

**Grace
Lutheran Church**
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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
July 10, 2011

WORSHIP **8:30 a.m.**

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Giver of the Word, grant to us receptive hearts. May what You have said sink deep inside of us. May what You have started in us be brought to completion. And may what You have done continue to flourish and grow by Your grace.

O God of blessing, make us fruitful, according to Your will.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As Printed

HYMNS: 655; 584; 586

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13 (pg.615)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:12-17 (pg.944)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (pg.818)

SERMON: God's Word never gives up on people- Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Faith your church.



JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP downstairs following the service this morning. We thank the Campbell's and Lynn Kearns for hosting.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: London Area Right to Life is part of a national effort at promoting sanctity of life issues.

Summer
Worship

OUR MIDWEEK SUMMER SERVICES: are each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. These services are a blessing to many of our members, especially as weekend travel time increases in the summer. They are also a great opportunity for worship for those who work on weekends. We need God's Word for our lives and the blessings He provides as He serves us through our gathering with Him in His house.

A NEW CONTACT ADDRESS: Pastor Bode has a new email address. He can be contacted at flcpastor@foothillslutheran.ca.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Special Needs: Gail Bugbee, John Crowther, Melvin and Geraldine Dale, Else Jacobsen, Frank Kleiber, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Doris Jensen, Erna Kampken, Juliana Schieman, Konrad Gmehlin, Marianne Issendorf, Michael Dieterle, Rev. Al Stanfel, Susan Gajdos.

Homebound: Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Erna Kampken, Marsha Kennedy, Jean Mountenay.

Family Focus: Jamie McSparran; Corinne and Alyson Mergel; Tom, Shirley, Adam and Scott Mitchell; Keith and Shirley Monk.

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: Current 128.00; Missions 5.00; Building Fund 105.00; Strathroy 5070.00; Loose 10.00 **PTL!**

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 21 ('10:16)

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Please note that we will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 12th at the new Grace Church location.



A CLEAN UP DAY FOR GRACE STRATHROY: A clean up is planned for the new home of Grace Lutheran Church 24542 Melbourne Road, Strathroy-Caradoc (Village of Cairngorm) on Saturday July 16th 9:00 AM - Noon. Please bring your cleaning supplies as we prepare the premises for the first service on Sunday July 17th.

A GRACE VBS DAY will be held on July 27th @Alexandria Park, Strathroy from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. The theme is Creation.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Office Prayer/Staff meeting
Tues.	5:30 p.m.	Grace Building Committee
Wed.	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Worship Service
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Sport Night
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Anna Wissing's
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Clean-up Day

PORTALS OF PRAYER RE-ORDERED! We have had many requests for additional copies of the Portals of Prayer booklet. To accommodate this, more copies have been ordered and are on their way! Additionally, we will be receiving 5 large print copies. Give Michelle a call during office hours to let her know if you need one of these larger print versions.

WE HAVE A DATE for the trip to the Creation Museum in Kentucky! It will be from August 26th to 27th. Please speak to the Livingstone or the Balasch families for more information. You can also call the church office to add your name to the attendee list.



AS THE WEATHER BECOMES WARM AND SUNNY there are many activities that tempt us to miss church on Sunday. While we need the time of recreation and relaxation—in fact, that is one of the reasons why God gave us the Sabbath, we still need to remember that God's Word is the "one thing needful". Do not let the devil get you out of the habit of worship; don't think of it as an option each week. Faithfully set aside time to be in the Lord's house; to meet with our God, and to be fed, nourished and forgiven by Him; to be strengthened for the life we still live in this sinful world. God calls us here to be in His glorious presence, that He may bless us. Let us take the time to honour Him who is our forgiveness, life and salvation.

SPORTS NIGHT FOR ALL AGES: Join us each Thursday night, beginning at 6:30 pm for Soccer, volleyball and lots of fun in the Faith backyard, beginning on July 14th. Come out to play or just to root on the players!