

Grace
Lutheran Church

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Epiphany of Our Lord

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WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Word Made Flesh, you have made your home among us. May we receive you with joy. May we be enlightened by your love. And may we see your glory revealed in our everyday lives.

O Lord Jesus Christ, make our hearts your home.

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

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Service of Prayer and Preaching. p. 260

HYMNS: 397; 395; 399

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

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

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

SERMON: "Arise and Shine! Your Light has Come!" - Isaiah 60

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Jesus, the Pilot of Your Life" (Luke 3:15-22)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

When life seems so beyond our skill or control, we need Jesus, the Pilot who alone can rescue us and bring us safely home. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 13th at 9:00a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell**ALTAR GUILD:** Tania Mulligan, Marianne Issendorf**ACOLYTE:** Zach Wiersema**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 Voegel, Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin, Nancy Curtis, Lois Juritsch, David Holden, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers

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

Family Focus: Dale and Kathleen Henderson; Lisa Henderson; Arline Hensel; Jorge, Gerda, Andrea and Yvonne Henze

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 22

OFFERINGS: Current \$348.00; Missions \$10.00; Building Fund 25.00; Misc \$5.00; MOM \$5.00; Other Income \$20.00 **Praise The Lord!**

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".

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans For Life - Canada

This corresponds to the LCC focus on Life Sunday, which is observed in January.



WE OFTEN USE EMAIL to communicate midweek messages to the majority of the congregation. Can we include your address? Send a message to the church to be on the list. We also appreciate if you notify us of changes to your present addresses or if we have your incorrect birthday. Our address: faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2013 are available in the parish hall. *Please wait until the new year to begin using them*, as occasionally numbers may have changed. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, but would like some, please advise the office.

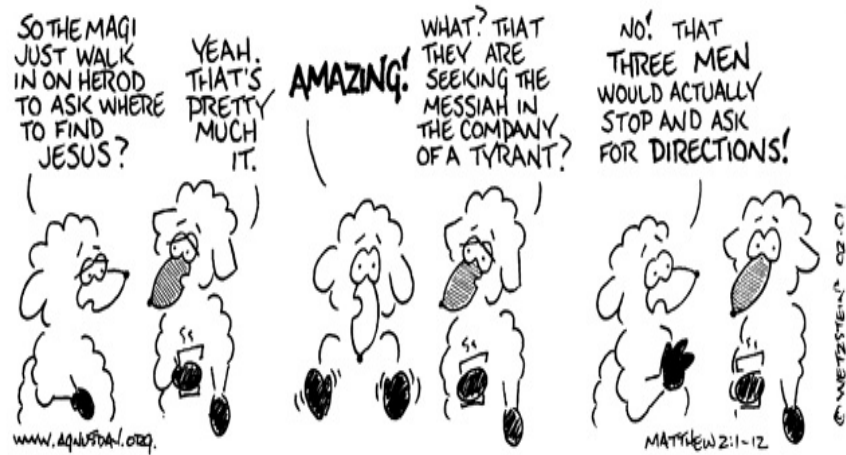
PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.

AS 2012 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 SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED THE LORD in our parish this past year, 2012! As St. Peter wrote in his First Letter: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (4:10). What a blessing it is to have so many willing volunteers here at Faith/Grace! By serving one another, you have served the Lord. May our Triune God continue to use each of us in 2013 to be faithful stewards of the Good News of salvation for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord! A blessed New Year to all!

A SHORT MEETING AFTER SERVICE: Pastor Castillo invites you to a short meeting in order to discuss important matters concerning our congregation. Please stay!

ON JANUARY 13TH, 2013, WE WILL BEGIN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY after Service. Please stay and let us all together study God's Word to strengthen our faith. *Pastor Castillo*



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
- Tues.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace (until 4:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. Confirmation classes at Faith
7:00 p.m. Trustees
7:30 p.m. MAP/Outreach
- Wed.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
6:30 p.m. Chimers
7:00 p.m. Evangelfest meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
2:00 p.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
5:00 p.m. Confirmation classes at Grace
7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's
- Sat.** 9:00 a.m. Nicaragua Mission Trip Meeting
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Grace Sunday School/Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Faith Sunday School/Bible Class
11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion