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Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 15, 2012

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Leading Lord, You call us to be Your disciples here and now. Help us push aside all our doubts and fears. Reveal to us Your confidence in us. And keep us ever mindful that You have greater things planned for us and all who follow You.

Christ, who calls us all to follow, may we obey Your call both now and evermore.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Confession and Absolution. pg. 151
Service of Prayer and Preaching. pg. 260

HYMNS: 827; 589; 830

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20 (pg.227)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (pg.955)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51 (pg.887)

SERMON: Come and See Jesus . . . Come and See Life! - John 1:43-51

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.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans for Life

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 5

OFFERINGS: Current 311.00; Initial (envelopes) 13.00; Missions 20.00; Building Fund 35.00; Strathroy Mission 25.00; Loose 2.00 **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 and Niels 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

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

Family Focus: Mike, Gail and Scott Fonger; Dave, Stacy, Liam and Ethan Francis; Dan, Cheryl and Janna-Leigh Frederick; Jeremy Frederick



MISSION AND MINISTRY PRESENTATION: On January 22nd, District Vice-President Rev. Ron Mohr will be at Faith to share our District's Mission and Ministry Report for 2012. The 30 minute presentation will immediately follow the morning service. Coffee and fellowship will follow. We encourage you to be present and informed.

WITH JOY WE WELCOME into our church family today, Rick and Linda Buehler and Irene Guilfoyle through profession of faith. To God be the glory!



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 by January 22nd is greatly appreciated!

PEWS AT GRACE: Trustees are examining options for the excess pews at Grace. If you are possibly interested in a pew, please express your interest to Ed Oelke or Mark Wiersma before our next meeting on January 28th.

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.



FAMILY DAY- FREE SKATE: Sponsored by the Outreach Committee on **February 20th from 1:30 - 2:30** at Nichols Arena - Ice Pad B. Everyone is welcome! Bring All your Friends and Neighbours!

From 2:30 - 3:30 We will be serving refreshments and snacks back at the church. We are looking for a few volunteers to set up the refreshments at the church while the skate is happening. If you are willing to help please contact the church office or David Livingstone.

WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR VALENTINE'S DAY? How about an evening of Fine Dining and Music at Hernder's Estate Wines, Friday, February 10th, 2012 @ 6:00pm. Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary presents "Chocolate, Wine & Roses." Musical presentations by JUNO nominee and vocalist Tara Lyn Hart. Tickets are \$30 each or 2 for \$50, for the full event, or \$15 each for entertainment only (at 7:30pm). Please contact Linda at the Seminary 905 688-2362 ext. 22 or concordia@brocku.ca for more details.

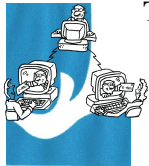
WE REJOICE with Josh and Tracy Lightfoot at the birth of their son, Keaton Robert Lightfoot, born January 6, 2012. We pray that God would surround this young family with His love and grace always.



PRAYER PARTNERS 2012: Please sign your name on the list at the back of the church if you wish to be a part of this important prayer group.

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A MEMORIAL SERVICE IS PLANNED for LAMP Missionary Pilot, Steven Dreher, at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 108 David St., Mitchel, ON, on Sat., January 21, 2012 at 2:00 pm. All friends of LAMP in southwestern Ontario are invited to join this special service. Steve Dreher served 13+ years as LAMP missionary pilot before his untimely death on Nov. 10th in an air plane crash in Colorado. For more information, contact Pastor Ted Radke, LAMP Board of Directors, at 519 348 4363 or at ted.radke@sympatico.ca



The Life Sunday Celebration, previously scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed until a later date. Please note that our January "Mission of the Month" is **Lutherans For Life – Canada**. We recognize this important ministry in our prayers and in the display set up in the parish hall. Coffee and snacks will be served. All are invited. **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

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastor's mtg. @ Redeemer
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:30 p.m. Elders
- 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
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship w/Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship w/Holy Communion

PHILIP SEEMS PRETTY EAGER FOR HIS BROTHER TO MEET JESUS.



YEAH - THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WAITED CENTURIES FOR THE MESSIAH'S APPEARING!



REALLY? I THOUGHT A GUY LIKE JESUS WOULD BE MORE PUNCTUAL.



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JOHN 1:43-51

He Is The Light