



Grace Notes

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

I resolve.....

New Year's is a time when many people make resolutions. Often these are about eating healthier, losing weight, working out, going on vacation, etc. And often these are not kept. How many New Year's Resolutions have you made that you have actually kept? If you are like me, maybe you have kept a few, but not all of them. This year, I want to do something different with my New Year's Resolution, and perhaps this is something you can try also.

First of all, the word "resolution" to me doesn't have a lot of weight behind it. What happens if you don't keep it? Well, not much. So I personally am going to change the wording. I am going to call it my New Year's Covenant. When I think of the word "covenant", I think of the promises that God has made with God's people. Furthermore, I think of how God never goes back on those promises, but instead continues to honor them no matter what the people are doing. So in order to help myself with my 2009 Goals, I am going to covenant with myself. I am going to make promises about things I personally want to do, and then do my best to honor that covenant.

Second, I would like to enter into covenant with you as a congregation. I would like us to strive harder in certain areas, such as Christian Education (Sunday School, VBS, etc.), Evangelism, Outreach, and Worship. In this covenant, I think we can work together to help Springs of Grace continue on the positive path it is on. The key there is "working together". I hear many people talk about having a separate service, about contemporary worship, and about more activities with kids. However, without everyone's help and participation, we are not able to move to these things.

Covenanting with each other to help out as much as possible is the first step in helping the congregation as a whole. We need everyone's help, participation, and ideas. So I hope that as each of you think about your New Year's Resolutions, you will also think about a New Year's Covenant, and how you can best help your church.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Pastor Judson

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In our Prayers

- *Alma*
- *Doris and her Mom*
- *Ann*
- *St. John's Lutheran Church*
- *Joseph David Brady (Taylor Kallam's Son)*
- *Richard Greene*

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3
4	5 Women's Fellowship	6	7	8 Council 7:00	9	10
11 New Member Sunday Baptism of our Lord	12	13 Lutheran Men	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Those Who Serve—THANKS FOR SIGNING UP!!!

Date	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Canter	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis	Norm Lewis
Ushers	Gere Ablett Todd Kallam	Melton Roof Richard Donaldson	Fanchers	Ron Crawley Rich Van Wagoner
Greeter	Mary Schaefer	Helen Roof	Diane Ablett	Richard Donaldson
Communion Assistant	Bob Faulks	Ron Crawley	Gere Ablett	Kay Otten
Counters	Gail Hackett John Fancher	Richard Donaldson Jane Lewis	Gail Hackett Robert Smith	Gail Hackett Diane Ablett
Altar Guild	Marjorie Berkeley Diane Ablett	Jane Lewis Tara Kallam	Marianne Van Wagoner Bobby Torrence	Diane Ablett Alice Smith
Lector	Gail Hackett	Mary Schaefer	Diane Ablett	Richard Donaldson
Nursery	Connie Faulks	Jessie Faulks	Carrie Merrell	Christine Donaldson
Acolyte	Jessie Faulks	Robert Faulks	Hunter Crawley	Taylor Crawley
Crucifer	Hunter Crawley	Taylor Crawley	Jessie Faulks	Robert Faulks



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- Todd Kallam, President
- John Fancher, Vice President
- Evelyn Swain, Secretary
- Ron Crawley, Treasurer
- Diane Ablett, Chair-Wor. & Music
- Bob Faulks, Chair-Property
- Richard Donaldson
- Mary Lou Saville
- Marjorie Berkeley

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January Birthdays

- 2—*Jessie Faulks*
- 11—*Christine Donaldson*
- 20—*Gail Hackett*
- 29—*Larry Cantrell*

JANUARY FLOWER LIST:

- January 4: Roof
- January 11:
- January 18: Hackett
- January 25: Otten

December Council Meeting Notes

- New Officers were elected. Evangelism and Education Chair elections were tabled until January.
- Ministry Team Chairs are to begin assembling their teams together.

Giving and Attendance

November 30:	\$2,282	43
December 7:	\$2,337	48
December 14:	\$2,306	49
December 21:	\$1,562	44