



Grace Notes

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church
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The Journey Begins with a Single Step

*The Members of Springs of Grace
Lutheran Church shall reach out as
Disciples to bring all people to the
knowledge of Jesus, welcoming them to
the unity of the body of Christ.*

If I said that I wanted to go to Nashville, most of you would be able to tell me how to get there. But what if you did not know my starting point. Of course the directions would change based on my starting point. This is also true in the congregation when the interim pastor does not know where you are starting. I have a good idea of where we want to end up, but a poor idea of where we are now. During this coming month my task is to discover our starting point. I will gain some of this information by observation. But since I will not have the opportunity to closely observe everyone there will be some additional things that we will be doing together to help us learn our starting point for our journey.

To begin we will be taking a snapshot of our congregation. We do this by using a survey. This survey will ask for your opinion on a variety of topics that will help me discover our starting point. It will also try to identify any problems that are unknown. Experience has shown that the most effective way to conduct this survey is through meetings held at the church. These meetings will last about one hour during which you will complete the survey. I ask that you attend only one of the meetings and that you be as candid as possible. I will explain more at the meeting. The meetings are scheduled for Sunday, August 18 at 4pm and Thursday, August 22 at 7pm. Once this survey process is completed I will analyze the result and provide a report to the council and to the congregation.

The next step is to develop an action plan for the congregation with the goal of making Springs of Grace a discipleship congregation. We have started in defining what it means to be a disciple as an individual and that will continue through the month ending with the 2nd Sunday in September. Remember all discipleship congregations have disciples in them, but not all congregation with disciples in them are discipleship congregations. Now is the time for Springs of Grace to take the first step, so together let us begin.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Jim

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In our Prayers

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August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship with Communion, Sundays — 10:30am Adult & Teen Education Hour Sundays— 9:30am				1 Office Hours 10am to Noon	2	3
4 Seven Faith Practices — Pray	5	6	7	8 Office Hours 10am to Noon	9	10
11 Seven Faith Practices — Worship Council Mtg after Worship	12	13	14	15 Office Hours 10am to Noon	16	17
18 Seven Faith Practices — Study Survey Meeting @ 4pm	19	20	21	22 Office Hours 10am to Noon Survey Meeting @ 7pm	23	24
25 Seven Faith Practices — Give	26	27	28	29 Office Hours 10am to Noon	30	31

Those Who Serve – Revised 8/6/2013

Date	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	September 1
Refreshments	Diane Ablett MaryLou Saville	Cantrell's	Crawley's	Shawn DeBerry	Helen Roof
Ushers	Gere Ablett Marion Varner	Norm Lewis Jim Voris	Rich Donaldson Larry Cantrell	Ron Crawley Tony Link	Ray Cromer Melton Roof
Greeter	Hazel Petitt	Ray Cromer	Barbara Cantrell	Shawn DeBerry	Helen Roof
Communion Assistant	Melton Roof	Tony Link	Bob Faulks	Norm Lewis	Mary Lou Saville
Counters	Ron Crawley Jim Voris	Mary Lou Saville Tony Link	Rich Donaldson Norm Lewis	Kris Loburk John Fancher	Diane Ablett Ron Crawley
Altar Guild	Diane Ablett Mary Lou Saville	Jane Lewis Nellie Varner	Rich & Maryanne VanWagoner	Betty DeBerry Pat Morton	Diane Ablett Mary Lou Saville
Lector	Diane Ablett	Evelyn Swain	Hunter Crawley	Tony Link	Jim Voris

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Chair — vacant

Ron Crawley, Social Ministry Chair

August Birthdays
Immanuel Link — 3
Andres Holtzer — 5
Isaac Adderholdt — 6
Anthony Link — 7
Esther Bolder — 8
Taylor Crawley — 14
Barbara Cantrell — 15
John Fancher — 19
Jane Lewis — 31

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Flower List for August

4th —
11th —
18st—
25th —

Special Notice

Be sure to attend one of the Survey meeting for members. This will provide important information for the future planning. These meeting are for all member of Springs of Grace including confirmed teen-agers. Mark the dates August 18th at 4pm and August 22 at 7pm.