

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

Congregation: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Highland IN 46322  
 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Conference: Northwest Indiana  
 Year Organized: 1960

<b>From 2001 to 2008</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004*</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>%Chg 01-08</b>
Baptized Membership	488	453	460	460	334	320	229	245	-49.8%
Members Received By:									
a. Baptism: Children	2	2	2	2	0	4	3	4	
b. Baptism: Adults	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	
c. Affirmation of Faith	23	0	15	15	0	2	0	3	
d. Transfer From:									
1. ELCA Congregations	4	9	0	0	0	0	7	3	
2. Other Lutheran	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	9	
e. From Non-Lutheran Cong	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	3	
f. Other & Stat. Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Members Added	30	18	19	19	4	7	11	22	
Members Removed By:									
a. Death	4	3	8	8	3	6	1	6	
b. Transfer To:									
1. ELCA Congregations	3	4	2	2	8	8	0	0	
2. Other Lutheran	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	
c. To Non-Lutheran Cong	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
d. Other & Stat. Adjustment	1	43	0	0	119	7	101	0	
Total Members Removed	11	53	12	12	130	21	102	6	
Membership Change	19	-35	7	7	-126	-14	-91	16	
Baptized Youth Confirmed	3	6	3	3	0	1	2	0	
Confirmed Membership	403	366	370	370	285	267	211	218	-45.9%
Conf-Communing Members	255	241	221	221	187	176	211	218	-14.5%
Conf-Comm-Contrib Members	255	241	213	213	187	176	211	218	-14.5%

**Average Worship Attendance 2001 to 2008**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004*</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>%Chg</b>
Average Attendance	146	117	111	111	91	90	87	122	-16.4%
Percent Attending Worship***	29.9%	25.8%	24.1%	24.1%	27.2%	28.1%	38.0%	49.8%	66.4%

Racial/Ethnic Composition of Baptized Members

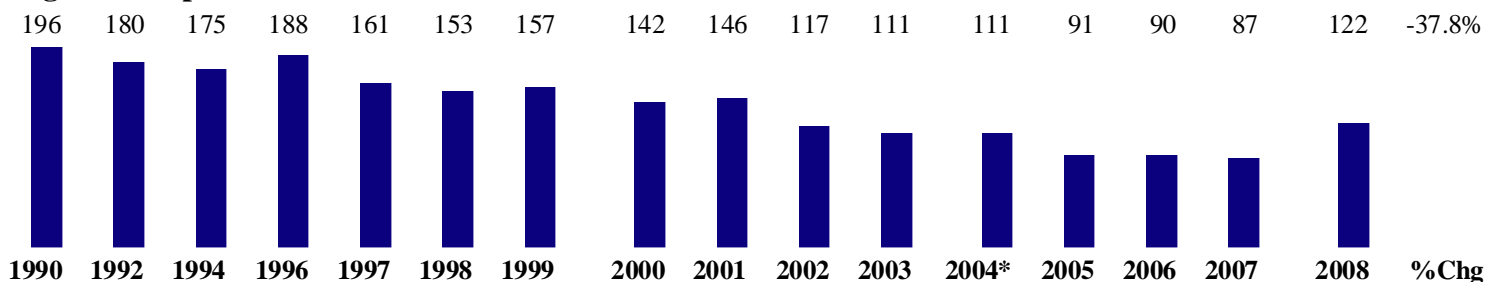
African American/Black	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	3	5	5	5	0	0	0	0
Latino/Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amer Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arab/Middle Eastern****	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multiethnic****	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	480	445	451	451	325	320	229	245	
Other	5	5	4	4	4	0	0	0	

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

Regular Giving Per Confirmed-

Communing Member	623.83	733.45	752.40	752.40	770.08	831.29	813.97	843.20	35.2%
Regular Giving Per CC Member in 2001 Dollars	623.83	722.04	724.16	705.42	698.30	730.29	695.22	693.59	11.2%
Regular Giving by Members	159,077	176,761	166,280	166,280	144,005	146,307	171,747	183,818	15.6%
Designated Giving by Members	44,672	9,247	16,518	16,518	40,967	33,142	39,816	21,444	-52.0%
Grants & Partnership Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Income**	205,388	186,008	186,317	186,317	185,542	182,845	211,563	205,262	-0.1%
Current Operating Expenses	167,440	154,767	132,880	132,880	146,288	141,325	170,026	182,634	9.1%
Payments on Debts	5,758	23,060	21,712	21,712	8,670	26,435	15,000	4,000	-30.5%
Total Disbursements**	205,040	192,480	186,317	186,317	168,097	174,799	207,642	201,153	-1.9%
Mission Support	7,100	7,700	9,300	9,300	3,000	3,000	3,640	5,340	-24.8%
Mission Support as % of Current Operating Expenses, Debt Expenses & Mission Support***	3.9%	4.2%	5.7%	5.7%	1.9%	1.8%	1.9%	2.8%	-29.4%
Mission Support as % of Regular Giving***	4.5%	4.4%	5.6%	5.6%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.9%	-34.9%
Total ELCA Benevolence	12,586	11,308	10,080	10,080	8,129	4,032	5,140	5,804	-53.9%
Other Benevolence	3,056	3,345	5,645	5,645	5,010	3,007	3,000	2,930	-4.1%

Average Worship Attendance 1990 to 2008



Population of Congregation's ZIP Code 46322 for 1990, 2000 and 2008

1990	23,766	-	-	-	-	-	23,582	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,768	-4.2%
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	1990	1992	1994	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	%Chg
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**2008 VALUE OF CONGREGATIONAL ASSETS**

Church edifice and lot								\$1,413,419			Parsonage(s) and lot(s)						\$0
Parish house and lot								\$0			Other real estate						\$144,281
Endowment & memorial funds								\$0			Other assets						\$0
Cash, savings, bonds, etc.								\$30,116									
Total indebtedness								\$98,000			Capital improvements this year						\$0

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

Size of 2008 Sunday School: 80 Pupils and 44 Leaders

Zip Codes Served: 46322 46321 46319 46327 46307 46408

\*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.

\*\*\*The percent change in the far right column is not a subtraction of the percents but a percent change of the two percents.

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

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