

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is a Greeter?

A Greeter, quite possibly, could be the most important person in the whole church. No way, you say? Considering that the first impression is the most important, who is the first person a guest arriving at our church encounters? The Greeter!

When do I greet?

- ◆ A list is published with names of people who have offered to be greeters. Greeters are normally scheduled for two consecutive weeks.
- ◆ When it is your scheduled turn to greet, come to church at least 30 minutes prior to the service time wearing your warmest smile and positive attitude.

Where do I greet?

- ◆ Greeters are scheduled in pairs to cover both the front and side entrances to the church.

How do I greet?

- ◆ Be friendly! Be outgoing! Be warm! Smile and offer a warm “Good Morning!” or “Good Evening!” as the case may be. Offer a firm handshake. If you know a person’s name, call them by it, for example, “Good Morning Jim! How are you this fine Sunday?” Be polite, open or hold the door open for people arriving—especially the elderly or handicapped.
- ◆ Offer a bulletin if you have some available and a visitor pack.
- ◆ Offer to help as they remove their coats.

Oh no! It’s someone I don’t recognize!

- ◆ Ok, someone you don’t know is approaching the door. What do you do? Do they look familiar or is it a total stranger?
- ◆ If they look familiar, modify your greeting to “Good Morning! My name is Jim Blue, are you visiting today?” If they are a member, they likely will say “No, I am a member. My Name is Bill Brown.” Offer an apology for not recognizing them and tell them its great to see them at church!
- ◆ If they look like a total stranger, modify your greeting to something like “Good Morning! My name is Jim Blue. Is this your first time here at First Lutheran?” If it is, show them the way. Talk to them. Welcome them to church. Do not leave them alone, ask if they are visiting someone (and if so, help them find them). If they aren’t, introduce them to someone else so they feel they know someone. Point them out to an Elder or Usher for assistance.

The first impression

- ◆ That new visitor is already on edge approaching the door of a new and different church. As they approach, they may be worrying about not knowing anyone, or how the experience will be. That first minute is the most crucial. If you greet them with a mumbled ‘morning’ or a limp handshake, that’s the impression they will have of our church. Show them that you are proud to be here, proud to share the word of Christ, proud to welcome them into the Lord’s House.

What should Greeters do?

- ◆ Be positive. Be warm. Reach out to people. The more you reach out to them, the more they will respond to you.

- ◆ Open the door. Hold the door open.
- ◆ Greet with meaning, don’t just mouth the words.
- ◆ Make everyone feel welcome in the Lord’s House.

What should Greeters not do?

- ◆ Don’t be locked to one spot.
- ◆ Don’t be distracted.
- ◆ Don’t be quiet or solemn.
- ◆ Don’t disappear from the job.
- ◆ Don’t be late!
- ◆ Don’t leave the job too early, a lot of people pour in at the last minute. They need a greeting too!
- ◆ Don’t forget the days you are scheduled as a greeter.

Make someone smile!

- ◆ Remember someone’s name. Tell them its GREAT to see them at church. Be friendly and mean it!
- ◆ Peace be with you! And also with you!



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Registration Form for being a part of the First Lutheran Church Greeters in Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Name: _____ Special Talent? _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Experiences: _____

Street Address _____ Email: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____ Phone: _____

Children's Name _____

How can you help spread the Gospel of Christ? _____



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