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Christian education is a serious undertaking in the Central Illinois District. Certainly, most of our congregations operate various volunteer education programs including Sunday School, VBS, midweek schools, confirmation instruction, Bible classes for various ages, and the like. In addition to these, **fifty-three** congregations are involved in the operation of twenty-three full-time elementary schools and three high schools. Finally, another **twenty-nine** congregations are operating early childhood programs – preschools and child care centers – are operated by CID congregations. Sharing Christ with the children is and should be a high priority.

**STATISTICS**

Some general statistics of interest include:

		<b>2012</b>
Schools:	Early Childhood Centers (E.C.C.)	29
	Elementary + E.C.C.	19
	Elementary Only	3
	Elementary + High School	1
	High School	2
	<b>Total Educational Agencies</b>	<b>54</b>
Enrollment:	Early Childhood Centers	1246
	Elementary	3997
	High School	347
	<b>Total Children Served</b>	<b>5590</b>

The following pages provide more specific statistics for education programs. The statistics are presented in two categories – 1) Early Childhood Programs and 2) Elementary and High Schools.

In addition to enrollment numbers, statistics will provide information related to:

- Percentage of LCMS rostered teachers and lay teachers.
- Financial support information.
- Outreach Benefits: the number of children and adults that entered the LCMS through baptism and or confirmation as a result of first coming into contact with the congregation through enrollment in a Lutheran education program.

## C.I.D. SCHOOL STATISTICS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

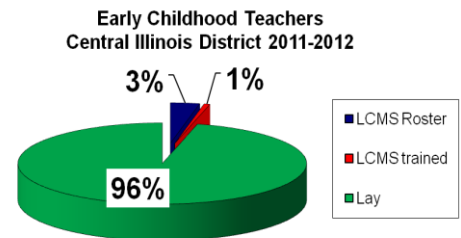
**Early Childhood Programs: 29**

Note: these statistics are not totally valid due to the fact that 6 (23%) of the Early Childhood programs did not submit an annual report.

### Number of early childhood teachers on the roster of LCMS certified teachers.

LCMS Trained Lay are those teachers who have Concordia system degrees but are not on roster.

LCMS=3 Lay=136 LCMS trained Lay=3



### Number of Students Enrolled

**842** (Schools Reporting)

**1246** when estimates of non-reporting schools are included.

### Financial Support for School

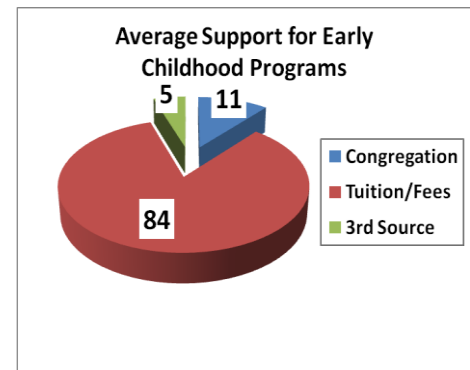
The financial support is divided into three categories:

Congregational Support

Tuition and Fees

3<sup>rd</sup> Source Funding (gifts, fund drives, bequests, endowment funds, etc.)

The range of each category:	High-----	Low
Congregational Support	70%	0%
Tuition/Fees	100%	30%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Source Funding	30%	0%



## C.I.D. SCHOOL STATISTICS ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

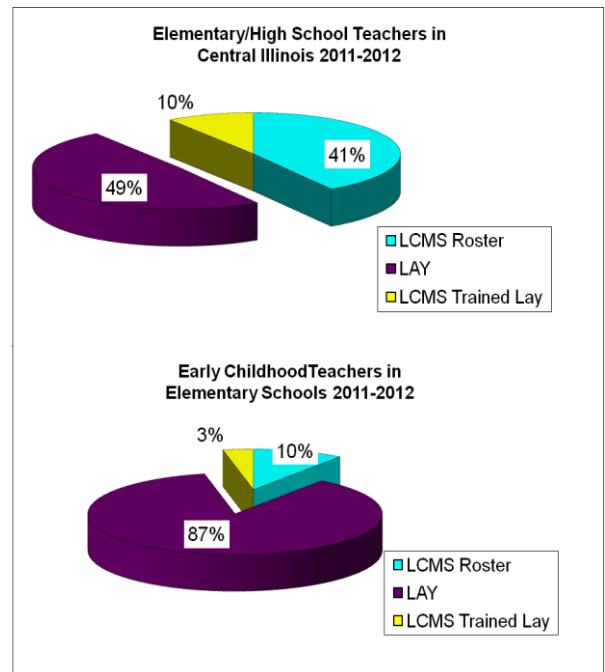
<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Elementary + High School</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>High Schools</b>	<b>2</b>

