

## Join the Simple, Joyful Ministry of Welcoming

You, as congregants, requested that we focus more deliberately and specifically on welcoming new members. We have responded by creating a simple document that lists what welcomers/greeters do and how to sign up to be one. The main “job” is to be at church 15 minutes early and to man the entry table containing the resources for welcoming. Those interested in participating in welcoming ministry, the Welcoming Process Reference Sheet is available at the entry table or you can request it be sent to you. Here are the key steps.

- **Introduce** - Introduce yourself and invite new attendees to join you for coffee hour.
- **Inform** - Have them pick up a sheet of information at the Entry Table on St. Luke's Info and Activities
- **Identify** - Ask if they'd like to have a nametag created and then have them fill out the form at the Entry Table
- **Engage** - As you listen to their situation and interests, invite them to join you in any of the activities you currently participate in or connect them with others who lead other activities.

If you are willing and able to help welcome/greet on a particular Sunday, please [click here](#) to go to the online sign up for greeters and choose the Sundays you are available. Thanks in advance for welcoming and engaging our new members.

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### St. Luke's Welcoming Process – 05/02/2023

#### Welcoming Process Goal

Ensure that new and existing members feel welcome and comfortable within our congregation and are aware of ways to engage and get to know others.

1. Ensure reliable and easy staffing for the **Sunday Welcoming Greeter** process.
2. Ensure reliable and easy staffing for **Coffee Hour**
3. Ensure reliable and easy process for creating **Nametags**.
4. Ensure reliable and easy process for getting new visitors **comfortable, connected, aware of resources, supported, active and involved** as they desire.
5. Ensure way to more **officially identify and “onboard”** new congregants.
  - a. Welcoming new congregants periodically at a service - Justin
  - b. Discussing ways for getting involved and sharing their gifts and talents with St. Luke's as desired – sharing team activities they might be interested in joining and providing new attendee resource sheets at entry table
  - c. Lifelines “subscription”, Websites – in resource sheets available
  - d. Pledging – in resource sheets available