



# Greeters...

## *Welcoming People*

**Greeters welcome everyone who enters the sanctuary for worship at Kingo Lutheran Church. Greeters often are people who make the very first impression on visitors as well as long-time members and friends. They are essential for us to fulfill our welcoming statement.**

*At Kingo Lutheran Church, we believe that God loves and forgives us unconditionally. This gift of grace inspires us to share God's love with others. We strive to welcome and support all individuals regardless of race, sex, socioeconomic class, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and mental ability, and political affiliation. Our faith in the Holy Spirit guides us in our acceptance and mutual respect of all people. We recognize that some people continue to encounter less than full acceptance in Christian churches. However, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, **you are welcomed by the Kingo community.***

***Greeter Characteristics:*** hospitable, courteous, friendly, faith-filled, smiling, genuine, helpful.

- **Please be ready to greet at least 20 minutes before worship begins.**
- If you can't greet, **PLEASE find a substitute** and/or let our Parish Administrator –Danette– know.
  - Changes can be made on Sign-Up Genius, on our website.
- Greeters need to wear a **name tag... always**. This is especially helpful to visitors AND long-time members who may be too embarrassed to ask your name.
- One greeter(s) stands at the narthex entrance, while a second greeter stands at the lounge/sanctuary entrance.
  - Don't block the entrance.
  - Families with young children are encouraged to greet. Greeting is great practice for children learning socialization and welcoming skills.
- **Smile and greet each person entering the sanctuary.** *"Good morning. I'm glad you're here."*
  - Not everyone is a hand-shaker or may have their hands full.
  - Don't be overzealous in greeting. That can be off-putting.
- Hand a bulletin and announcements etc. to each worshipper.

- If a worshipper(s) has a child, please tell them that we have a nursery attendant available and/or a cry room, should they need. But, please emphasize that children are welcome to be in worship with everyone.
  - Check with the pastor or cross-gen director to be certain the nursery attendant is available.
- **Visitors – *are they or not?*** Should you recognize a visitor (but not certain), you may say, *“I’m happy you’re here to worship with at Kingo this morning. I’m \_\_\_\_\_. ” Here is a bulletin – which is an outline of today’s worship service; and here are our announcements. Is there anything I can help you with...?”*
- If someone identifies themselves as a visitor, please let Pastor know.
- While it’s nice to see a friend as he/she enters the sanctuary before worship, try not to engage in lengthy conversation; this holds up other people trying to enter. This can also be perceived as being clicky or unwelcoming (even though that’s not your intent).
- Let the usher know if a worshipper has a special need or request.
- Greeters may be seated once worship begins.