**Lutheran Churches in the USA 1748 -2024**

KEY:

Continuation

Merger

Schism

**The General Synod – 1820**

**Pennsylvania Ministerium(1748 leaves in 1823 & rejoins in 1853 & leaves 1866)-1820, New York Ministerium(1786 & leaves in 1866)-1820 (leaves in1837), No. Carolina Synod (1803 leaves in 1863 )-1820, Synod of Maryland & Virginia Synod (1820)-1820, West Pennsylvania Synod(1825) – 1825, Hartwick Synod (1830)-1831, Synod of Virginia (1829 from Maryland Synod, leaves in 1863)- 1835, So. Carolina Synod (1824 leaves in 1863)-1835, Synod of the West (1834)-1841 (Some left to form the Indianapolis Synod in 1846), East Ohio Synod (1836 from English branch of the Joint Synod of Ohio) – 1841, East Pennsylvania Synod (1842)-1842, Allegheny Synod (1842)-1843, SW Virginia Synod (1842 leaves in 1863)-1843, Miami Synod of Ohio (1844)-1845 (Salem Synod 1854-57), SW Illinois Synod (1846 from Synod of the West)-1846, Wittenberg Synod of Ohio (1847 from Eng. Synod of Ohio)-1848, Illinois Synod (1846 & leaves 1866)-1848, Olive Branch Synod of Indiana (1848) – 1850, Pittsburgh Synod (1845 & leaves 1866)-1853, Texas Synod (1851 & leaves 1866)-1853, No. Illinois (1851)-1853, Kentucky Synod (1854 merged into the Olive Branch Synod 1865)-1855, Central Pennsylvania Synod (1855)-1855, Iowa Synod (1854)-1857, So. Illinois (1856)-1857, Melanchthon Synod (1857 from Maryland Synod & returns to Maryland Synod in 1869)-1859, *1860 -Scandinavians from the No. Ill. Synod withdrew due to inclusion of Melanchthon Synod to form Scandinavian Ev. Augustana Synod*, Franckean Synod (1837)-1864, Minnesota Synod (1860 & leaves 1866)-1864, Susquehanna Synod (1867 from East Penn. Synod)-1867, Central Illinois Synod (1867 from Ill. Synod)-1867, Pittsburgh Synod of the Gen. Synod (1867 from Pitt. Synod)-1867, Eng. Synod of New York (1867 from N.Y. Min.)-1867, Kansas Synod (1868)-1869, Wartburg Synod of Illinois (1876 from Synod of Central Ill.)-1877, German Nebraska Synod (1890 changes name to Synod of the Midwest)- 1891, Rocky Mountain Synod (1891)-1891, So. Illinois Synod (1901)-1901, California Synod (1892)-1892, New York Synod (1908 merging of the Synod of New York & New Jersey (split off from the NY Min.), Hartwick Synod, Franckean Synod & Melanchthon Synod))-1908, West Virginia Synod (1912)-1912**

**Germ. Ev. Prot. Church 1812**

**Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States 1818**

**General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America 1867**

**Pennsylvania Ministerium (1748)- 1867, New York Ministerium (1773)- 1867, District Synod of Ohio (1857)- 1867,English Synod of Ohio (1836 & disbanded 1872)- 1867, Pittsburgh Synod (1845 part from the Gen Synod)- 1867, Minnesota Synod (1860 leaves in 1871)- 1867, Synod of Illinois (1867 leaves in 1871)- 1867, Synod of Texas (1861 leaves in 1895 to merge with Iowa)- 1867, Synod of Wisconsin (1850 leaves in 1868)-1867, Michigan Synod (1860 leaves in 1888), Chicago Synod (1871 former Indiana Synod II)-1871, Holston Synod (1861 leaves in 1884)-1874, English Synod of the Northwest (1891)-1893, Pacific Synod (1901)-1901, New York and New England Synod (1902)-1903**

**Ev. Luth. Synodical Conference of No. Am. 1872-1967**

**Joint Synod of Ohio (Withdrew in 1881 due to the Election Controversy)-1872, Ev. Luth. Synod of Illinois-1872, Ger. Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri- 1872, Ev. Luth. Synod of Wisconsin (Withdrew as the WELS in 1961)-1872, Ev. Luth. Synod of Minnesota-1872, Synod for the Norw. Ev. Luth. Church in America (Withdrew in 1886 due to the Election Controversy) -1872, Ev. Luth. Concordia Synod of Virginia -1876, Ev. Luth. Synod of Michigan-1892, Ger. Ev. Luth. District Synod of Nebraska -1910, Slavik Synod -1910, Norw. Synod of the American Ev. Luth. Churches (Withdrew as the ELS in 1955)-1920**

**United Synod of the Ev. Luth. Church of the South (United Synod of the South) 1863**

**No. Carolina Synod (1803)- 1863, So. Carolina Synod (1824)-1863, Synod of Virginia (1829)-1863, SW Virginia Synod (1842), Ev. Luth. Synod in the State of Georgia (1860) -1863, Mississippi Synod (1855) – 1876, Ev. Luth Tennessee Synod (1820)-1886, Holston Synod (1860)-1884 (from Gen. Council)**

