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New Years Day

January 1, 2011

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Open our eyes, O Lord, to see Your salvation. Open our mouths to praise You night and day. And open our hearts to receive You as our Redeemer and King.

Blessed Baby Jesus, we hold You close to us.

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU in the name of our Saviour, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. If you do not have a church that you call home, we invite you to make Faith your spiritual home. Amid the trials and tribulations of life it's good that we can come to our Lord for strength through His Word. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, and fill in the "Worship attendance registration" at the end of the pew.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 4. pg. 203
(Holy Communion)

HYMNS: 896; 900; 733

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 6:22-27 (pg.114)

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 3:23-29 (pg.974)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 (pg.855)

SERMON: "It's About a Name: YHWH" - Numbers 6:22-27

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL ORIENTATION & SOCIAL will be held at Faith on Friday January 6th. This is for council members and their spouses, both the newly elected council 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! Please bring along some snacks and treats to share.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans for Life

CHRISTMAS EVE ATTENDANCE: 63 (2010' 51)

CHRISTMAS DAY ATTENDANCE: 26 **COMMUNED:** 18

OFFERINGS: Current 236.00; Missions 330.00; Building Fund 230.00; Flowers 25.00; S.S. Current 10.00; Loose 70.25 **Praise the Lord!**

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS:

- to **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Ruth Pierce** from Ed and Pam Oelke
- to the **Lift Fund** in memory of **Dan Tremblay** from Lloyd & Elsie Wilker
- to the **Harvest Fund** in memory of **Ruth Pierce** from Brian & Carol Pierce

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, Vandergriend family

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

Family Focus: John and Nancy Crowther; Ken, Nancy, Tim and Vicki Curtis; Melvin and Geraldine Dale; Ron and Susan Diehl



AS 2011 HAS ENDED, it is time to remind our various organizations and committees that we will be preparing our Annual Report in the next few weeks. Your help in having reports to us as quickly as possible is greatly appreciated!

YOU'RE INVITED! Please plan to attend the Life Sunday Celebration at Faith Lutheran church, 310 Southdale Rd. E. This FREE event is Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 at 3pm. There will be worship, information about Lutherans For Life-Canada (LFL-C), and craft time for the children. Dinner will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. For more information or to RSVP contact Judy Balasch- judybalasch@yahoo.ca or Faith's Church Office (mornings) 519-685-9700. All ages WELCOME. Donations to the LFL-C will be accepted.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Frank and Charlene Vandergriendt and family at the death of Frank's father, Henry. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.



HOLY COMMUNION - One of the great blessings of our Lord's Passion is the gift of His Body and Blood, given for the forgiveness of sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament in our worship this morning, we remember that it was our sins which caused His death, and give thanks for the Saviour who gives us His very body and blood that we may have forgiveness through faith in His promises. We welcome to the Lord's altar all members of Lutheran Church-Canada, and those in fellowship with LCC who desire to commune with us; we ask guests and visitors to speak with the pastor or an elder before the service.

As we come to the Lord's Table today, we prepare our hearts by asking:

- † Do I believe that the Risen Christ is my only Lord and Saviour from sin, death and the devil?
- † Do I believe that the Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood?
- † Do I resolve to dedicate, with the help of God, my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, thankful living and sacrificial living?

You may also wish to use the prayers before communing and after receiving the Sacrament, printed on the inside cover of the hymnal. You can also use Luther's *Christian Questions and Answers*, on p. 329 of the hymnal.



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2012 have been distributed. Please do not use old envelopes anymore—recycle them! This applies to Sunday School as well. If you did not receive offering envelopes, please notify the office as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Tues.	9:30 a.m.	Office prayer and staff meeting
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Office prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Council Orientation and Social
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth) Mtg.
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship w/Holy Communion

He Is The Light

Prayer for the New Year

Slow Me Down, Lord,

Lord, this year teach me the art of taking minute vacations—of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read from the Bible.

Remind me each day that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of eternal values, that I may grow toward my eternal home.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

