

November Statistics

	November			YTD		
	2018	2017	Change	2018	2017	Change
Sunday Worship (avg)	113.8	122.8	-7%	112.7	114.6	-2%
Thanksgiving				44	55	-20%
Bible Class (total)	145	152	-5%	1310	1254	4%
Sunday School (avg)	24.8	25	-1%	20.5	22.2	-8%
Visits	20	24	-17%	221	237	-7%
Website Visits/month	105	n/a		75	n/a	

Worship

The last Sunday of November brought the average down due to the threat of heavy snow. Overall, Sunday attendance has been strong. The first Wednesday Advent services have been far below average. In the past years we have been in 50's and so far we are in the 30's this year. The weather has not been an issue for these services. I do not have an explanation for the dramatic drop off. We decided not to have Communion on Christmas Day.

Christian Education

Sunday School teachers and children are preparing for the Christmas Eve program. Wednesday Bible class will resume in January with a study on Philippians. Campus Ministry resumes in February when students return. Catechism class has 6 students preparing for Confirmation in the spring and 3 first year students.

Evangelism

Christmas for Kids had 24 children and 12 volunteers. 6 children were visitors (1 friend, 1 from Beautiful Savior, 4 first time visitors).

Four members participated in the Christmas Neighborhood Outreach. They reached just under 100 homes and shared a gospel invitation with 18 people. May the Lord bless the gospel seeds that were planted.

S Basic Bible Christianity course begins January 12th for those interested in membership. It will be Saturdays, 10-noon for eight weeks. This is a great class for a member to attend with a friend or family member.

Iowa Circuit

Good Shepherd, Cedar Rapids had their fourth call for a pastor returned. The Conference of Presidents has begun a new policy of not issuing calls during Advent and Christmas so their next call meeting is January 6.

2018 Membership Changes

no changes this month

Communicants: 169

Baptized: 245