

SLIDE 2
LCMS Communicant Members and United States Population
1930 - 2004

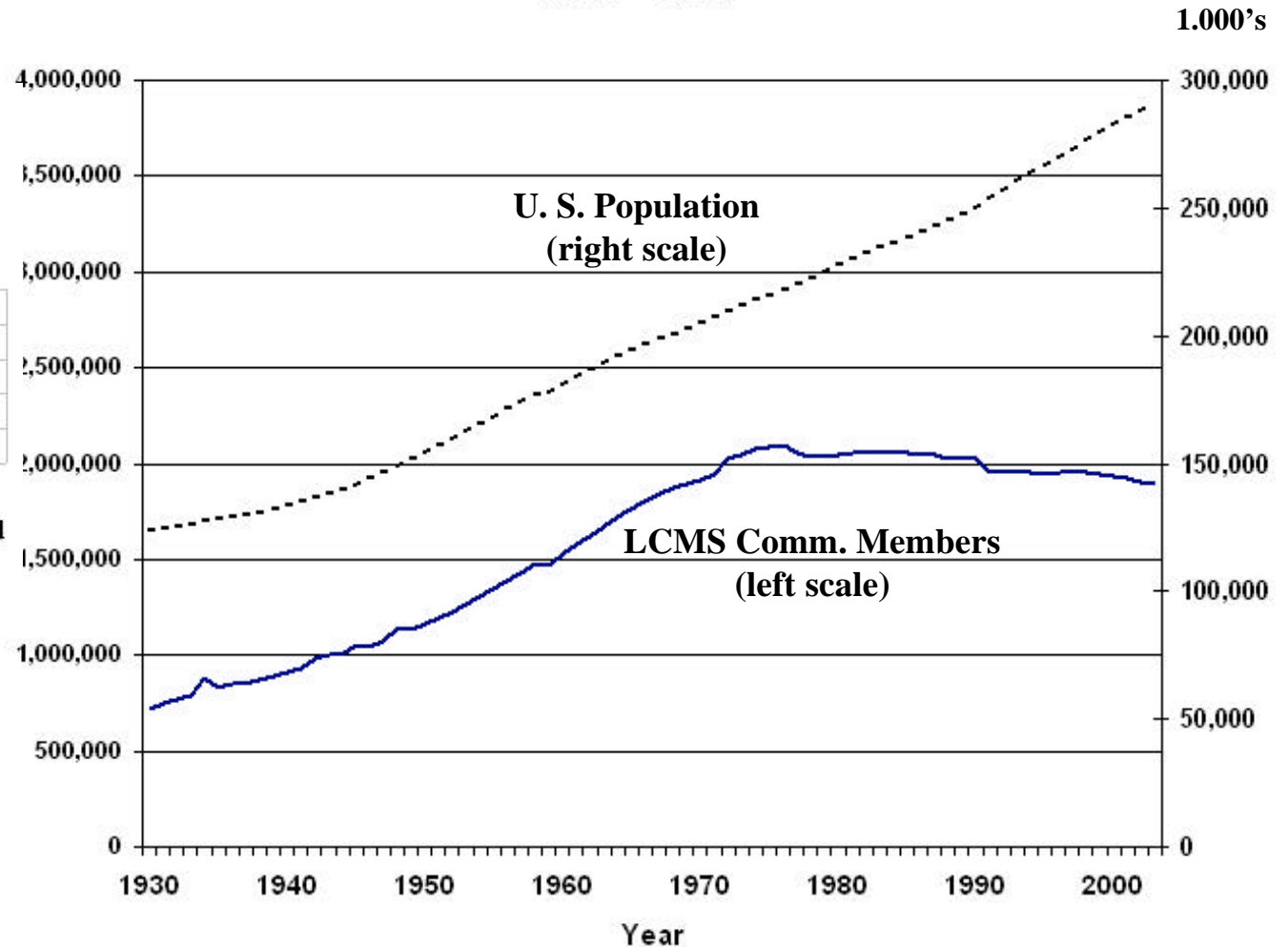
Highlights

1. **God-pleasing LCMS growth years, 1940s-60s**

2. **Percentage changes:**

	U.S. Pop.	LCMS Members
46-'76	54.0	100.0
76-'03	33.5	-9.5
83-'03	24.2	-7.8
98-'03	4.2	-3.0

3. **Increased pastoral vacancies may have contributed to the accelerated rate of decline in membership last five years, 2003 lowest since 1966.**



Sources: Data on LCMS membership, Synod Statistical Yearbook and Lutheran Annual.
 Population data from Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.