### Number of school teachers on the roster of LCMS certified teachers.

LCMS Trained Lay are those teachers who have Concordia system degrees but are not on roster, mostly due to IRS tax penalties for both spouses serving as commissioned ministers.

#### Elementary and High School

LCMS=145 Lay=144 Lay are LCMS trained= 41



#### Early Childhood Teachers in ECC programs connected with Elementary Schools

LCMS= 3 Lay=26 Lay is LCMS trained=1

### Membership of Students Enrolled

These numbers reflect students enrolled in grades **K-8** (reporting schools).

Total of eligible congregation member children:	<b>4534</b>
Eligible members that do enroll:	<b>1853</b> (40.8% avg. of eligible)

*When comparing the number of congregation children eligible to enroll with those who actually enroll in the school, the range runs from a low of 12% to a high of 73%.*

- Non-Lutherans account for 41% of students enrolled in elem/high schools... **1690**
- One-fourth of non-Lutheran students are unchurched...approx. **404**

Students enrolled in early childhood programs operated as part of an elementary school:	<b>833</b>
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## Elementary and High School Statistics, continued

### Average Tuition/fees (of schools submitting reports)

Member of supporting congregation: \$1526 [high = \$5214, low = \$0]

Community enrollees: \$3157 [high = \$4850, low = \$785]

### Financial Support for School

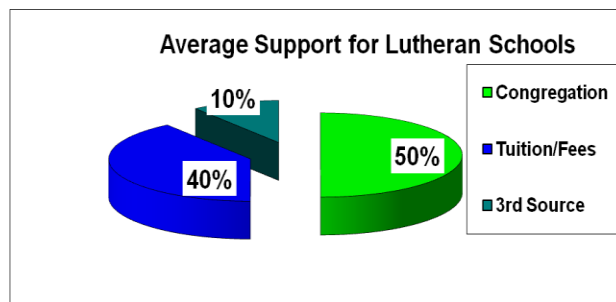
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The range of each category:	High-----Low	
Congregational Support	97%	10%
Tuition/Fees	80%	3%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Source Funding	60%	0%



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## Outreach

### New Members of CID - LCMS Congregations through Lutheran School Enrollment

(Since 2009 convention) Baptized Children: **158**

(Since 2009 convention) Baptized/Confirmed Adults: **251**

### Gains and Losses

No new schools have been added to CID rolls since 2009

Schools closed since 2009

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School – Rock Island

Immanuel Lutheran School – Rock Island

St. John Lutheran Preschool - Secor

### **Early Childhood Consultant Team**

The early childhood programs throughout our district are now being served by a team of regionally based early childhood consultants, the CID Early Childhood Consultant Team (**ECCTeam**). The Central Illinois District has been divided into three regions roughly by a north-to-south set of dividing lines, and three early childhood educators have consented to serve as regional consultants.

Jennifer Sperry, Galesburg is the consultant for Region #1 (western region).

Kay Durkee, Decatur is the consultant for Region #2 (central region).

Carol Niemann, Champaign is the consultant for Region #3 (eastern region).

These three educators serve as resources conduits between the district education office and the early childhood programs in their regions. In addition, they facilitate sharing opportunities among the program directors in their regions as well as provide guidance as needed by programs, teachers, or boards of education. The ECCTeam also presents workshop opportunities for early childhood educators throughout our district.

