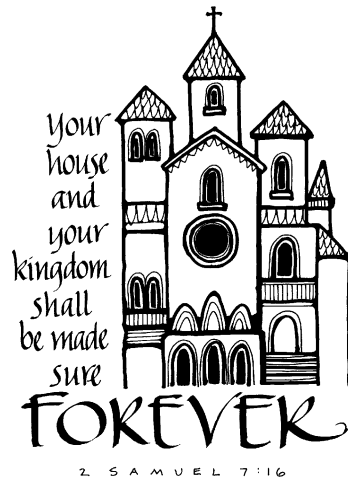


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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2011

WORSHIP SERVICE..... 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O God above, overshadow us with Your power from on high, fill us with Your greatness, and surround us with Your peace. And may we, like Mary, dedicate ourselves to Your service.

Sender of the Son, we magnify Your name.

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WELCOME VISITORS AND FRIENDS! This is God's House, so you and we, too, are His guests. Together we have come to hear His word, and to grow in faith and love to motivate us in our walk with Christ. Do come again to this house of prayer for all. Please sign the Guest Register, and if the pastor can help with any spiritual need, please talk to him. A nursery is available downstairs in our fellowship hall.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Mission Services, London

Mission Services of London opens doors of hope to those seeking emergency shelter and support, food, clothing as needed. Our help for their efforts helps us fulfill Jesus' encouragement to us: *'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'* (Matthew 25:40 - ESV)



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, from Lutheran Hour Ministries, are still available at the entrances to the sanctuary today. As we prepare to greet the King, who came, who comes, and who is coming again, may these booklets help you find hope and joy in His appearing.

WE OFTEN USE EMAIL to communicate midweek messages to the majority of the congregation. While we know not everyone has email, many of our members do. Can we include your address? Send a message to Michelle in the office: faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com to be on the list.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 42 ('10:31)

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: Current 565.90; Missions 30.00; Building Fund 30.00; Flowers 22.50; Loose 2.00 *Praise the Lord!*

OUR SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Our special gift envelopes have been designated as follows this Christmas season:

- Christmas Eve offering supports our District and Synodical Missions
- Christmas Day offerings will support our Building Fund
- New Year's Eve supports Concordia University College in Edmonton.

You can always designate your offering any way you choose by writing on the envelope. Remember, though, that the special envelopes should not be used as substitutes for our regular gifts to the work of the church. Our faithful stewardship provides the needs of our congregation.

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, Konrad Gmehlin, Michael Dieterle, Susan Gajdos, David Biederman, Christopher Atkinson, Sarah Holden, Ellen Phillips, Marianne Issendorf, Pastor Kenneth Voegel, Pastor Paul Pollex, Pastor Dan Abraham, Brian and Carol Pierce and family

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

Family Focus: Oscar Sr., Mayra, Osmayra and Oscar Castillo; Franco and Betty Catanzariti; David and Erika Chamberlain; Karen and Justin Crawford

LOOKING AHEAD: On Friday January 6th we will once again be holding the Church Council orientation and social. This is for council members and their spouses, both the newly elected council members, as well as the outgoing members, as we get to know one another, and spend some time relaxing and enjoying our fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ. We will have a brief meeting, and then continue with the fun. Council members: please put this on your calendar. More information will soon follow!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Tues.	9:30 a.m.	Office prayer and staff meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Christmas Social (until 7:30)
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Office prayers
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Office prayers
Sat.	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service @ Grace
	7:45 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service @ Faith
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Christmas Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Christmas Morning Worship w/Holy Communion

NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE will be held at Faith this year. Service begins at 7:15 p.m. and the guest preacher will be Pastor Manna of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Afterwards a social time will follow. We invite you to come spend the evening with us! Please feel free to bring along your favourite goodies and treats to share!

THE 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available today. Please remember that these envelopes *should not be used until January* in order to avoid confusion for our counters. Please continue to use your 2011 envelopes until the end of the year.

