



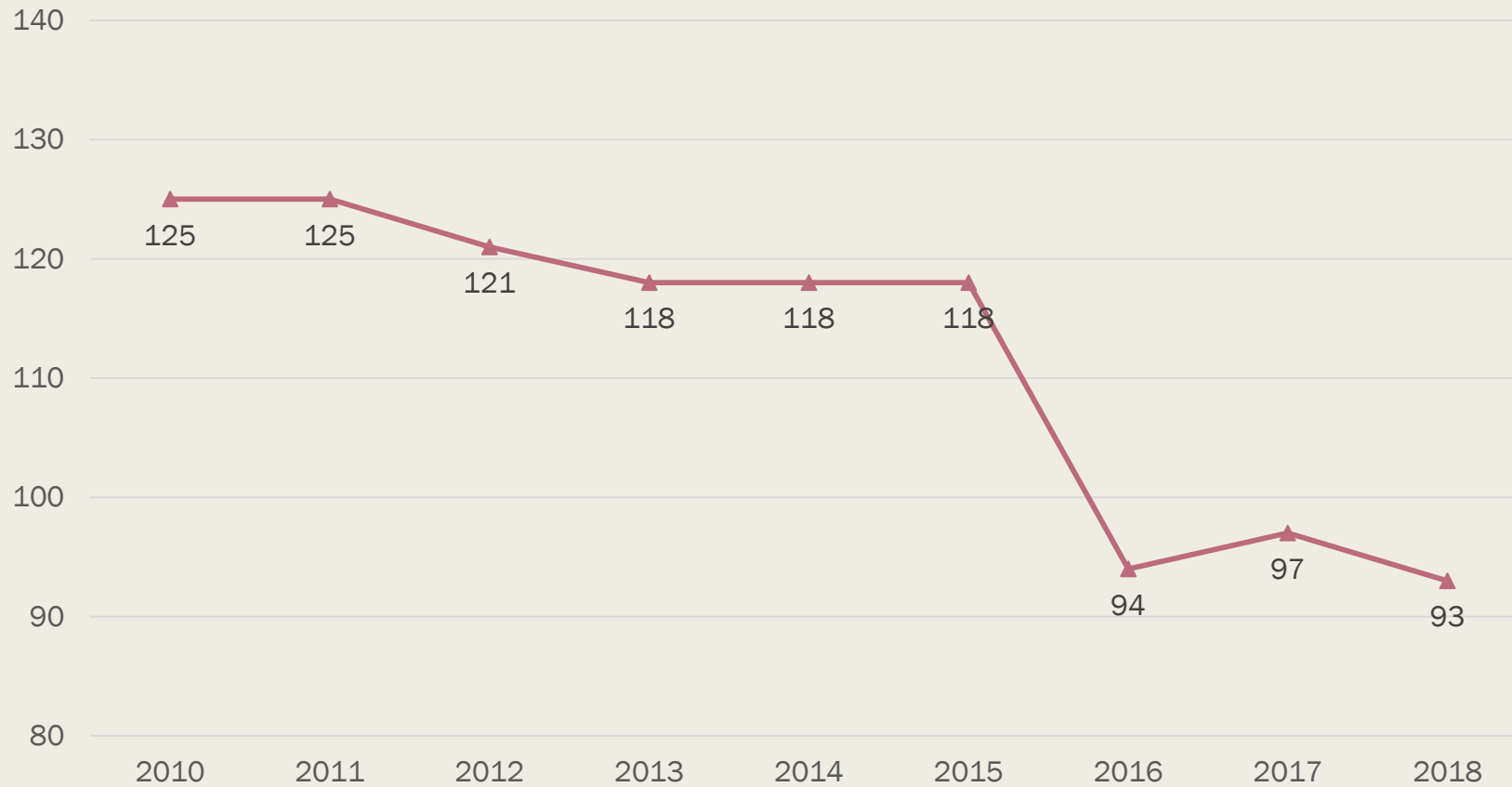
OUR MISSION, OUR FUTURE

November 17, 2019

Council Members

- President: Mark Erickson
- Secretary: Jolene Groen
- Education: Marie Hoff
- Worship & Music: Pam Benson
- Property/Management: Jerod Jakel
- Family Life: Brittany Hebrink
- Mission/Stewardship: Peggy Schneider
- At Large: LaMont Jacobson, Craig Hebrink
- Treasurer: Ross Hebrink, Executive Office Member
- Pastor Dale Svendsen, Executive Office Member

