CHURCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Do you make financial contributions to this congregation?

33.5%	Yes, as an individual
59.1	Yes, jointly with my spouse/partner
3.4	Not personally, my parent(s) contribute on my behalf
4.0	No

In the last two years, has your giving to this congregation increased or decreased?

60.0%	Increased
29.5	Stayed the same
4.2	Decreased
6.3	Don't know or not applicable (here less than 2 years)

About how much do you give financially to this congregation?

13.7%	I give 10% or more of net income regularly
38.3	I give about 5% to 9% of net income regularly
30.9	I give less than 5% of net income regularly
12.2	I give a small amount whenever I am here
5.1	I do not contribute financially here

How do you decide how much money to give to this congregation?

6.8%	I do not contribute financially to this congregation
12.6	I decide what to give each time I attend worship services
44.8	I decide on a weekly dollar amount
19.9	I decide on an annual dollar figure
11.0	I decide on a percent of my income annually
0.2	Other (specify): _____
4.8	Don't know

Some people like giving money to specific causes rather than to the general congregational budget. While you may do both, which do you most prefer? (Mark only ***one***.)

15.5%	Giving to specific causes
51.5	Giving to the general congregational budget
33.0	It makes no difference to me-I give the same either way

In the last year did you or another adult in your family fill out a pledge card or commitment card or make some other commitment for congregational giving for the year?

53.3%	Yes
38.8	No
7.9	Don't know

If your pastor gave you the names of three persons or families in your neighborhood who were not church members, offered to train you in visitation, and asked you to visit them, and to share the meaning of the gospel in your life, how would you respond? (Mark only ***one***.)

14.5%	I would accept gladly
35.5	I would accept, but I would be anxious about it
30.0	I would probably say no
20.0	I am not sure how I would respond

Which of the following best describes your readiness to talk to others about your faith?

0.6%	I do not have faith, so the question is not applicable
12.8	I do not talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient
16.3	I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language
59.7	I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do so if it comes up
10.6	I feel at ease talking about my faith and seek opportunities to do so

Would you be prepared to invite to a worship service here any of your friends and relatives who do not now attend a congregation?

42.1%	Yes, and I have done so in the past 12 months
41.7	Yes, but I have not done so in the past 12 months
10.7	Don't know
5.1	No, probably not
0.5	No, definitely not

In the last year or so, have you read any portion of the Lutheran magazine?

38.0%	No
59.7	Yes
2.3	Not sure

In the last year or so, have you listened to any installment of the Lutheran Vespers radio program?

82.6%	No
14.9	Yes
2.5	Not sure

In the last year or so, have you visited the home page of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America <www.elca.org>?

86.4%	No
12.4	Yes
1.3	Not sure

In the last year or so, have you seen/heard any radio, television, or billboard advertising for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a congregation of the ELCA?

56.7%	No
33.5	Yes
9.8	Not sure

Are you currently a member of this congregation?

87.7%	Yes
5.3	No
1.7	No, but I'm in the process of becoming a member
5.3	No, but I regularly participate here

Before you started coming to this congregation, were you participating in another congregation?

20.2%	No, I've come here for most/all of my life
14.2	No, before coming here I had not been attending any congregation for several years
4.7	No, before coming here I had never regularly attended
60.9	Yes, immediately prior to coming here, I was participating in another congregation

Before you started coming here, what type of congregation did you attend? (Mark only ***one***.)

0.4%	Assembly of God	0.2	Pentecostal
2.7	Baptist	1.3	Non-denominational
6.9	Catholic	0.2	Nazarene
1.4	Episcopal	2.8	Presbyterian
58.9	Lutheran	0.0	Seventh-day Adventist
5.4	Methodist	1.7	United Church of Christ
2.9	Other		
15.0	I did not attend another congregation before coming here		

How often do you go to worship services at this congregation?

2.0%	This is my first time
1.8	Hardly ever/special occasions only
1.6	Less than once a month
2.7	Once a month
18.3	Two or three times a month
69.0	Usually every week
4.6	More than once a week

How long have you been going to worship services or activities at this congregation?

