

## Pastor's Report for January (Reporting on December & stuff) 2022

- Thank you for all you do. Cards/gifts/prayers/etc...Behind the scene stuff, making everything work stuff. Thank you.
- Good Shepherd is stable, vibrant, exciting, and motivated. Doing very well...spiritually & financially. Good to see budget pass without any disagreement... Currently no divisions/anger/schisms/ that I'm aware of...let's keep it that way!
- Gave \$ to various local non-prophets with excess mission \$...(Including, but not limited to: (Warming Shelter, Now I lay me down to sleep place, Jericho Road, Matched Kids offering to St. Judes, Trinity School, District/Synod, Brushfires & Linda Jordan)...
- -Church Numbers: **December 2021:** Weekly Avg.: **209.** (2020- 112; 2019-224) (Worshipping over half of membership weekly and that's pretty good, not counting Facebook Live---still missing the young families who got out of habit of coming to church...I'll take any ideas)...Advent Wednesdays: 119 (2020: 103—2019: 75) (Morning service success)  
Christmas Eve Total: 2021-334-----2020: 109-----2019: 409  
Christmas Day 2021: 67; -----2020: 74-----2019: 81
- Three baptisms last month (Cole Meier, Scout Wiley, Ryan Eichorn)
- 1 death/funeral...in December (Judy Blackmore)
- 1 wedding... December...Reagan & Derek
- 0 New members: In December ...gathering a nice list for January 6-10...
- Adult Baptism this Sunday (Dyani)—step-father just passed...confirmation too...
- More Baptisms coming...Family unit (mom and 2 kids)
- Loss of members (Moved): Lewis family Oconomowoc--...
- Wednesday BIBLE STUDY: ...(avg. 10) We're watching "The Chosen" encourage you to watch it too! Kicking off again tomorrow.  
Sunday morning bible study...Fred-Book of James...nice crowd. Right now Media...avg. 6..good to have options...  
What I do on Sunday mornings between services... will be focusing on 8<sup>th</sup> graders...extra help with confirmation.
- Youth: getting back into the swing of things...? Youth gathering meeting good crowd of peeps. Think there's 7 kids going to youth gathering...exciting!
- Confirmation: Revamp. Interesting...under the gun!!
- CALLS/VISITS: Monthly visits for those who can't get to church were conducted in December mostly by Pastor Haymen...currently 11 people we are visiting. ... PRAYERS:
- List of names (envelopes)...
- **Blessing on French Congalize mission??? Waiting to hear from Pastor Meador for more information.**
- Personally good. Seriously good...same problems and joys as everyone else.
- Again, thanks for all you do. Stay safe, God bless, and remember to speak **highly** of your wonderful church and its people...and reach out to them!!! (birthday cards, etc...)---Start fresh with the new ones! New year! Stay on top of it please!

-Pastor Koepsell