



Grace Notes

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

A New Year!

The new year is approaching. Soon we will celebrate the arrival of 2008. Many of us will get together with family on that evening, perhaps watch the ball drop in NYC on our TV's, and sing Auld Lang Syne. However, there are other reasons to celebrate the new year.

For the next six months, I would like to see us focus on something that is extremely hard for Lutherans to do. I would like to see us focus on evangelism. I know you have probably heard me say that Springs of Grace is the friendliest church I have ever seen, once people get into the building. As a church that has so many dreams, the next six months are important for us. The next six months will give us a better idea about how and when we want some of those dreams to be accomplished.

It is with great joy that I tell you that the Synod Office is extremely pleased with the way things are going at Springs of Grace. For the past six years, they have watched Springs of Grace go through some ups and downs. They have seen people get hurt, and they have seen some healing happening. They also see the potential that this congregation has in the Boiling Springs area, and are excited about it.

I want **you** to get excited about it, and I want you to tell all your friends about it. God is at work in our midst, stirring us up. We are approaching a NEW YEAR, and by that, I do not mean 2008. I mean that we have a new council, a renewed vision, and a renewed sense of call—which is to offer to the communities around us what we have.

I encourage each of you to set a “New Year’s Resolution” about how many people you will encourage to visit Springs of Grace. Furthermore, I encourage you to offer to pick them up, not just tell them where we worship. Bring them to church! Show them why you love this place and why it is special to you.

This next six months are important if we want our dreams to start coming true. With the help of God, they will.

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In our Prayers

- *Buddy and Ann*
- *Linwood*
- *Alma*
- *Marty Duck (Father of Bill)*
- *Michael, Chris, and Brenton—all serving our country overseas*

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's (Office Closed)	2	3	4	5
6 Epiphany Of Our Lord	7	8 WELCA 7:00	9	10	11 Council Meeting 7:00	12
13 Baptism of Our Lord	14	15 Lutheran Men 7:00	16	17	18	19
20 2nd Sun- day after Epiphany	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 3rd Sunday After Epiph- any	28	29	30	31		

Those Who Serve

Date	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27
Cantor	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis
Nursery	Marianne Van Wagoner	Wendi Gowan	Liz Crawley	Michelle Faulks
Ushers	Gere Ablett Garry Jones	The Van Wagoner's	The Cantrell's	Todd Kallam Robert Smith
Greeter	Olga Larson	Alice Smith	Marjorie Berkeley	Tara Kallam
Acolyte	Hunter Crawley	Robert Faulks	Jessie Faulks	Hunter Crawley
Crucifer	Robert Faulks	Hunter Crawley	Robert Faulks	Jessie Faulks
Worship Assistant	Ron Crawley	Bob Faulks	Norm Lewis	Boyd Cook
Offering Counters	Doris Giese Gail Hackett	Rich Van Wagoner Gail Hackett	Gail Hackett Robert Smith	Jane Lewis Gail Hackett
Altar Guild	Evelyn Swain	Doris Giese	Connie Faulks	Diane Ablett
Lector	Maggie Cook	Tara Kallam	Evelyn Swain	Ron Crawley



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Bob Faulks
Gail Hackett
Todd Kallam
Evelyn Swain
Richard Van Wagoner
Marjorie Berkley

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Upcoming Services:

December 24: Candlelight
Christmas Eve

December 30: Lessons and
Carols

January 6: Epiphany of our
Lord

January 13: Baptism of our
Lord

Pastor Merrell will be on va-
cation from December 25 till
December 31. Please call
Rev. Gene Baker (Holy Com-
munion Lutheran) for pastoral
emergencies at 576-1953.