6.8%	Less than 1 year	12.6	6-10 years
7.5	1-2 years	17.4	11-20 years
11.4	3-5 years	41.3	More than 20 years
2.2	I am visiting from another congregation		
0.8	I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else		

How long does it usually take you to get here?

34.0%	1-5 minutes
30.3	6-10 minutes
17.9	11-15 minutes
9.8	16-20 minutes
5.7	21-30 minutes
2.3	More than 20 minutes

Do you personally have any specific role in worship here such as planning or leading worship, reading Scripture, serving Communion, being in the choir, or being an usher or acolyte?

24.7%	Yes, frequently
21.4	Yes, occasionally
52.4	No
1.5	I do not regularly attend here

Before you were 12 years old, how often did you attend worship services?

1.4%	Never
8.6	Hardly ever or special occasions only
2.1	Less than once a month
3.8	Once a month
13.0	Two or three times a month
61.7	Usually every week
9.4	More than once a week

What was the denomination of the congregation where you attended prior to age 12?

3.5%	Assembly of God	1.0	Nazarene
3.3	Baptist	0.9	Non-denominational
12.8	Catholic	0.3	Pentecostal
1.4	Episcopal	4.5	Presbyterian
60.9	Lutheran	0.0	Seventh-day Adventist
7.1	Methodist	1.4	United Church of Christ
0.3	Other (please specify): _____		
2.6	I did not attend worship services prior to age 12		

Before you were 12 years old, how often did your parents (or guardians) attend worship services?

52.3%	Both parents attended regularly
17.4	Only my mother attended regularly
2.1	Only my father attended regularly
17.4	One or both parents attended occasionally
8.2	Neither parent attended
2.6	Don't know

How often did you attend worship services or congregational activities at each of the following ages? (Please mark ***one*** circle on each line.)

	Weekly	At Least Monthly	Occas-ionally	Not at All	Not Applicable
At age 16?	66.2	14.5	11.4	6.7	1.1
At age 20?	41.2	19.7	27.0	7.9	4.2
At age 30?	58.5	15.4	15.0	5.3	5.7
At age 40?	68.2	11.2	8.4	2.1	10.1

When you were 12 to 15 years old, how often did you take part in a congregation's youth programs, such as fellowships, clubs, youth events, or camps?

31.9%	Weekly
22.2	At least monthly
21.5	Occasionally
24.4	Not at all

How many different congregations have you regularly attended over the last 10 years?

54.2%	Just this congregation
40.6	2 to 4 congregations
3.1	5 or more congregations
2.1	Don't know

What type of schools did you ***mostly*** attend when growing up? (Please mark ***one*** in each clumn.)

	Grades K - 8	Grades 9 - 12
Public school	86.2	91.7
A private school run by:		
Catholic Church	6.5	2.5
A Protestant denomination (e.g., Methodist)	2.0	0.4
An independent Christian school	1.1	0.6
Some other type of religious school	0.9	0.0
Another type of school (not religious)	3.0	4.7
Did not attend school . .	0.2	0.2

Has there ever been a period of two years or more when you did ***not*** attend worship services or participate in congregational activities (apart from weddings, funerals, or special occasions)?

35.1%	Yes
61.4	No
3.5	Can't remember

How many of your close friends attend worship services here or elsewhere on a regular basis?

6.7%	All
46.0	Most
40.0	Some
4.9	None
2.5	Don't know or not applicable

Does your spouse attend worship services once a month or more often?

59.7%	Yes, at this congregation
3.9	Yes, at another congregation
9.3	No
27.1	I do not have a spouse

It is important to share my faith with other people.

24.5%	Strongly agree
57.7	Agree
14.6	Neutral or unsure
3.1	Disagree
0.0	Strongly disagree

Do you often talk about matters of faith with the other members of your household?

8.8%	No, I live alone
8.8	No, we do not talk about matters of faith
49.4	Yes, occasionally
26.1	Yes, frequently in informal ways
7.0	Yes, frequently as part of family devotions ***and*** in informal ways

How many hours during the last month have you given volunteer time at ***this congregation*** in programs or services to help people in need or to make your own community a better place to live?