**Central Virginia**

**Synod**

**1847-51**

**1st Michigan Synod 1840-46**

**Indianapolis Synod**

**1846**

**Tuscarawas**

**Synod 1848-50**

**1880**

**Ger. Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri and Other States 1847**

**Hauge Synod**

**1846**

**Scandinavian Ev. Luth. Augustana Synod 1860**

**Norw. - Danish Augustana Synod 1870**

**Synod for the Norw. Ev. Luth. Church in America**

**1853**

**Solomon Korteniemi Luth. Soc.**

**1872**

**Conf. for Norw.- Danish Luth. Church in America**

**1870**

**Ev. Luth. Synod of Wisconsin**

**1850**

**Texas Synod**

**1851**

**Swed. Ev. Luth.**

**Augustana Synod 1870**

**Concordia Synod of the West**

**1862-1864**

**Ev. Luth. Synod of Iowa**

**1854**

**Eng. Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri and Other States 1872**

**Ev. Luth. Synod of Illinois**

**1867**

**Eielsen Synod**

**1876**

**Ev. Luth. Synod of Buffalo 1854**

**1887**

**Anti-Missouri Brotherhood**

**1887**

**Finn. Apostolic**

**Luth. Church**

**1879**

**Ev. Luth. Synod of Michigan**

**1860**

**Ev. Luth. Synod of Minnesota**

**1860**

**Ev. Luth. Concordia Synod of Virginia**

**1868**

**Danish Ev. Luth. Church in America**

**1874**

**Ev. Luth. Concordia Synod of Pennsylvania and Other States**

**1882**

**Danish Luth. Church Asso.**

**1884**

**United Norw. Luth. Church in**

**America**

**1890**

**Icelandic Ev. Luth. Synod in No. America**

**1885**

**Joint Synod of Wisc., Minn. and Mich.**

**1892**

**Germ. Ev. Prot. Church of No. America 1885**

**Old Apostolic**

**Luth. Church**

**1892**

**Danish Luth. Church of No. America**

**1894**

**1880**

**1886**

**1896**

**Finnish Ev. Luth. Church (Suomi Synod)**

**1890**

**Luth. Free**

**Church**

**1897**

**Finn. American National Ev. Luth. Church 1898**

**Old German ELS of TX of the UAC**

**1896**

**United Danish Ev. Luth. Church**

**1896**

**1940**

**Ger. Ev. Luth. District Synod of Nebraska**

**1910**

**1917**

**Apostolic Luth. Church**

**1921**

**Church of the Luth. Brethren of America**

**(CLBA) 1900**

**Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisc and Other States 1919**

**Norw. Synod of the American Ev. Luth. Churches 1918**

**Norw. Luth. Church of America 1917**

**Slovak Ev. Church of the Augsburg Confession**

**1902**

**First Apostolic Luth. Church**

**1928**

**Apostolic Luth. Church**

**Of America**

**1928**

**United Luth. Church in America 1918**

**1920**

**Slovak Zion**

**Synod**

**1919**

**1920**

**The American Assoc. of**

**Luth. Churches (TAALC) 1987**

**Church of the Luth. Confession (CLC) 1960**

**Ev. Luth.**

**Synod**

**1957**

**2004**

**Fellowship of Luth. Cong. (FLC) 1979**

**Luth. Churches of the Reformation**

**(LCR) 1964**

**Protes’tant Conf.**

**1927**

**Asso. of Ev. Luth. Churches (AELC) 1976**

**Ev. Luth. Church 1946**

**Illinois Luth. Conf.**

**(ILC) 1979**

**1962**

**Wisc. Ev. Luth. Synod**

**(WELS) 1959**

**Orth. Luth. Conf.**

**(OLC) 1951**

**1964**

**Orth. Luth. Confessional Conf.**

**(OLCC) 2006**

**Ev. Luth. Church in America (ELCA) 1988**

**National Ev. Luth. Church**

**1946**

**1963**

**The American Luth. Church**

**(ALC) 1960**

**Augustana Ev. Luth. Church**

**1948**

**Luth. Church in America (LCA) 1962**

**Luth. Church-Missouri Synod**

**(LC-MS) 1947**

**No. America**

**Luth. Church (NALC) 2010**

**Conservative**

**Luth. Assoc.**

**(CLA) 1965**

**1971**

**Synod of Ev. Luth. Churches**

**1959**

**Ev. Luth. Conf. & Ministerium of**

**No. America (ELCM) 1991**

**American Luth. Church 1930**

**United Ev. Luth. Church 1946**

**Indep. Apos. Luth. Church**

**1962**

**American Ev. Luth. Church**

**1953**

**Concordia Luth. Conf.**

**(CLC) 1956**

**Asso. of Free Luth. Cong.**

**(AFLC) 1963**

**Evangelical Lutheran Federation 1977 - 1998**

**Laestadian Luth. Church 1973**

**Latvian Ev. Luth. Church in America**

**(LELCA) 1975**

**Augustana Ev. Cath. Comm.**

**(AECC) 1997-2020**

**The Luth. Ev. Protestant Church (GCEPC) 2000**

**United Luth.**

**Miss. Asso.**

**(ULMA) 2005**

**Luth. Conf. of Confessional Fellowship**

**(LCCF) 1983**

**Old Luth Church in America**

**(OLCA) 2005**

**Luth. Min.**

**& Synod -USA**

**(LMS-USA) 1995-2021**

**Grace Apos. Luth. Church**

**2011**

**Luth. Cong. in Mission for Christ (LCMC) 2001**

**Alliance of Renewal Churches**

**(ARC)**

**2001**

**Ev. Luth.**

**Diocese of No. America**

**(ELDoNA)**

**2006**

**Luth. Orth. Church**

**(LOC) 2004**

**Augsburg Luth. Churches 2001**

**Asso. of Conf. Luth.**

**Church (ACLC) 2007**

**Missionary**

**Luth. Church**

**(MLC) 2013**

**Conf. Orth. Ev. Lutheran**

**Communion**

**(COELC)**

**(Danish)**

**US 2021**

**Gen. Luth.**

**Conf. 2014**

**Ind. Luth.**

**Diocese**

**(ILD) 2008**

2024