climate	3.43	3.71	1
Utilizing Conflict	3.36	3.51	1
Financial Management	3.05	3.44	1
Small Groups	3.19	3.39	0

St. Matthew's Members by Age Group