46.8%	0 hours	10.8	6 - 10 hours
15.7	1 - 2 hours	4.9	11 - 20 hours
18.3	3 - 5 hours	3.5	More than 20 hours

How many of your close friends attend worship services on a regular basis?

4.9%	None	6.2	All
44.4	Some	4.9	Don't know
39.7	Most		

Are you regularly involved in any ***group*** activities here? (Mark ***all*** that apply.)

23.1%	Yes, in Sunday school, church school, or Sabbath school
22.0	Yes, in prayer, discussion, or Bible study groups
35.6	Yes, in fellowships, clubs, or other social groups
4.8	No, we have no group activities
37.3	No, I am not regularly involved in group activities

Do you regularly take part in any activities of this congregation that reach out to the wider community (e.g., visitation, evangelism, outreach, community service, social justice)? (Mark ***all*** that apply.)

14.3% Yes, in evangelism or outreach activities
23.7 Yes, in community service, social justice, or advocacy activities of this congregation
4.2 No, we don't have such activities
58.3 No, I am not regularly involved

Do you currently have any of the following roles here? (Mark ***all*** that apply.)

7.8% Member of the governing board
17.0 Member of a congregational committee or task force
14.2 Leading or assisting in worship
8.0 Officer or leader of men's, women's, youth, or other small group
14.3 Choir member, musician, or choir director
10.5 Sunday school, church school, or Sabbath school teacher
13.5 Other role not listed here (specify):
42.4 None

Compared to 2 years ago, do you think you participate in activities of the congregation more, less, or about the same amount as you did then?

26.8% Participate more
52.4 About the same participation
13.4 Participate less
7.4 Not applicable (been coming less than 2 years)

INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

Have you explored New Age spirituality, Zen, holistic medicine, or Transcendental Meditation in the past 5 years?

9.9% Yes
90.1 No

Have you explored crystals, channeling, or Native American spirituality in the past 5 years?

4.6% Yes
95.4 No

	Daily/ Almost Daily	Several Times A Week	Weekly	Several Times A Month	Several Times A Year	Once A Year or Less	Never
How often do you read the Bible privately?	13.6	10.7	7.7	10.7	25.7	20.4	11.3
How often do you read the Bible with family or friends?	2.8	0.9	7.9	7.7	18.2	20.3	42.2
How often do you attend a Bible study group?	0.4	0.8	11.0	6.8	15.7	13.6	51.8
How often do you pray privately?	63.1	13.1	7.6	8.5	5.0	0.9	1.8
How often do you pray with family or friends?	22.8	11.9	15.6	8.9	17.4	5.2	18.2
How often do you attend a prayer group?	0.6	1.5	6.7	4.3	11.4	14.2	61.3
How often do you read religious books or other religious materials?	9.0	8.6	10.6	11.0	30.1	16.0	14.6
How often do you watch or listen to religious programs on TV or radio or listen to religious tapes?	7.3	6.8	8.8	10.7	28.0	17.0	21.4
How often do you look at Internet sites about your faith or religion?	1.0	1.4	2.5	3.5	8.5	9.5	73.6
How often do you say grace before meals?	45.7	10.8	4.7	9.7	21.5	2.0	5.6
How often do you shop at Christian bookstores?	1.3	0.0	0.7	6.0	32.8	28.8	30.3
How often do you attend training events, workshops, or conferences for lay leaders?	0.5	0.2	0.5	1.1	10.1	19.6	68.0

How often do you seek help from a horoscope, tarot,

or fortune teller?	1.3	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.5	3.5	91.8
How often do you read New Age books?	1.1	0.4	0.2	1.6	4.0	9.1	83.6
How often do you practice Eastern meditation?	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.3	94.3
How often do you use psychic healing, crystals, or channeling?	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.1	96.7

How often do you spend time praying on your own?

58.2%	Every day or most days	15.9	Occasionally
17.8	A few times a week	3.9	Hardly ever
3.4	About once a week	0.9	Never

How often do you spend time reading the Bible on your own?

13.8%	Every day or most days	31.0	Occasionally
11.0	A few times a week	26.5	Hardly ever
8.0	About once a week	9.7	Never

How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (e.g., prayer, meditation, reading the Bible alone)?