OSLC Average Attendance since 2010



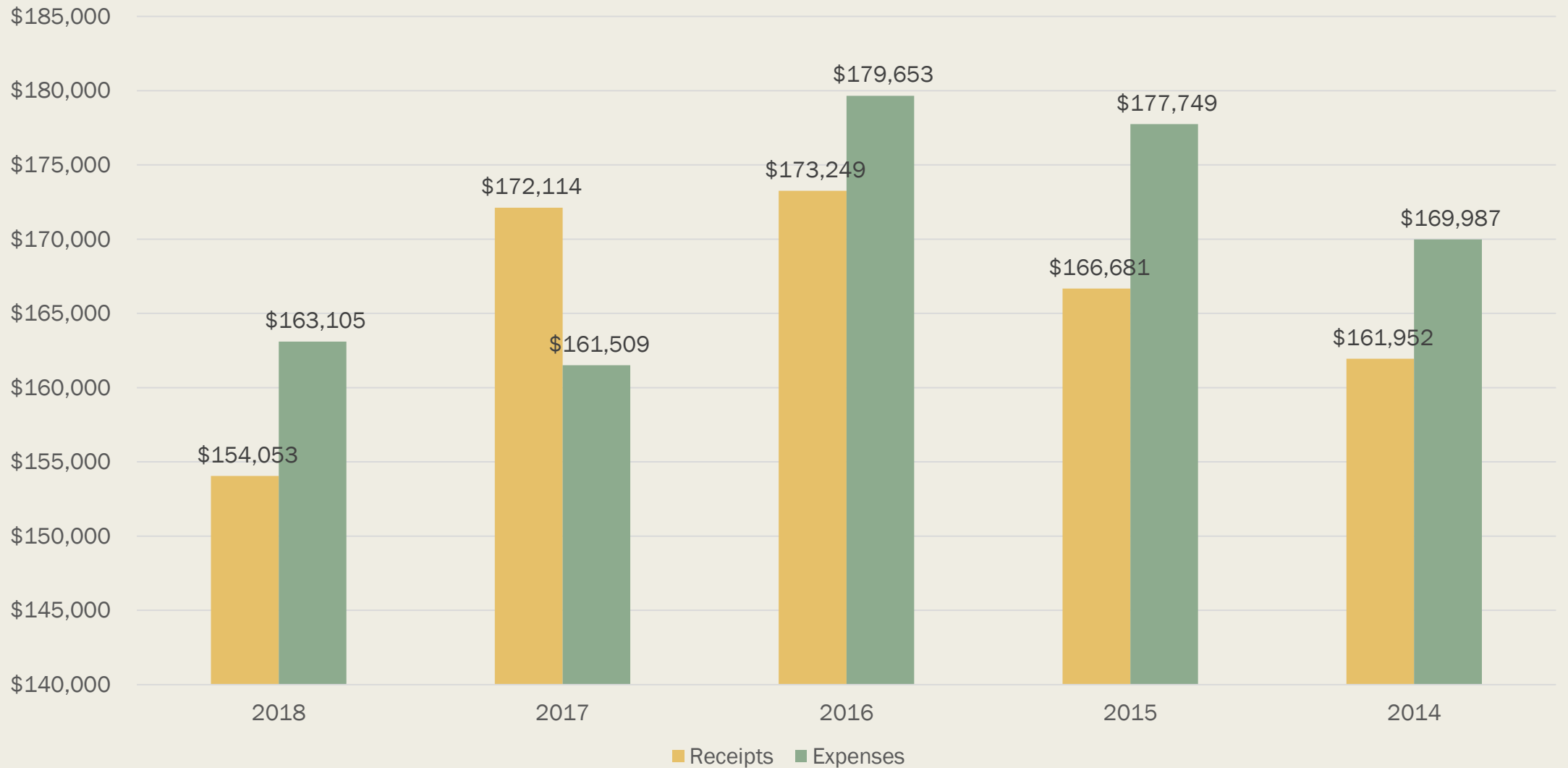
OSLC shows a
21.19% decline in
average attendance
since 2015

Status: decline=attendance decline of 3% or more, stable=change between -2.9% and +2.9%; growing=attendance grew by 3% or more from 2015 to 2017.

