

February Statistics

	February			YTD		
	2018	2017	Change	2018	2017	Change
Sunday Worship (avg)	105.3	114.3	-8%	102.3	101.7	1%
Bible Class (total)	154	153	1%	316	306	3%
Sunday School (avg)	19.0	24.3	-22%	19.1	22.9	-17%
Visits	33	21	57%	50	38	32%
Website Daily Visits	252	216	17%	234	217	8%

Worship

Sunday Worship attendance counts only those at the English services at this time. We hope to begin tracking worship attendance in Nuer and Kunama services later. We have seen some first time visitors recently. Greet those who sit near you before and after the service. I often miss visitors before the service because I am getting ready or teaching Bible class. Visitors may form an opinion in the first minutes if no one talks to them. Also, be aware of those who are having trouble following the service. Help them find the hymns, Psalm and liturgy so they are not lost. And don't just greet visitors. We can always get to know members better too.

Christian Education

Thanks to the lay leaders who taught Sunday Bible on the means of grace in so I can teach catechism class on Sunday mornings. Attendance has been in the 20's for adults on Sunday mornings. Up to ten students are preparing for confirmation on May 6. Those who cannot complete the coursework will be asked to continue the class and be confirmed when they are ready to confess their Lutheran beliefs.

Sudanese Ministry

The WELS Global South Sudanese meeting at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary focused on the training of Nuer men to be pastors both in North America and in the refugee camps of Africa. With the help of Pastor Bur, we hope to identify a man in our congregation to be trained.

Eritrean Ministry

Simon teaches Bible history to the children in Kunama on Saturdays. The believers meet for worship on Sundays at 3 pm.

Other

I returned the call to serve at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD. Thanks to all who gave me advice and encouragement while I was deliberating on this recent call. I look forward to continuing the gospel work God has given us to do together at Lincoln Heights. Our synod will continue to struggle to fill the pastoral and teaching vacancies for some time. Encourage a young person to consider being a Lutheran teacher or pastor.

2018 Membership Changes

Gains

By Reactivation – Karl and Arabella Kuhrt

Losses

By Death – Neola Baccus (3/8/18)

Communicants: 156

Baptized: 234

Pastoral Actions

Funerals

Neola Baccus (3/12/18)