43.6%	Every day/most days
19.5	A few times a week
4.7	Once a week
21.6	Occasionally
8.5	Hardly ever
2.1	Never

In the past 12 months, how often have you done the following?

	Often	**Occa-sionally**	**Once**	**Never**
Looked at Internet sites about religion or spirituality	3.3	18.0	8.9	69.8
Sought direction from a horoscope, tarot, fortune teller, or similar method	1.5	8.5	3.6	86.4
Practiced Eastern meditation	1.3	3.1	1.5	94.0
Read books or attended seminars connected with the New Age movement	1.7	8.6	2.5	87.2
Explored or used psychic healing or crystals	0.2	1.5	2.5	95.8

NON CHURCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Apart from this congregation, to what other groups or organizations have you contributed financially in the last year? (Mark ***all*** that apply)

16.2%	Another congregation
25.8	Other religious organizations or religious causes outside this congregation
69.8	Non-religious charities, community organizations, or social causes
11.5	I did not contribute to other groups or organizations.

In recent months, did you happen to work on improving a broken relationship?

31.5%	Yes
56.6	No
11.9	Unsure

In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following? (Mark ***all*** that apply.)

21.1%	Loaned money to someone outside your family
18.5	Cared for someone outside your family who was very sick
16.0	Helped someone outside your family find a job
51.8	Donated or prepared food for someone outside your family or congregation
79.4	Voted in the last presidential election
75.4	Donated money to a charitable organization (other than this congregation)
21.8	Worked with others to try to solve a community problem
19.4	Contacted an elected official about a public issue

Are you involved in any community service, social service, or advocacy groups ***not*** connected to this congregation? (Mark ***all*** that apply.)

31.9%	Yes, social service or charity groups
5.2	Yes, advocacy, justice, or lobbying groups
61.1	No, I'm not involved with such groups

Of the following list of voluntary organizations and activities, which, if any, do you belong to? (Mark ***all*** that apply.)

11.0%	Social welfare services for elderly, handicapped, or deprived people
47.4	Religious or church organizations
23.9	Education, arts, music, or cultural activities
6.3	Labor unions
11.4	Political parties or groups
5.1	Local community action on issues like poverty, employment, housing, or racial equality
1.4	Third world development or human rights
6.9	Conservation, environment, or animal rights groups
20.5	Professional associations
12.7	Youth work (e.g., scouts, guides, youth clubs)
16.7	Sports or recreation
16.8	Women's groups
6.9	Voluntary organizations concerned with health
18.2	Other groups

Of the following list of voluntary organizations and activities for which, if any, are you doing unpaid voluntary work? (Mark ***all*** that apply.)

9.7%	Social welfare services for elderly, handicapped, or deprived people
39.4	Religious or church organizations
15.1	Education, arts, music, or cultural activities
1.7	Labor unions
5.6	Political parties or groups
4.9	Local community action on issues like poverty, employment, housing, or racial equality
1.2	Third world development or human rights
4.8	Conservation, environment, or animal rights groups
11.0	Professional associations
11.0	Youth work (e.g., scouts, guides, youth clubs)
10.5	Sports or recreation
10.8	Women's groups
7.4	Voluntary organizations concerned with health
14.5	Other groups

How many hours during the last month have you given volunteer time apart from your congregation's programs to help people in need or to make your own community a better place to live?

43.1%	0 hours	9.5	6 - 10 hours
18.8	1 - 2 hours	5.2	11 - 20 hours
16.4	3 - 5 hours	6.8	More than 20 hours

Do your close friends know one another?

1.8%	None of my close friends know one another
25.2	Only a few know each other
61.0	Most know each other
8.1	All know each other
3.9	Don't know

How often do you read the newspaper?

60.8%	Every day or most days
19.1	A few times a week
7.9	Once a week
8.4	Less than once a week
3.7	Never

On the average day, about how many hours do you personally watch television news programming?

4.1%	0 hours	23.7	3 - 5 hours
29.0	Less than 1 hour	3.1	6 - 10 hours
39.4	1 - 2 hours	0.8	More than 10 hours