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The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 8, 2012

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O God in heaven, through baptism You call each of us Your beloved sons and daughters. May Your Spirit rest upon us as we live as Your children in this world. And may we follow the example of our Brother Jesus in all we say and do.

God, who once spoke from the sky, in Your love, speak to us now.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 1. pg. 151

HYMNS: 388; 387; 770

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg.619)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12 (pg.977)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (pg.807)

SERMON: The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed to the Nations - Ephesians 3:1-12

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 Grace 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.

A BIG "THANK YOU" from Keith Keller to all of his family and friends in Christ for the cards, prayers and love while he was feeling unwell. He is happy to report that he is on the mend and feeling much better!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans for Life

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 12 COMMUNED: 11

OFFERINGS: Current 200.00; Initial (envelopes) 10.00; Missions 10.00; Building Fund 30.00 *Praise the Lord!*

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 Voege, Pastor Paul Pollex, Pastor Dan Abraham

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

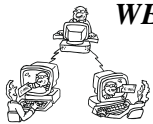
Family Focus: Rob, Cathy, Chris, Anne, Aaron and Micheal Dieterle; Doug, Heidi, Amber, Patrick and Walter Easter; Jean Faris; Martha Fonger



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!

A REMINDER that Pastor Castillo embarks on the mission trip to Nicaragua this month, beginning on January 16th, and will return on January 31st. Pastor Scholz will also be away at a meeting in Edmonton on January 23rd and 24th. For any spiritual concerns or emergencies when the Pastors are away, please contact Pastor Obeda or any of the church Elders.

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.



WE OFTEN USE EMAIL to communicate midweek messages to the majority of the congregation. Can we include your address? Send an email message to Michelle to be on the list. Church email address: faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com

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.

THIS MORNING WE PROPERLY INSTALL our new council members into their respective offices. We give thanks to God for blessing us with so many willing servants of the Gospel. May the Lord grant us willing hearts and able bodies to support our council members throughout this new year.

Chairman:	Rob Dieterle	Secretary:	Carol Wilkinson
Treasurer:	Alan Schmitt		
Elders:	Henry Balasch	Lorne Campbell	
	Jack Geurkink	Nelson Highfield	
	David Holden	Darcy Kahle	
	Keith Keller	David Livingstone	
	Matt Mulligan	Bereket Yosieph	
Trustees:	David Chamberlain	Corey Gauthier	
	Ken Beecroft	Ken Curtis	
	Janko Galat	Fred Neumann	
	Ed Oelke	Walter Procknow	
	Rick Ryan	Brad Schieman	
	Fred Werner	Mark Wiersema	
Financial Secretary:	Lisa Bilyd		

LWML Officers:

President: Pam Oelke

Secretary: Carole Atkinson

Treasurer: Elsie Wilker

Christian Growth: Connie Morrison

Mission Services:

Medical Missions: Arline Hensel and Shirley Kendall

Altar Guild: Marian Rutledge

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Tues.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayer and Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. LWML (work night)
- 7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
- 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. Bible Study @ Martha Fonger's
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Life Sunday Celebrations- Lutherans For Life

He Is The Light

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO LIKE SUFFERING BECAUSE IT MAKES US HOPEFUL?



WELL-NO ONE LIKES SUFFERING, BUT IT'S OFTEN TRUE THAT WE FIND GOD'S STRENGTH IN OUR OWN WEAKNESS.



IS THIS LIKE THAT "NO PAIN, NO GAIN"? 'CAUSE I WASN'T CRAZY ABOUT THAT ONE EITHER!

