

After a schism, believers gathered to form a new organization which was named the Association of American Laestadian Congregations. Initial efforts were to meet needs of God's children: to arrange services, create a publication and Sunday school teaching materials.

Camps were held for believers of all ages, beginning with youth camps and confirmation school. The opisto scholarship program was created. Spiritual caretaking meetings were necessary, and throughout God led and gave the increase.

Format changes to *The Voice of Zion* were made and children's content was printed in a new periodical, *The Shepherd's Voice*. New congregations were formed and new technology was utilized. A new generation of workers took on the work and the name of the organization changed to Laestadian Lutheran Church.

New work fields opened when God allowed a time of awakening in foreign countries. Shared pastorships were established to further pastoral efforts in local congregations. Services were broadcast via the internet and information was available online. A new hymnal brought new music and songs.

Mutual work with sister organizations was formalized, with mutual efforts in mission work and publications. Home and family work was facilitated. New facilities helped meet expanding needs across the continent. Scattered use of digital technology in work areas solidified into robust use of digital platforms to hold services domestically and abroad, broadcast programs, facilitate education and provide publications content.

Spiritual unrest resulted in a schism. Clouds gave way to clearer skies; the workday continues. God gives us a future and a hope.

1973

- 1973 Organizational meetings
- 1974 *The Voice of Zion* published
- 1974 First Summer Services and Annual Meeting
- 1977 First confirmation school
- 1979 First Phoenix Winter Services
- 1980 Office space established in Plymouth, Minnesota
- 1980 *Songs and Hymns of Zion* songbook published
- 1981 First full-time employee hired
- 1981 Stony Lake Camp dedicated
- 1982 First opisto scholarship students to Finland
- 1984 First Language Camp with SRK group
- 1984 *Christmas in Zion* published
- 1988 Hasscib Lake Camp dedicated
- 1990 First Florida Winter Services
- 1992 *The Shepherd's Voice* published
- 1993 Office relocated in Plymouth, Minnesota
- 1993 Foreign mission trip with SRK to Russia
- 1995 Name changed from AALC to LLC
- 1996 First CD published
- 2000 LLC website launched
- 2000 First mission trip to Ecuador
- 2000 First mission trip to Africa
- 2000 First Summer Services broadcast online
- 2002 Humanitarian Aid Committee established
- 2006 Office relocated to Loretto, Minnesota
- 2006 Organization restructuring initiated
- 2008 Four primary areas of work established: Mission Work, Pastoral, Christian Education and Publications
- 2008 *New Songs and Hymns of Zion* hymnal published
- 2012 Kamp Kipa dedicated
- 2018 First online-only music album published
- 2019 Prairie Shores Camp dedicated
- 2019 First Summer Services at Silver Springs, Monticello, Minnesota
- 2019 LLC restructured: Communications and Mission Departments
- 2020 Summer Services held online due to COVID-19
- 2021 *Easter Messenger* published
- 2021 Office relocated to Monticello, Minnesota
- 2022 *Hearken* mobile app launched
- 2023 LLC celebrates 50 years

2023

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God Gives the Increase

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1973-2023

582

issues of
The Voice of Zion

205

issues of
The Shepherd's Voice

97

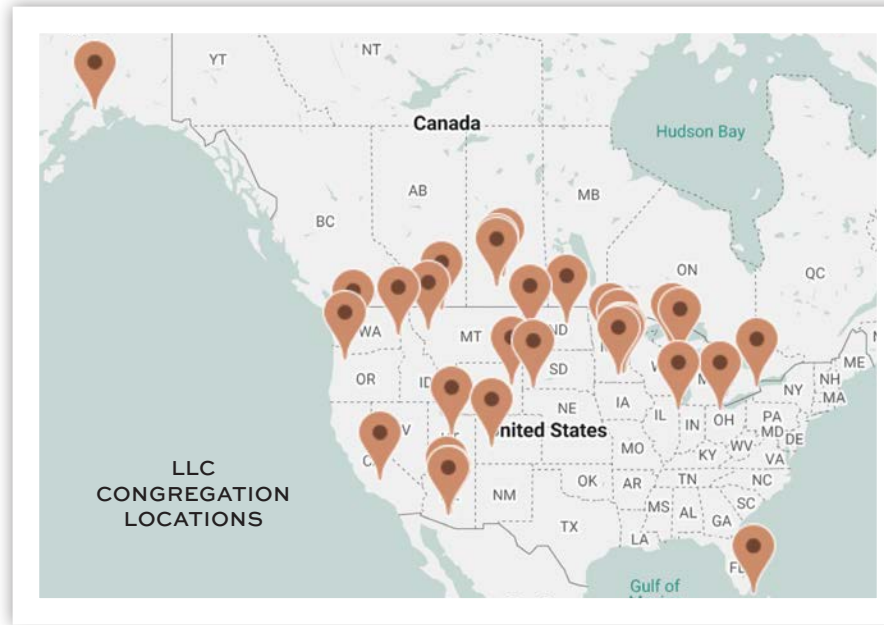
books

71

music albums

Summer Services Hosting Congregations:

- 1974 Minneapolis
- 1975 Menahga
- 1976 Toronto
- 1977 Cokato
- 1978 Dunblane
- 1979 Ishpeming
- 1980 Minneapolis
- 1981 Seattle
- 1982 Northern MN
- 1983 Toronto
- 1984 Cokato
- 1985 Dunblane
- 1986 Ishpeming
- 1987 Longview
- 1988 Detroit
- 1989 Minneapolis
- 1990 Seattle
- 1991 Pelkie
- 1992 Sebeka
- 1993 Toronto
- 1994 Longview
- 1995 Ishpeming
- 1996 Outlook
- 1997 Cokato



- Seattle 1998
- Detroit 1999
- Minneapolis 2000
- Longview 2001
- Northern MN 2002
- Ishpeming/Pelkie 2003
- Outlook 2004
- Seattle 2005
- Rockford 2006
- Toronto 2007
- Cokato 2008
- Longview 2009
- Minneapolis 2010
- Eastern Area 2011
- Northern MN 2012
- Spokane 2013
- Rockford/Monticello 2014
- Saskatchewan 2015
- Toronto 2016
- Cokato 2017
- Seattle 2018
- Rockford 2019
- online 2020
- online 2021
- Southern MN 2022
- Monticello 2023

276

confirmation
students
in 2022

117

camps
in 2022

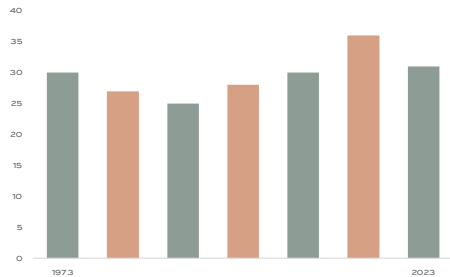
89

total employees
since 1973

31

congregations
in 2023

LLC CONGREGATIONS



LLC MISSION STATEMENT

To preach the gospel of repentance and remission of sins to the people of our communities, our nations, and throughout the world so that they might become partakers with us of the grace that God offers sin-fallen man in His Son Jesus Christ.

To nurture and strengthen the faith of the believing and root our children in Christian faith in God's kingdom.

To awaken and inspire Christian values and ethics, soberness of mind, love of homeland, and responsible citizenship among the people of our nations.

INCOME AND ASSETS

