



Grace Notes

Springs of Grace Lutheran Church

Luther's wonderful words of wisdom

I want to start by thanking Ron Crawley for giving me this month's newsletter article. In the Augsburg Fortress book "*The Lutheran Handbook II*", there is a section called "The most outrageous Luther quotes and what they mean." Number 8 on that list is

"Good, modest churches with low arches are the best for preachers and for listeners, for the ultimate reason for these buildings isn't the bellowing and bawling of choir members but the Word of God and its proclamation." (**Table Talk**, 3781)

What does this mean? A sanctuary right out of *Better Divine Homes and Churches* may be nice to look at, but if the law and gospel aren't heard there it's missing the point. A good sound system beats beautiful architecture hands down.

First of all, we need all the bellowers and bawlers we can get! I would love for us to have more! Second, I think Luther's quote gets to the heart of what Christian worship is all about. Now I know there are people out there that would think our service is boring, or that it sounds like a funeral, or that it's not fun. On the other hand, there are people that think our service is not orthodox or high church enough (Pastor, we really need a pipe organ!). All of these are valid points. People worship in different ways, and that is an ok thing.

As a congregation that is very diverse in terms of background, worship preferences, etc., we can still worship together around the main focus of our service. Everything we do in our service should point to the fact that we are theologians of the cross (and not theologians of glory, i.e. good works get us into heaven). It is through the Word of God and its proclamation that we are continually reminded that we are children of God. What would our service be like if we did not hear the Gospel proclaimed? Would it still be worship? Furthermore, we need to look at the rest of the service as pointing to the Word in our midst. Whether it is through the liturgy, the music, the singing, the confession and forgiveness, Holy Communion, or the dismissal, we are reminded that the Word of God is the primary reason we are at church worshipping in the first place.

So where does that leave us? Bellow and bawl all your want! And do it loudly! Just remember that everything we do points to the word of God and its proclamation in our midst.

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In our Prayers

- *Doris and her mom, Mary Netta*
- *St. John's Lutheran Church*
- *Joseph*
- *Irene (Jane's mom)*
- *Jane*
- *Ann*
- *Michael (In Iraq)*

Activities start back up in September! Look for women's group, Lutheran men, and Bible study to all start back up.

August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Council 7:00	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Those Who Serve—Blanks mean that no one was signed up for that task for the day.

Date	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 20
Refreshments	Smith Family	Roof Family	Doris Giese Gail Hackett	Kallam Family	Cantrell Family
Ushers	Melton Roof Marian Varner		Gere Ablett John Fancher	Kay Otten	
Greeter	Helen Roof	Mary Schaeffer	Diane Ablett	Alice Smith	
Communion Assistant	Gail Hackett	Gere Ablett	Kay Otten	Bob Faulks	Gail Hackett
Counters	Gail Hackett Richard Donaldson	Diane Ablett	Diane Ablett	Bob Faulks Richard Donaldson	
Altar Guild	Jane Lewis Tara Kallam	Diane Ablett Mary Lou Saville	Bobby Torrence Marianne Van Wagoner	Alice Smith Diane Ablett	Jane Lewis Tara Kallam
Lector	Mary Schaeffer	Diane Ablett	Gail Hackett	Norm Lewis	Marianne Van Wagoner
Nursery	Carrie Merrell		Carrie Merrell	Marianne Van Wag- oner	
Acolyte	Taylor Crawley	Robert Faulks	Taylor Crawley	Hunter Crawley	Robert Faulks
Crucifer	Hunter Crawley	Jessie Faulks	Robert Faulks	Jessie Faulks	Taylor Crawley



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August Birthdays

Taylor Crawley—14
Barbara Cantrell and
Bobby Torrence—15
John Fancher—19
Jane Lewis —31

Anniversaries

Varners—5
Fanchers—7

Back Page Notes

AUGUST FLOWER LIST:

August 2: Kay Otten
August 9: Gail Hackett
August 16: Ann Kelley, In honor of
her daughter Debbie on her birthday
August 23: Gail Hackett
August 30: Norm and Jane Lewis

Pastor Judson will be on vacation Au-
gust 2-9 to work on a grant for the
congregation. He will be back in the
office August 10.

July Council Meeting Notes

- No Council meeting in July—
June/July was a combined meeting

Giving and Attendance

July 5:	\$1852	47
July 12:	\$1489	48
July 19:	\$873	44
July 26:	\$1368	39