



Grace Notes

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

Strive for 75

As I mentioned at our recent congregational lunch, our goal for attendance is 75 per Sunday. I must say I think we are on a great track for this. For the past five Sunday's, our attendance average is 55 on a Sunday. That is up from an average of 42 for the months of July and the beginning of August.

However, in running the numbers, let me enlighten you a little. If everyone on our Shepherd's list were to come to church every Sunday, and then we add in some of our recent active visitors, our average attendance each week would be 69. The number is so close to 75. This past Sunday, had all the people on our Shepherd's List been at church plus the visitors, we would have had 72.

Now I know that hindsight is 20/20, but at the same time, we are SO CLOSE!!! As a congregation, I think you have seen this number of 75 as a challenge, and are rising to the occasion. I think it is wonderful when we have more people active in church. The singing is louder, the congregation sounds more joyful, and fellowship afterwards is more lively.

So now that we know the number to reach, when are we hoping to reach it by? The Synod has set a challenge date of June 2009. With the way we are going, we will be there by Christmas, but that all depends on you. Don't just bring yourself to church, bring someone with you! Make a commitment to yourself that for the next few months you will be in church as much as possible. I promise that you will not be disappointed with yourself if you make this commitment. Instead I hope you find a new joy in your life.

Now I know that some of you are not able to be at church every Sunday. But there is a way that you can still be a part of the church. Every week, I take communion to one of our members who is at Rosecrest. This past week, I took communion to two. To me, that is still being an active member of the congregation, wanting to share in the refreshing and life giving power of the Body and Blood of Christ. So if you are not able to make it, contact me, and I will be happy to come visit you on your time, as well as bring communion to you. After all, the church is not just a building, but is instead the people who gather to worship God, no matter what the setting.

So, in our strive for 75, how are you going to fit in? Are you willing to help us keep this ball rolling? I really hope and pray that you are.

God's Peace,

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In our Prayers

- *Alma*
- *Continued Prayers for Gail's mom and Doris' mom*
- *The Donaldson Family*
- *Ann*

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 10:30	2	3	4 CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY 8:30
5 21st Sunday Af- ter Pentecost Youth Day 5:00	6 Women's Group 7:00 pm	7 Lutheran Family Services Meeting at Joy 7:00 pm	8 Bible Study 10:30	9 Council Meeting 7:00	10	11
12 22nd Sunday After Pentecost	13	14 Lutheran Men 7:00	15 Bible Study 10:30	16	17	18
19 23rd Sunday After Pentecost	20	21	22 Bible Study 10:30	23	24	25
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY	27	28	29 Bible Study 10:30 New Generation 12:00	30	31 All Hallows Eve 	

Those Who Serve—THANKS FOR SIGNING UP!!!

Date	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
Canter	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis	Pastor Judson
Ushers	Gere Ablett Melton Roof	Richard Van Wagoner John Fancher	Robert Smith Todd Kallam	Bob Faulks Boyd Cook
Greeter	Mary Schaefer	Marion and Nelly Varner	Liz Crawley	Alice and Robert Smith
Worship Assistant	Bob Faulks	Mary Schaeffer	Bob Faulks	Alice Smith
Counters	Gail Hackett Evelyn Swain	Jane Lewis Robert Van Wagoner	John Fancher Doris Giese	Robert Smith Gail Hackett
Altar Guild	Bobby Torrence Marianne Van Wagoner	Marjorie Berkeley Diane Ablett	Jane Lewis Olga Larson	Alice Smith Diane Ablett
Lector	Gail Hackett	Jane Lewis	Mary Schaeffer	Evelyn Swain
Nursery	Carrie Merrell	Connie Faulks	Marianne Van Wag- oner	Jessie Faulks
Acolyte	Robert Faulks	Taylor Crawley	Robert Faulks	Hunter Crawley
Crucifer	Jessie Faulks	Hunter Crawley	Jessie Faulks	Taylor Crawley



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October Birthdays

Ron Crawley-1
Fairey Zimmerman-2
Alma Uhrhammer-17
Marion Varner-19
Garry Jones-21

OCTOBER FLOWER LIST:

October 5: Merrell
October 12: Berkeley
October 19: Hackett
October 26: Lewis

A REMINDER:

**OCTOBER 26 is REFORMATION
SUNDAY!!!! PLEASE WEAR
RED!**

**FALL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING NOVEMBER 9TH**

September Council Meeting Notes

- Attendance and giving is up....lets keep it going.
- We will begin pursuing putting a float in the local parades.
- Worship and Music will look into switching to new ELW worship Book.
- The company where we purchased chairs from is sending up an updated catalog.

Attendance and Giving

August 31:	54	\$1,561
September 7:	60	\$2,388
September 14:	50	\$2,070
September 21:	54	\$2,055