

Pastor's Report  
May 2018

### April Statistics

	April			YTD		
	2018	2017	Change	2018	2017	Change
<b>Sunday Worship (avg)</b>	116.6	130.2	-10%	108.0	110.6	-2%
<b>Bible Class (total)</b>	212	145	46%	639	576	11%
<b>Sunday School (avg)</b>	14.5	24	-40%	17.2	22.6	-24%
<b>Visits</b>	16	20	-20%	97	84	15%
<b>Website Daily Visits</b>	210	270	-22%	237	236	0%

### Worship

April included Easter this year and in 2017. Last year saw a near record attendance which helped the average for the month. Contacts are being made with inactive members and more will happen during the summer months.

### Christian Education

Eight students were confirmed on May 6. Two more are completing the catechism course this summer. Bible class attendance is improved over last year. The Wednesday class will recess for the summer while the Sunday class will meet for brief studies unless there is a ministry meeting on Sunday. The Bible information class concluded in May.

Sunday School is down 24% for the year, about 5 students less each Sunday. The Sunday School staff will look at improvements to make for next year. I am considering how to better prepare students for catechism classes in the fall with more specific Sunday School classes for 5th-8th grades.

### Other

Vicar Walz at Good Shepherd, Indianola graduated and was assigned to be the pastor at Good Shepherd. He will be ordained and installed on June 10 at 4 pm.

### 2018 Membership Changes

#### Gains

By Profession of Faith – Jessica McDermott

**By Adult Confirmation – Charlene Sievers**

**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**

By Reactivation – Karl and Arabella Kuhrt

#### Losses

By Death – Neola Baccus (3/8/18)

***Communicants: 165***

***Baptized: 238***

### Pastoral Actions

#### Child Baptisms

Eshaida Armando Adem (4/15/18)

Sakeyo Ali Kalifa (5/6/18)

Kelay Yona Germano (5/6/18)

#### Funerals

Neola Baccus (3/12/18)