**Pastor’s Report**

**December 2015**

Contrary to the beautiful weather we’ve been blessed with lately, we are in one of the more emotional months of the year. Anxiety is running high this month as we all scramble to tidy up all the loose ends from the year. I know these last few weeks have been somewhat of a jolt in getting ready for the Christmas season. Between putting up lights, getting a tree, putting out decorations, and getting our family pictures taken, it has felt like we’re just one step ahead of the season. And we even had less of a challenge this year because we lost a box of ornaments and decorations in the May flooding. But we can’t forget that the Advent season is a time of joyful anticipation. God is coming to us amidst our busyness. What a blessed gift!

With our meeting being held a week early this month, I wasn’t able to meet a full month’s ministry obligations. That said, I was able to lead 2 Bible studies, 3 worship services, 1 confirmation class, 1 youth group gathering, and 1 parent study group, participate in 3 pastor text studies and 2 committee meetings, and only make 5 visits. The Thanksgiving holiday really kept people not interested in a home visit from me. I imagine my visits for this month will be similarly low. We are having lively discussions in the classes, studies, and gatherings that I’ve greatly appreciated. Thank you all for being so engaging.

It is a busy time of year but I’m confident we can all find time to give thanks for Jesus coming into our lives. Please enjoy the season and come back in the new year with renewed vigor for our shared ministry.

Advent blessings,

Pastor Koos