

How To Make Every Sunday A 'Friendship Sunday'

- ____ 1. Printed out order of worship. (Clear instructions regarding worship format. Easy to follow.)
- ____ 2. Good signage. (Can it be read and understood.)
- ____ 3. Welcome cards in the pew.
- ____ 4. Ushers with a host mentality.
- ____ 5. Pastor greeting at the beginning of ~e service.
- ____ 6. A gift (often a congregation coffee mug [*how Lutheran!*]) given to each guest.
- ____ 7. Children's message. (Communicates caring attitude for children.)
- ____ 8. Sunday school greeters as children and parents walk in for Sunday School.
- ____ 9. Use of children's choirs.
- ____ 10. Dedicated guest parking (*especially for holidays*).
- ____ 11. Parking lot attendants with brightly colored umbrellas for rainy Sundays.
- ____ 12. Variety in worship styles, balancing use of formal and informal liturgical styles.
- ____ 13. Sermons speaking the Gospel to today's issues.
- ____ 14. People excited about the* congregation with positive attitude, concerned about greeting visitors.
- ____ 15. Good sound system.
- ____ 16. Excellence in music.
- ____ 17. Name tags for members and staff. (And they wear them!)
- ____ 18. Time of greeting at the beginning of each service. (*People are encouraged to introduce themselves to someone they don't know.*)
- ____ 19. Timely follow-up within 36 hours of the initial visit. (*This follow-up is usually first by phone, followed up with a home visit if the visitor wishes.*)
- ____ 20. Worship attendance registration system for all worshipers.
- ____ 21. Attractive folder telling about congregational life, including how to become a member.
- ____ 22. Easily identified visitor information center. (*Mentioned by most congregations; listed as most important by several.*)

- _____23. Fellowship time before and after each service with coffee, cookies, etc.
- _____24. Pastor doesn't take anything for granted. (*They know when to stand, sit, sing, etc.*)
- _____25. Contact visitors three or four times during the week after visit. (*Phone call, card, letter of invitation, home visit, note from special ministry area.*)
- _____26. Have designated members who are available to greet and visit with visitors who are standing alone. (*The principle here is that if it is "everybody's job, " it really is "nobody's job. "*)
- _____27. Spend time in each service praying for the unchurched in the community.
- _____28. Periodically give members a simple brochure or pamphlet on when and how to invite friends to worship.
- _____29. Produce a worship schedule, especially for holiday seasons, that members are encouraged to give to unchurched friends and family members.
- _____30. Help members become aware that there are visitors every Sunday and to be open, friendly and helpful to everyone.