

**Grace  
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AT HARVEST TIME I  
WILL TELL THE REAPERS  
COLLECT THE WEEDS  
TO BE BURNED - BUT  
GATHER THE WHEAT  
INTO MY BARN.  
MATTHEW 13:30

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
July 17, 2011

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

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** We are Your plantings, Lord. Help us to bloom wherever we are planted--even if we are surrounded by the devil's "weeds" of sin and evil. May we continue to bear the fruits of Your Spirit, and may we continue to stay deeply rooted in Your Word.

*God, our Planter and Preserver, keep us growing by Your grace.*

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**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As Printed

**HYMNS:** 650, 921, 761

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 44:6-8 (pg.604)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 8:18-27 (pg.944)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 (pg.818)

**SERMON:** The Weed and the Wheat - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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** 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:** at Faith 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.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Stanfel family at the death of Past East District President, the Rev. Dr. Albin Stanfel, who entered glory on July 7, 2011.

#### **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, Susan Gajdos.

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

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

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:** Current 526.70; Missions 5.00; Building Fund 310.00; Instrument Fund 10.00; Strathroy 70.00; Loose 10.00 **PTL!**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 27 ('10:16)

**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 five large print copies. Give Michelle a call during office hours to let her know if you need one of these larger print versions.

**THE COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY** at Faith will be held on Saturday Sept. 17. Stay tuned for more information!

**A GIFT FROM PASTOR AND BRENDA:** Pastor Bode and his wife Brenda have gifted an Advent Candle and stand to the members of Faith and Grace. We thank them for this wonderful gift and look forward to using it to the glory of God. It will be blessed on the first Sunday of Advent.



**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.

**GOOD SHEPARD'S VBS** for ages 4-12, will be held on Sunday Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>-Thursday Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The VBS theme is Big Jungle Adventure!



**PLANET ZOOM - WHERE BOLD BEE-LIEVERS ZIP, ZAP ZOOM FOR JESUS:** is the theme of our VBS this summer. The Faith

VBS will be held Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We still need shepherds, a music teacher and helpers in order to continue this outreach program.

**FAITH SPORTS NIGHT FOR ALL AGES:** Will be on Thursdays, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will include both soccer and volleyball. All are welcome!

**OUR CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY** was a success! We thank the many people who came out to lend a hand in order to prepare the building for service today.

#### **THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Office Prayer/Staff meeting
<b>Wed.</b>	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Worship Service
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:30 p.m.	Sports Night
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00 p.m.	Faith VBS Flyer Distribution
<b>Sun.</b>	8:30 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship