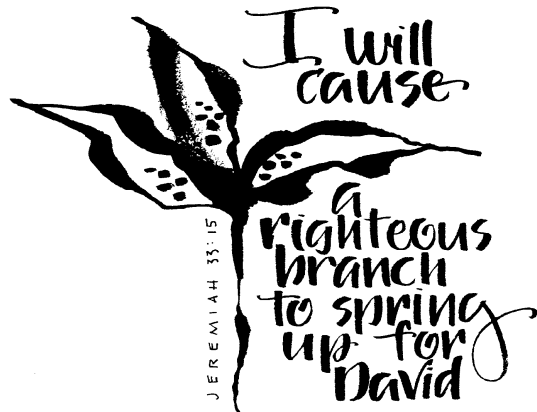


**Grace  
Lutheran Church**

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**First Sunday of Advent**

December 2, 2012

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

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Lord, the time is near when you will be born among us. Be near us as we wait for you. And keep us aware of all the signs that let us know that you are on your way.

*O Christ, who came at just the right time, we await the time of your arrival.*

**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:** Order of Confession and Absolution. . . . . p. 151  
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**HYMNS:** 341; 332; 807

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pg.662)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (pg.987)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 19:28-40 (pg.878)

**SERMON:** "The Lord is Our Righteousness" - Jeremiah 33:16

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:** "Advent promises for a Grinchproof Christmas" (Malachi 3:1-7):

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

In Dr. Seuss' classic story, the Grinch tried to steal the joy of Christmas. Who's trying to steal your joy? Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**A VOTERS' MEETING** will be held today at Faith at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. We will be holding elections and discussing the budget.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:****ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Matt Mulligan**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Special Needs:** John Crowther, Else Jacobsen, 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, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voege, Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin, Nancy Curtis, Lois Juritsch, David Holden, Jeremy Bancroft, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers, Melissa MacLean  
Homebound: Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay, Melvin Dale

**Family Focus:** Dave, Stacy, Liam and Ethan Francis; Dan and Cheryl Frederick; Janna-Leigh Frederick; Janko, Anka, Katarina and Jana Galat

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 21 ('11:21)**COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:** 17**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** 2

**OFFERINGS:** Current \$525.00; Missions \$30.00; Building Fund 30.00; Loose 5.00 Praise the Lord!

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Mission Services, London

Mission Services London provides a message of hope through faith by providing emergency shelter for individuals and families, help for those with mental health needs, and food, clothing, and rehabilitation where needed.

MSL's Vision Statement: To be a self-directed sustainable charitable social service organization grounded in the Christian faith, pro-actively addressing and meeting the needs of the homeless and the disadvantaged of the London area, well recognized and supported by the community. For further information go to [www.missionservices.ca](http://www.missionservices.ca).

**"COME & GO" CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE:** Your pastors invite you to join them for fellowship on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at 30 Hummingbird Cres. All are welcome!



**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** begins today and we again prepare our hearts to greet the Saviour who came, who comes, and who is coming again. Our Advent mid-week services begin Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Faith at 7:15 pm. We invite you to attend our Advent Service here on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. - this will be our only midweek Advent Service at Grace for this year.

**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.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS** and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.

**LIFE QUOTES:** "If we as pro-life people can understand that the issue of orphan care—whether that's advocating for unborn orphans, or advocating for born orphans in the United States or around the world—is not simply stopping bad things from happening to children ... Instead, there is also a deeper issue here, which is that our advocacy for women and children who are under assault by forces so dark and evil that we cannot even contemplate it, can teach us and show us how to be the Church, how to embrace the Gospel, how to live in the unity of the Spirit—and we see something of what this looks like by what the Spirit is doing in the life of Joseph." *Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of "Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families"* - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**FAITH-GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** has organized a trip to Nicaragua for December of 2013 to hold VBS, Adult Bible Study and to undertake some construction projects. This team will organize a few fundraising activities next year. If you would like to donate to this Mission trip, please write "*Nicaragua Mission trip-2013*" on your envelope beside "*other*".

**UPDATE ON CLOTHES FOR KIDS, KATHMANDU, NEPAL:** First of all, I would like to warmly thank everyone at Faith, London and Grace, Strathroy for so generously giving items of children's clothing for me to send to the children living in the tent city in Kathmandu. Many thanks also for the monetary gifts of \$380.00 which went a long way towards the shipping and handling fees incurred at the post office.

So far, three boxes have been sent off in care of our new friends, the Kumar family, and the first one was received the first week of November. This first shipment took approximately six weeks to arrive.

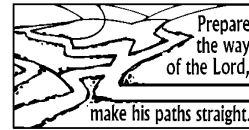
We received a phone call from Sanjay early on the morning of Nov 5th. He told us that the children were all very happy to receive the clothing, their parents were most thankful, and he himself was also thankful to be the person giving the gifts out! One lady in the tent city had just had a baby, and so found the infant items to be most welcome. Sanjay put his 7 year old sister on the line, she gave the traditional "Namaste" greeting and in "newly-learned" English "Thank You Very Much"!

Here is a list of the items that have been sent to Nepal to date - I tried to send a mixture of infants', boys' and girls' items of varying sizes in each shipment:

Boots 9	
Closed Toe Shoes 9	Fleece Tops & Hoodies 31
Fall/Winter Jackets 15	Infant Sleepers 7
Pants 34	Undies 21
Socks 46	Hats 32
Gloves/Mitts 16	Long Sleeved Tops 2
Scarves 2	Hair Bands 3
Sweaters 5	Sweater/Skirt Sets 1
Tights 8	Leggings 7
Stuffed bunnies 2	Purse 1
TOTAL ITEMS=251	

I still have a couple more shipments to send of fall/winter clothing, plus at least a couple more of summer-weight clothes. There will be a number of children who will be a lot warmer this winter because of your kindness and generosity!

All the best, *Diane Geurkink*



**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available 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.

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors Meeting in St. Thomas
	4:00 p.m.	LCMS Eng. Dist. Meeting at Faith
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation classes at Faith
	7:15 p.m.	Tree decorating at Faith
	8:00 p.m.	Council meeting
<b>Wed.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Advent Service
<b>Thurs.</b>	8:15 p.m.	Choir
	8:15 p.m.	Evangelfest Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
<b>Fri.</b>	2:00 p.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation classes at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service at Grace
<b>Sat.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	10:00 a.m.	Rehearsal for Sunday School Christmas program
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Pre- Christmas "Come & Go" at Scholz'