

August Statistics

| | August | | | YTD | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | Change | 2018 | 2017 | Change |
| Sunday Worship (avg) | 127.5 | 118.0 | 8% | 112.1 | 113.7 | -1% |
| Visits | 17 | 25 | -32% | 169 | 183 | -8% |
| Website Visits | 67 | n/a | | 67 | n/a | |

Worship

The attendance stats for worship only include the English services. We currently have 248 baptized. Of those, 198 primarily attend the English services, 31 primarily attend Nuer services and 19 primarily attend Kunama services. Perhaps attendance at Nuer and Kunama services will be kept in the future. What this means for the English services is that YTD 112 out of 198 attend on a given Sunday (57%). We could improve this by removing inactive members from membership or by encouraging each other to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, faith and salvation through the means of grace more often. "Let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

Christian Education

Sunday School, Sunday Bible class, and Wednesday Bible class began in September. Campus Ministry at Drake resumes after a couple of years. It will be held on Mondays at 7 pm. Catechism has 10 students enrolled.

Evangelism

Praise and Proclaim is September 21-22. Currently, 23 adults are signed up to attend this training on Friday.

We handed out 300 frisbees and 480 water bottles at the 9th Street Festival on September 9. Church brochures and invitations to the Fall Festival were also distributed to hundreds. The Fall Festival is October 13, 11am-2pm. Help is needed for this event.

Sudanese and Eritrean Ministries

The Nuer (Sudanese) Bible class resumed on Sundays at noon but scheduling conflicts have stalled the classes again. God willing, we can resume at the end of September.. 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.

Pastoral Studies Institute

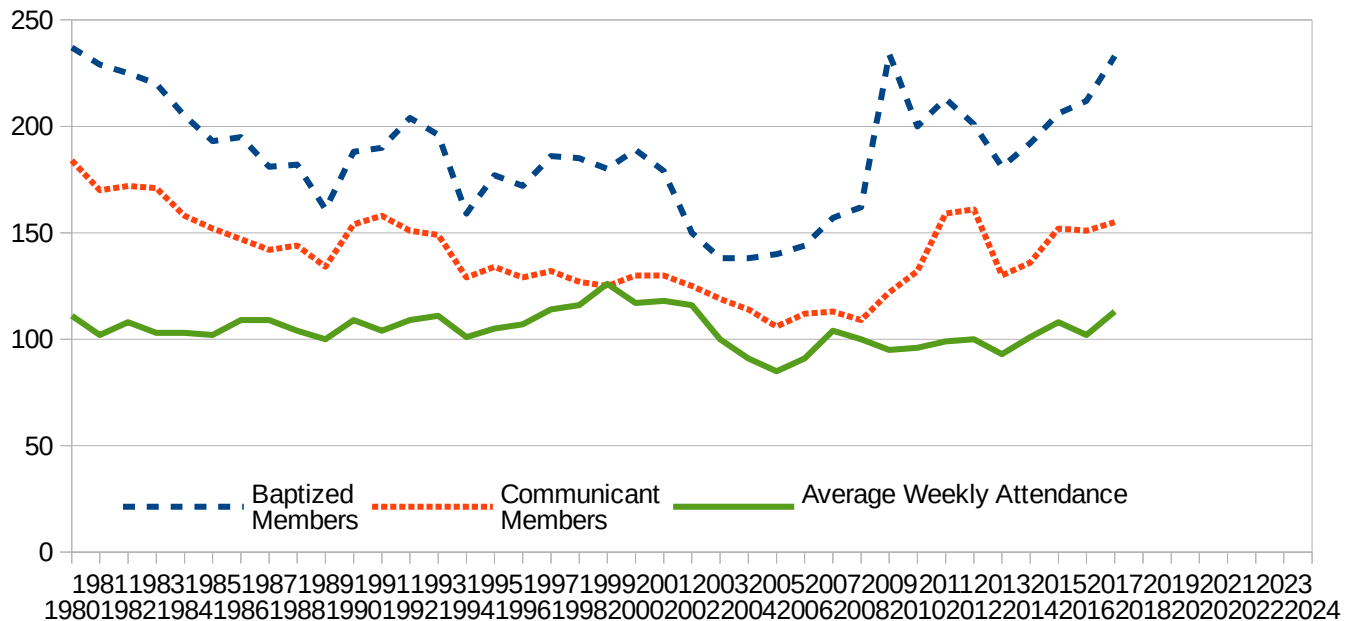
I will accompany Luke to an Asian Ministry meeting at the Seminary October 3-4.

Iowa Circuit

Good Shepherd, Cedar Rapids is being served by Pastor Degner during the vacancy. They have a second call meeting on September 23. The first call issued was returned.

I will attend the Southern Conference Pastor's Conference on September 24-25 in Columbia, MO.

Membership at Lincoln Heights Lutheran



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)