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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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WORSHIP. 8:30 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Keep us constant in our prayers to You, O Lord. Prepare us for answers we may not expect. Provide us with solutions that strengthen and inspire us. And give us, at last, the greatest gift of all--Your presence with us always.

Ever-present Lord, listen to our prayers.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As Printed

HYMNS: 571, 832, 922

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:1,6-8 (pg.566)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 (pg.946)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15:21-28 (pg.821)

SERMON: Believers Cling to the Word of God- Matthew 15:21-28

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.

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: Current 179.00; Missions 5.00; Building Fund 35.00; Strathroy 70.00; Loose 5.00 *PTL!*

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



JOIN US FOR MIDWEEK SUMMER SERVICES AT FAITH

each Wednesday during the summer. If you are travelling on Weekends, working, or just looking for that midweek lift, these services are just what you need! God's Word is the one thing needful. Take every opportunity to hear it, read it and grow in it. Services begin at 7:15 p.m.

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, Elsie Wilker, David Biederman, Christopher Atkinson

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

Family Focus: Dave, Cindy, Melissa and Michael Petrie; Pat Phillips; Ellen and Kendall Phillips; Brian and Carol Pierce.

FAITH SPORTS NIGHT FOR ALL AGES: Is every Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m. We'll be playing soccer and volleyball! Other games may be added if there is interest. Please bring your own snacks and drinks and invite your family and friends.

PASTOR AND BRENDA HAVE THEIR NEW HOME! They now reside at 11569 Tuscany Blvd NW in Calgary, AB T3L 2J8. Their phone number is 587-351-3768. "While moving is hard, we do thank God for the provision He makes for His people. Our love and prayers to all our dear friends and family at Faith and Grace!"

THE COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY EVENT at Faith will be held on Saturday Sept. 17th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbours to this enjoyable community outreach event!

FRIDGE REQUIRED: One of the fridges in our kitchen has broken down. If you have a fridge which may be suitable or wish to donate towards the purchase of a replacement, please speak to a trustee or the office.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Nicaragua Lutheran Church.

THE TRIP TO CREATION MUSEUM is getting closer and we are accepting down payments. We ask that you try to submit the down payment as soon as possible. Please add to the "Other" line on your offering envelope and mark it Creation Trip. Cheques should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church, however, please note you will not receive income tax receipts for this amount as it is being used to pay for a service and is not a charitable donation. If you have any questions, please contact David Livingstone.



OUR CHURCH PICNIC will be held on Sunday August 21st, at Grace Church at 2 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring salads and desserts to be pooled together for a picnic supper and your own beverages. You'll also want to bring ball gloves, sports equipment and lawn chairs. Mark the date, and join us for this fun day of fellowship!

A DISTRICT RETREAT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY: "Time with God at Home and On-the-Go". Family Day Retreat for families. Bring your entire generational clan! September 10, 2011 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Where: Christ our King Lutheran Church, Mississauga, ON. Cost: Only \$20 per family no matter how many children you bring (includes lunch, beverages, snacks). Registration forms are available on the Forward in Faith bulletin board and should be returned to Ruth Klages, Box 115, Clarksburg, ON N0H 1J0.

SUMMER TIME IS VACATION TIME FOR MANY, but the work of the church continues, and so do our bills. Please remember to be faithful in your stewardship during these months, remembering in joy that God provides for us, that we may give a faithful, generous, first fruit offering to His service. If you are away, please consider 'sending in' your offering, or setting aside your weekly gift until you can be in God's house.

PASTOR CASTILLO WILL BE ON VACATION from August 26th to September 2nd. Reverend John Makey from Port Colborne will lead the service and Preach on Sunday August 28th. For any pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact one of the Elders for assistance.

2011 VBS UPDATES

FAITH VBS REPORT: Our Planet Zoom VBS was held on August 2-5, 2011. Thanks to God, the VBS team was able to spread His Word among 19 children who attended this outreach program. Among those who attended; 12 children were from outside the church, and 7 children lived in the neighbourhood surrounding the church.

An offering of \$138.20 was collected. This money will be sent to Nicaragua Church to be used in VBS programs there. We want to thank the members at Faith Lutheran Church for your prayers and support in order that we were able to organize and hold our VBS to the glory of God.

We appreciate and thank the hard work put in by the VBS team before and during VBS. They performed their assigned tasks but they also helped in other areas of VBS. We also thank members who worked as helpers in many areas.

We thank Brenda Gates, Pastor Castillo, Pastor Pollex, Sarah Gates, Emily Gates, Katrina Richter, Sarah Ansell, Marian Obeda, Anna Wissing, Arline Hensel, Mayra Palma, Judy Balasch, Rob and Cathy Dieterle, Joseph Balasch, Jacob Bildy, Hayden Bildy, and Matthew Balasch.

With God's help, we were able to bring the Gospel of Jesus to the children, and parents.

GRACE VBS REPORT: Thanks be to God! We had a wonderful day for Grace VBS on July 27th. We held Grace VBS at Alexandria Park in Strathroy from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We had 21 children participate and 11 helpers/leaders assisting in some capacity throughout the day. Our theme for the day was Creation and included many stations that the children could rotate around and experience craft making, music, snack time, devotion and of course recreation time. Pastor, Matthew Mulligan, Karen and John Campbell, did an awesome job carrying out the visual effects for the children in the morning for the opening of VBS. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who helped put this event together.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S VBS: for ages 4-12 begins today and runs until Thursday, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The VBS theme is Big Jungle Adventure!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Sun.-Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Good Shepard VBS
Wed.	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Worship Service
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Sports Night
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Church Picnic @ Grace



"SOME DAYS I JUST NEED
A JUMP START!"