
WORSHIP RESPONSE SHEET #2

SECOND SUNDAY — HOPEFUL

Please complete this paper during or just after the worship service (time will be provided). Share what you think by turning the completed form in just before leaving. You will want to experience most of the worship service before beginning on the paper. Pastor Becker will help by giving some instructions.

1. Name two things you like best about this congregation.

- choir
- down to earth minister
- welcoming/friendly
- everybody shares in the work that needs doing
- familiarity of structure (I know the settings, hymns, people)
- creativity in the lessons and sermons — I always get a different side of the story
- the people—our congregation
- pastor
- relaxed, non-intrusive atmosphere
- family-like atmosphere
- strong, visible yet not overbearing leaders
- the people
- willingness to help
- help people fit in
- people take part in liturgy—readings, helping with Eucharist
- hymns are sung using every verse
- spirit of togetherness
- music
- warm welcome and concern for others (children's stories)
- close church
- always happy
- youth nights
- people are polite and respectful
- organize fun ways to raise money
- open to new ideas
- small
- I feel good here
- growing membership of young people with children
- casual
- acknowledge and work with other congregations

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- sense of humour
- location
- worship service
- people care about each other
- forgive mistakes and bumbles
- variety of fellowship activities
- openness and acceptance of new/different ideas, beliefs, life-styles
- family oriented
- I was raised Anglican, but not much difference
- connection to Faith Place and Little Ark Day Care = visible ministry within the community
- balance of scripture message and informal structure

2. Name two things you think this congregation does best.

- follow synod rules/beliefs
- Ralph—simple truths for all of us
- social events
- connecting with other churches
- feeling of family
- welcoming atmosphere
- worship together
- open atmosphere
- pull together when needed—money, support, money
- easy going, loving attitude
- organizing lots of good events (potlucks, picnics...)
- working with other churches (Knox, St. Paul's, Northminster...)
- dedication to the Lord and chip in when needed
- rise to the occasion
- after worship fellowship
- smile
- religious focus each Sunday
- everyone is involved
- willing to try new initiatives
- spreading the word/love of God
- youth nights
- keep the church organized and up beat

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- keep everybody happy and hopeful
- creative, looking for different ways to engage the congregation
- being more specific in our regular prayers
- seem like a family
- more people feel welcome
- come through in a crunch
- commitment
- include youth in the service
- help in the community
- communication
- outreach to other organizations and people
- supporting members in need
- meeting and greeting and incorporating new members
- the service, sermons, singing
- maintain the status quo
- rises to the appeal challenges

3. What two things do you think this congregation needs most?

- believe in the Bible
- teach members exactly what they believe in
- to know the Bible
- younger people
- bigger congregation
- trust that if we give, God will provide
- more faith that we can achieve our goals
- minor programs to entice youth to perform service in the church. It would cost money, but perhaps could be set up as an ongoing bursary for post-secondary education, i.e., \$10 for service for acolyte duty or for 1st and 2nd readings accumulated and paid directly when post-secondary school begins. It would encourage teenagers and parents to attend and serve before and during post-secondary schooling. Radical approach but might lead to long-term service.
- more involvement by younger (under 40) people
- more involvement in inter-congregational activities (Lenten lunches, evening seminars)
- greater community outreach—be seen involved in the community and let people know who we are and what we do
- more members
- less expenses

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- I try my best to fit in, but I still feel on the periphery
- full support from members financially and spiritually
- hope
- church building—to increase attendance and attract outsiders
- more children
- more commitment
- higher attendance
- money
- participation
- more room
- more pastoral visits in the home
- enthusiasm
- intimate social connections
- a new “talking” mike
- confidence
- active youth and young adult program
- I find the large hymn book awkward and often don’t get to follow
- book marks to keep place in the service/hymns/psalm
- a vision to creative excitement—a process that stretches our imagination and faith
- encouragement to draw on our gifts—to recognize our gifts

4. If you wanted to be more hopeful about this congregation, and you were allowed one wish for it, what would it be?

- that we reach out to our members in the surrounding areas
- younger families attending regularly
- to have more support, more volunteers within the congregation
- to remember the past but plan for the future
- that all the confirmands from the last 15 years would come back regularly
- make our church and our activities more relevant to our members and others
- more active members
- that the residents of Faith Place (who have no outside church) join us
- togetherness
- financial freedom
- have as many people here each Sunday as we do at baptisms
- growth in youth

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- a miracle?
- fill the church every Sunday
- members to show up and participate in everyday workings of the church, i.e., committees, function organization
- stronger youth/young adult presence
- get lapsed members backs
- expand our ministry to Faith Place, which would include a recognizable worship space

5. In your opinion, what should this congregation do to increase a HOPEFUL attitude among the members? (If your answer is what you have written already, please expand on it.)

- teach grace and mercy of God and what we must do because of God's grace
- pray for wisdom, understanding, guidance
- we did it before, we can do it again
- keep a positive attitude, not getting discouraged and loose all the good things that happen here and know that more good things will continue
- programs that attract younger people—find out from our youth and young people what would get them more involved
- visit each member in their home
- pray for the sick
- more outreach
- have an open minded look for alternatives
- pray
- give them goals to reach and for which to hope (youth/young adults)

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