



Grace Notes

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Evangelism Plan 102

Those of you that were at the cottage meetings know that evangelism was the single most talked about aspect to our future together as a congregation. There were several key points that I heard, and that I want to lift up to all of you. But there are some realizations that we need to be aware of first.

For the first six months of this year, our attendance was really going well. But recently it has dropped. For example, in April, we averaged 51 per Sunday. For August, we averaged 42 per Sunday and in September, we averaged 44 per Sunday. That trend is opposite of what we saw just one year ago. I am not sure what is going on there, other than I know lots of people are busy. Regardless, that is a trend that we need to get out of. Evangelism is directly related to activeness and attendance at church. August 9 was the lowest Sunday we have had all year, when we had only 25 at church. This will in no way help us to grow. I will be real honest in saying that I cannot make you come to church, to be active, or to participate. However, if we want to continue to grow, we need to get back to where we were.

As far as our evangelism plan, we have a lot of work to do. Evelyn Swain came up with a catchy phrase that we can use for our new flyers. I am working on a new list of neighborhoods for us to put out flyers in. If I leave off a neighborhood, or you happen to come across a new one, please add it to the list! The new flyer should be finished this coming week. It will be simpler yet informative enough to get people to (hopefully) check us out.

I heard at the cottage meetings from several people about trying a different service. So, I am going to work with Diane about planning a once per month contemporary service (probably the last Sunday of the month, and perhaps without communion to start). If we get this service to work, then we can pursue moving it to every Sunday at 8:30. This will start in January, as the next three months all involve holidays very near the last Sunday of the month.

Finally, we have to get excited about reaching out. I know it is easy to get comfortable with the size congregation we have, but the reality is that this size congregation will not financially support the ministry we currently have. At this point, we don't need to think about what the alternative options are, but instead focus of really trying hard to get this congregation going. I look forward to working with all of you over these next few months. It is a tough task, but we can do it.

Pastor Judson

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In our Prayers

- *Doris and her mom, Mary Netta*
- *Lisa and David Cantrell*
- *St. John's Lutheran Church*
- *Joseph*
- *Irene (Jane's mom)*
- *Jane*
- *Kim*
- *Evelyn*
- *Robert*
- *Michael (In Iraq)*

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Operation INASMUCH	5 Women's Fellowship 7:00	6	7 Bible Study 10:30	8 Council Meeting 7:00	9	10
11	12 Lutheran Men 7:00	13	14 Bible Study 10:30	15	16 Confirmation Lock-in	17
18	19	20	21 Bible Study 10:30	22	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday	26	27	28 Bible Study 10:30	29	30	31 Reformation Day and All Hallow's Eve

Those Who Serve

Date	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Refreshments	Mary Schaeffer	Marjorie Berkeley Evelyn Swain	Crawleys	Fanchers
Ushers	Rich Donaldson Rich Van Wagoner	Larry Cantrell Marian Varner	Mary Lou Saville Gail Brown	Rich Van Wagoner Gere Ablett
Greeter	Helen Roof	Evelyn Swain	Mary Schaeffer ↓	Kay Otten
Communion Assistant	Gere Ablett	Ron Crawley	Kay Otten	Jane Lewis
Counters	Evelyn Swain Gail Brown	John Fancher Bob Faulks	Rich Donaldson Diane Ablett	Gail Hackett Rich Van Wagoner
Altar Guild	Diane Ablett Mary Lou Saville	Bobby Torrence Marianne Van Wagoner	Jane Lewis Tara Kallam	Alice Smith Diane Ablett
Lector	Diane Ablett	Gail Hackett	John Fancher	Evelyn Swain
Nursery	Christine Donaldson	Carrie Merrell	Carrie Merrell	Connie Faulks
Acolyte	Taylor Crawley	Robert Faulks	Taylor Crawley	Hunter Crawley
Crucifer	Hunter Crawley	Jessie Faulks	Robert Faulks	Jessie Faulks



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October Birthdays

Ron Crawley—1
Fairey Zimmerman—
2
Mary Netta Irick—6
Robert Smtih—15
Marion Varner—19
Garry Jones—21
Gail Brown—26

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SEPTEMBER FLOWER LIST:

October 4: Women’s Group

October 11: Otten

October 18: Smith

October 25: Hackett

Reminder: Fall Cong. Meeting is Nov
8 after church!

Coming Soon! We will be having a
Nintendo Wii bowling tourney some-
time in October! More details soon!

September Council Meeting Notes

- Cottage meeting are set for 2 weekends in September
- Ron provided up to date finance information along with copies for the cottage meetings
- John will have quarterly statements ready to hand out at the end of the month

Giving and Attendance

September 6:	\$2608	49
September 13:	\$908	39
September 20:	\$956	45
September 27:	\$1227	43