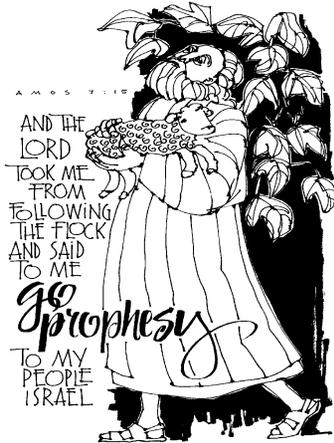


Grace Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2012

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord Jesus, may Your words be fulfilled in us, just as the prophets' words were fulfilled in You. Keep speaking to us through Your holy Scriptures and keep reminding us how powerful Your words can be in our lives.

O Word Made Flesh, may Your words give us life.

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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: See printed Order of Service

HYMNS: 686; 819; 917

FIRST LESSON: Amos 7:7-15 (pg.769)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg.976)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:14-29 (pg.841)

SERMON: "We are Spotters of God's Word" - Amos 7:7-15

MISSION OF THE MONTH: London Area Right to Life

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you have announcements for the bulletin, please remember to submit them into the office no later than Wednesday evening. Late announcements will be spoken on Sunday. Thank you. - Pastor Scholz

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: John Crowther, Melvin and Geraldine Dale, Else Jacobsen, Frank Kleiber, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Alan and Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Doris and Niels Jensen, Susan Gajdos, Sarah Holden, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voege, Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin, Nancy Curtis, Keith Keller, Lois Juritsch, Sophie Wilson, Anna Wissing

Homebound: Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay, Melvin and Geraldine Dale

Family Focus: Delbert Roy; Bob, Marian and Mark Rutledge; Rick, Brenda, Andrew, Becky and Dan Ryan and Justin Villeneuve; Frederick, Grace and Thomas Sanders

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 21

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 16

OFFERINGS: Current \$217.00; Missions \$20.00; Building Fund \$31.00; Loose \$10.00 *Praise the Lord!*

IT'S A GO!!!! A mission team has been formed to go to Nicaragua to hold VBS, construction and other activities. Please keep this the members of this team in your prayers and contribute with your offerings. Write on your envelope beside "other" - *Mission Trip to Nicaragua.*

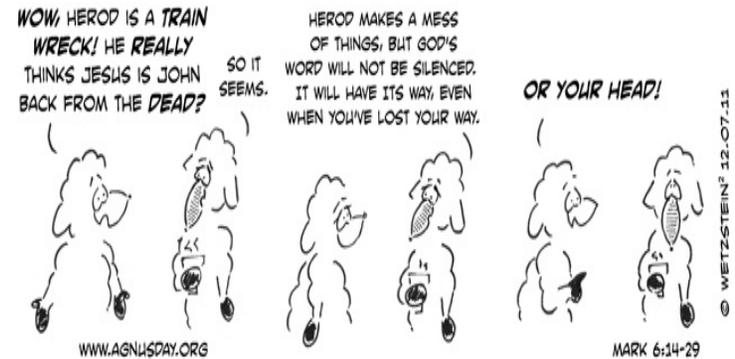
OUR MIDWEEK SUMMER SERVICES are held at Faith on Wednesdays at

7:15 p.m. These services have been a blessing to many of our members, especially as weekend travel time increases in the summer. They are also a great opportunity for worship for those who work on weekends. We need God's Word for our lives, and the blessings He provides as He serves us through our gathering with Him in His house. Don't miss the opportunity for worship!



AS THE WEATHER BECOMES WARM AND SUNNY, there are many activities that tempt us to miss church on Sunday. While we need the time of recreation and relaxation - in fact, that is one of the reasons why God gave us the Sabbath, we still need to remember that God's Word is the "one thing needful". Do not let the devil get you out of the habit of worship; don't think of it as an option each week. Faithfully set aside time to be in the Lord's house; to meet with our God, and to be fed, nourished and forgiven by Him; to be strengthened for the life we still live in this sinful world.

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring God our regular offerings and tithes as well for the ongoing work of His Church. God calls us here to be in His glorious presence, that He may bless us. Let us commit ourselves to Him who is our forgiveness, life and salvation.



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CLOTHES FOR KIDS? Jack & I had an amazing trip to Kathmandu, Nepal the last two weeks of June, and in that time we were privileged to get to know one young man, Sanjay Kumar, aged 22. Sanjay became our unofficial city tour guide, and during our time with him we learned that he, along with about 400 other people, are Indian refugees living in the "tent city" (slums) of Kathmandu. Sanjay generously invited Jack & I into his home several times both to meet his family and to share a specially prepared meal handmade from the very little resources that they have. We met Sanjay's father, his younger siblings, his cousin & her husband & their children.

On talking further with Sanjay, we asked what their greatest need was living as they do in tents which are merely bamboo poles lashed together, with plastic tarps to keep the elements out. We were told that at this time of the year, the monsoon rains do get through, soaking their belongings and bedclothes. At this time, many children become sick from contaminated water, etc. And in the winter months, the outdoor temperatures often falls to 2 to 5 degrees celsius. Many of the children living in the tent city do not have any warm clothes to wear and to try to keep warm, they must wrap themselves up in their blankets.

Jack & I are hoping that anyone who has any used children's clothing to give away would consider donating these to us and once we have a good shipment gathered together we have an address in Kathmandu to which we could send everything.

When we asked Sanjay what we was hoping to achieve for his own future, he replied that he wants to find some extra work shining shoes so that he can help his family make ends meet. Specifically, he wants to be able to earn enough to send his little sister, aged 7 years, to school so that she does not end up begging on the streets. We were very touched by the closeness of this family, and their determination to try to make a better life for themselves.

If you have any items to donate, you can phone us at home (or leave a voice message) at 519-461-1702, and we will discuss individual arrangements for collecting the clothes (whether we pick them up, pick them up at church on Sunday, etc.).

Diane Geurkink

A **SPECIAL THANKS** for all your prayers and get well wishes for my surgery and recovery. The Lord has answered our prayers. As I had told the pastors, I felt like I was in a cocoon and very protected. Your prayers were such a comfort to me during these difficult times. Thank you. *Anna Wissing*

Thanks!

VBS HAS ENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR and again, God has blessed our efforts. Our average attendance was 15. Also, there were 17 members from Grace and Faith who had helped us. We thank God for the support of our congregation, for the efforts of our staff, and pray that He would bless the Word that was shared with others.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
- Tues.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers/Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Evangelfest Committee Meeting
- Wed.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
- 7:15 p.m. Mid-week Service
- Thurs.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
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