Source: Research and Evaluation, Office of the Presiding Bishop, ELCA.

Run date: 12/13/2018

OSLC Receipts and Expenses 2014-2018

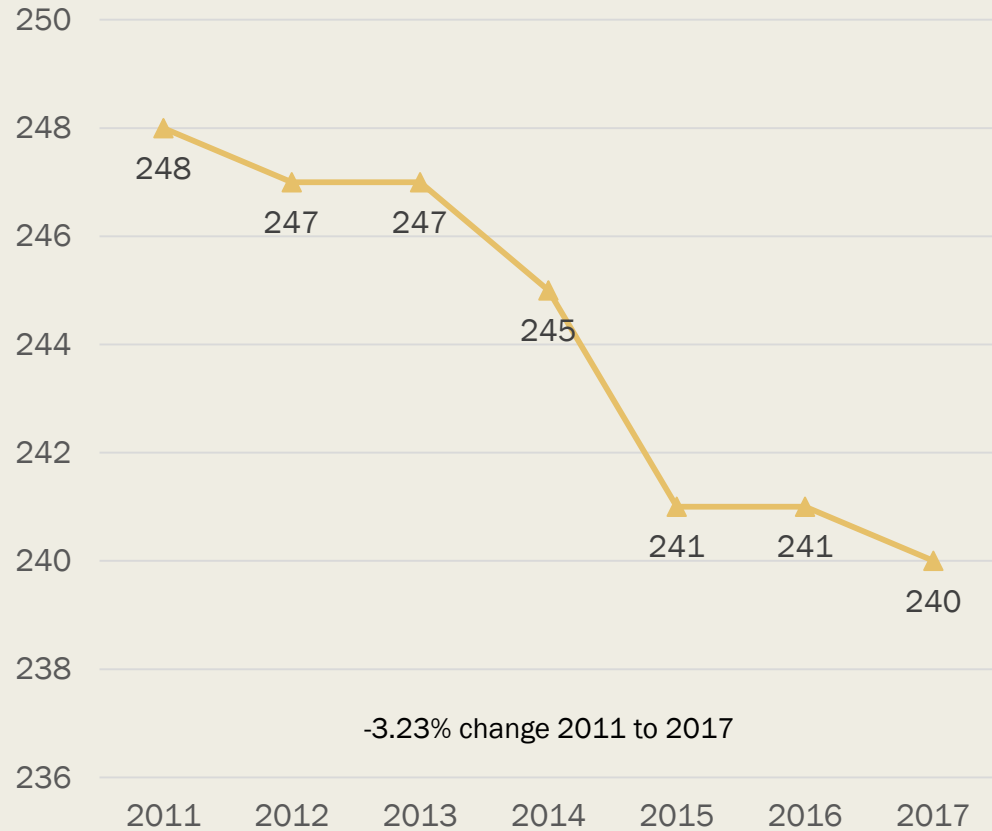


OSLC 2018 Member Overview

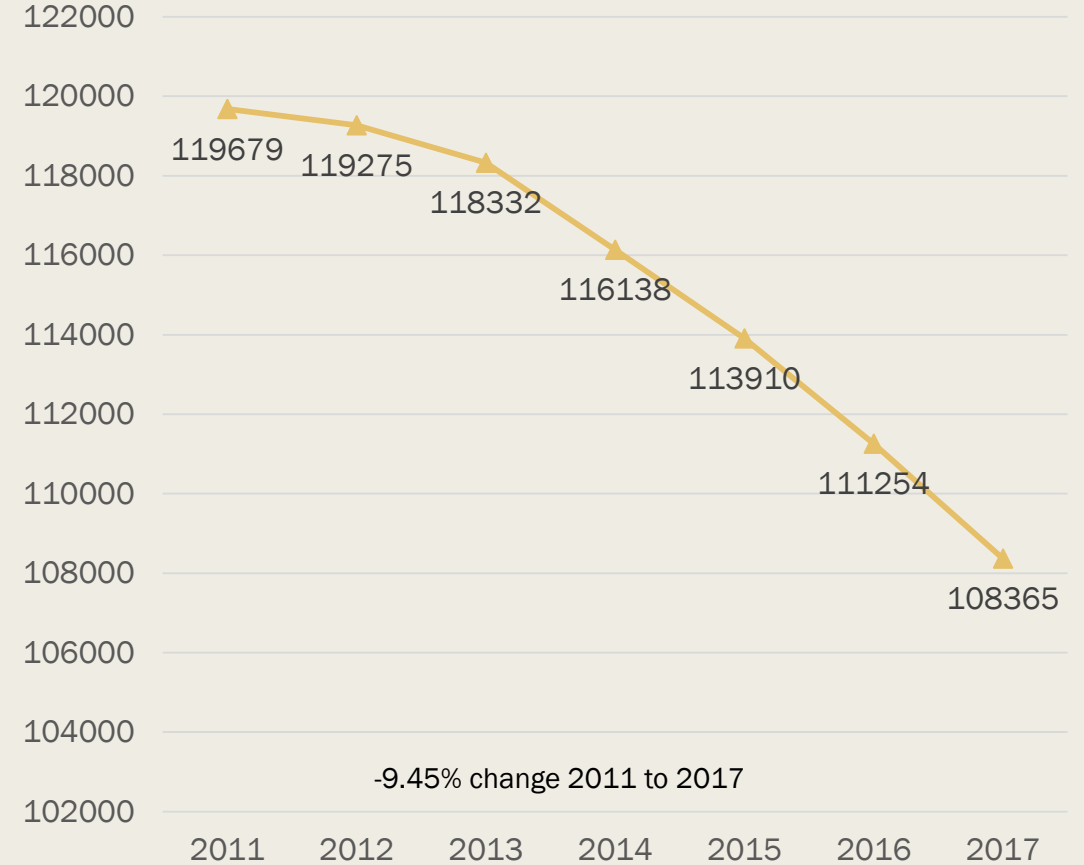


Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2018 Annual Report 01/27/2019

Number of Congregations in the SW MN Synod



Baptized Membership in the SW MN Synod



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Research and Evaluation, Office of the Presiding Bishop
Source: Congregational Report Forms

“Between 6,000 and 10,000 churches in the U.S are dying each year. That means around 100 – 200 churches will close this week”

-Thom S. Rainer, President and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources

Eight Signs Your Church May Be Closing Soon

1. There has been a numerical decline for 4 or more years
2. The church does not look like the community in which it is located
3. The Congregation is mostly comprised of senior adults
4. The focus is on the past, not the future
5. The members are intensely preference-driven
6. The budget is severely inwardly focused
7. There are sacred cow facilities.
8. Any type of change is met with fierce resistance

The 5 Choices of Declining Churches

1. Do nothing
2. Prepare for closure
3. Make incremental changes
4. Make significant changes
5. Prepare for acquisition (partnership)

Thom Rainer, Christian Post Contributor

Our Mission, Our Future Plan

Short Term Goal

OSLC will address our current ministerial, worship, and financial practices, by implementing the following changes within our church

- *Reduce pastoral ministry time to 75% beginning in January 2020*
- *Enhance and revitalize our worship experience*
- *Develop and implement a year-round stewardship program*

Long Term Goal

OSLC will seek the creation of a new partnership through the blending of ministries with an area congregation(s) to continue God's mission in Sacred Heart

- *Set up a task force to initiate conversations with area congregations*
- *If conversations with area congregation(s) leads to an interest, we will seek guidance and resources from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA*
- *Any action to move forward with the blending of ministries with an area congregation(s) will be brought to each congregation for a final vote of approval*

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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