### **Teacher Colloquy Program**

Many educators in our schools have become synodically trained, professional church workers through the Lutheran Teacher Colloquy Program. This program, offered via CUENet – colloquy classes provided online, provides the theology coursework component normally received by education graduates of the Concordia schools. Participants must have a BA degree, be members of LCMS congregations, and be currently teaching in an LCMS school. Our District provides some financial assistance to teachers enrolling in this colloquy program. Teachers who have participated in colloquy classes speak very highly of the instruction they received and the benefits it brought to their classroom teaching.

In the last three years four teachers have completed colloquy programs and are now recognized as Ministers of Religion - Commissioned.

### **National Lutheran School Accreditation**

National Lutheran School Accreditation is an ongoing process of self-evaluation, improvement, and recognition based on national standards for child care centers, early childhood, elementary, and secondary schools. Twelve schools in CID are currently accredited by this process of school improvement and two schools – St. John, Buckley and St. Paul, Milford – are in the self study process or awaiting final approval by the National Accreditation Commission.

Altamont Interparish	St. John, Mattoon
Trinity, Bloomington	Bethel, Morton
St. John, Champaign	Concordia, Peoria
Danville Lutheran	Our Savior's, Springfield
LSA, Decatur	Trinity, Springfield
Zion, Lincoln	Lutheran High School, Springfield

Our NLSA process has been identified as far more thorough than the recognition process used in Illinois, and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) now accepts the NLSA accreditation process as a tool through which a school can also become *recognized* by the ISBE. In addition, the regional

program known as AdvanceED also accepts the NLSA process should a school also desire regional accreditation.

### **Lutheran Educator Conferences**

In the fall of 2009 both the CID and SID teachers continued the triennial schedule for official conferences as they met in joint conference in O'Fallon, IL. In the spring of the 2010-2011 school year our teachers participated in the LEA national convocation in Cincinnati, OH. CID and SID then met in a joint conferences in the fall of 2011 (Springfield, IL) with another joint conference scheduled for October 2012 (Decatur, IL). These joint conferences have proven to provide a wide base of support and participation that enhanced the quality and variety of the conference experiences for the participants.

### **Directors of Christian Education (DCE)**

The Administrative Assistant – Education oversees the personnel issues of the DCE's of our district. At present, almost thirty DCE's serve in CID congregations. In addition to these, two to three DCE interns have been assigned each year to congregations in the district. The DCE's serve in a wide variety of ministry roles including youth and family ministries. Congregations are continuing to expand the scope of ministry provided by these church workers. Additional titles have surfaced to describe the variety of ministries offered by these professional church workers: *Director of Outreach* and *Director of Family Ministry* are just two examples. Family Ministry is growing in popularity as congregations seek to address the lifelong spiritual needs of members. CID congregations also benefit from the service of several other church workers serving in specialized ministries: camp ministry, parish nurse, and campus ministry just to name a few.

Our DCE's participate in joint conferences with the DCE's of the Northern Illinois District. Such participation provides a wonderful benefit for our district workers by being able to interact with a larger number of co-workers in our neighboring district to the north.

### **Parish Education**

The Parish Education Committee of our district concentrates on providing guidance to the congregational education ministries of such agencies as Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and midweek school. The Parish Education Committee sponsors events such as training workshops for Sunday School teachers and superintendents as well as assisting with the District Bible Bowl. The Parish Education Committee also sponsors an annual recognition of the Volunteer Teacher of the Year. Recent volunteer teachers recognized for this award have been:

- 2010 Debra Snyder, Our Redeemer - Eureka
- 2011 Geraldine "Jeri" Bidner, Immanuel - Osman
- 2012 Patty Henschen, Concordia - Springfield

Christian education must continue to serve as a major tool by which our congregations actively prepare for future generations of Lutheran believers, professional church workers, and congregation members. We ask that our Lord fill all our congregations and their members with the zeal to support these ministries through their prayers, their time, their talents, and their treasures. May the Holy Spirit continually guide us through this work of kingdom building.

Respectfully submitted,  
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