

July Statistics

	July			YTD		
	2018	2017	Change	2018	2017	Change
Sunday Worship (avg)	100.4	116.8	-14%	110.0	113.1	-3%
Visits	7	27	-74%	152	158	-4%
Website Daily Visits	267	215	24%	243	238	2%

Worship

We are down a bit from an unusually high July 2017. Sunday worship is still the best way to reach the most people with God's Word and Sacraments. Encourage one another to make it a priority this fall.

Christian Education

We will add a structured course for 5th-6th grade students so they are prepared for catechism class. The lesson will be taught in Sunday School or by a parent if the student is not in Sunday School. A short online quiz will ensure the students have a firm grasp on the basic history of salvation in both the Old and New Testaments. Our Sunday School staff is full for the fall. Catechism begins at the end of August and adult Bible classes resume in September. I hope to resume a Bible class on the Drake campus for college students this fall.

Evangelism

Praise and Proclaim is September 21-22. All are encouraged to attend the training on Friday and Saturday.

VBS was held August 5-9. There were 30 children who attended, 5 of whom were not members or regular attenders. The others seem to have their own churches. Facebook advertising was used which gained interest but only brought churched children to VBS. Easter for Kids brought more unchurched families.

9th Street Festival is September 9, Noon-4 pm. Fall Festival is October 13, 11am-2pm.

Sudanese and Eritrean Ministries

The Nuer (Sudanese) Bible class has resumed which may result in membership changes soon. The regular Nuer Sunday services are on hold so we can complete the membership course. The Kunama (Eritrean) group continues to meet on Sundays at 3 pm. I am attempting to be more involved with both groups.

Pastoral Studies Institute

Luke is progressing in his training and may soon complete the preseminary portion. I will accompany him to an Asian Ministry meeting at the Seminary in October.

2018 Membership Changes

Gains

By Profession of Faith – Jessica McDermott, Aster Isaac (Solit, Sida, Soma, Selena, Mishsho, Palma, Kelay)

By Adult Confirmation – Charlene Sievers, Matt Travi

By Youth Confirmation – Tera Mackenzie Pippett, Andrew Jay Pender, Berhane Ali Mikele, Kayla Rae Jensen, Jill Marie Holmen, Soma Yona Germano, Michael Frederick Froehlich, Marcko Mikele Dalay, **Kothethin Gabriel Yien, Rachel Nyachoat Malual**

By Baptism – Marta Louise Schaeffer (6/16/18), Piper Rose Kauzlarich (7/7/18)

By Transfer – Sarah Riese (from King of Grace Lutheran, Waukon, IA)

By Reactivation – Karl and Arabella Kuhrt

Losses

By Death – Neola Baccus (3/8/18)

Communicants: 171

Baptized: 248

Pastoral Actions

Child Baptisms

Eshaida Armando Adem (4/15/18)

Marta Louise Schaeffer (6/16/18)

Kelay Yona Germano (5/6/18)

Piper Rose Kauzlarich (7/7/18)

Sakeyo Ali Kalifa (5/6/18)

Funerals

Neola Baccus (3/12/18)