

Grace Lutheran Church

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First Sunday After The Epiphany

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WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O God above, you were well pleased with your Son, Jesus. May you be well pleased with us, as well, O Father, as we live as your baptized and beloved children. Help us to follow your will in all things and to be filled with your forgiveness and salvation.

O Father in heaven, speak to us in love from above.

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: Divine Service Setting 4. p. 203
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 590; 596; 605

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7 (p.603)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1-11 (p.942)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-22 (p.858)

SERMON: "We Are More than Conquerors!" - Romans 6:1-11

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Lord Who Brings Celebration to Life" (John 2:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus turns the bitter water of our despair and defeat into the wine of eternal life. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM DJBK on Sunday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans For Life - Canada



GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Epiphany means "manifestation" or "appearance". It is a season which highlights many of the epiphanies of God in human flesh (to the wise men, at His baptism, His miracles, His transfiguration). It is also a season which sets forth Christ as the light of the world and mission outreach to all peoples. As Christ manifests Himself today in the **Lord's Supper**, His forgiveness empowers us to walk in His light and witness of Him to a world sitting in darkness. Since God's Word teaches us that doctrinal oneness is central to the common reception of the Lord's Supper, guests desiring to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Tania Mulligan, Marianne Issendorf

ACOLYTE: Mia 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 Voegel, Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin, Nancy Curtis, Lois Juritsch, David Holden, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers, Dieter Groneberg

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

Family Focus: Andrew, Laura, Helen and Ian Hey; Brian, Laura and Amanda Highfield; Nelson and Judy Highfield; David, Sharon and Matthew Holden

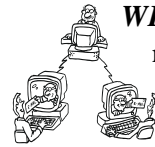
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 29 ('12:12)

OFFERINGS: Current \$1,041.00; Initial \$3.00; Missions \$30.00; Building Fund 348.00; Flowers \$12.00; Misc \$5.00 **Praise The Lord!**

LIFE SUNDAY 2013 has been set for next Sunday, January 20th. We will reflect upon God's Word as it addresses the issue of life as a precious gift of God.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL & LWML OFFICERS FOR 2013 will be held next Sunday (Jan. 20th) at Faith/Grace. All elected officers are encouraged to be present.

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*".



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.

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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2013 are available in the parish hall. 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.



A MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held at Faith on Saturday, January 26th, beginning at 7:30 a.m. All men are encouraged to come out for this time of fellowship, food, and mutual support.

A NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE will be implemented on February 3rd here at Grace. Bible Class and Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m. with Worship to follow at 10:00 a.m. In this way, we increase our opportunity to worship and study God's Word together.

GLOW BOWLING FOR YOUNG ADULTS If you are a member of a Lutheran church and 18-35 years of age, then you are also a member of the East District Lutheran Young Adults (EDLYA). So, come out this Friday (Jan. 18th) at 8:00 p.m. for a fun evening of bowling at Fleetway. The cost is under \$10 which includes bowling and shoe rentals. Please RSVP to Ruth at 519 631 1924 and let her know if you require a ride to Fleetway.

THE EAST DISTRICT LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS (EDLYA) will be having a retreat Jan. 25-27 at Faith Lutheran Church in Desboro, Ontario. Pastor Clifford will be our speaker. The topic will be announced later. Visit www.edlya.ca for more information and also to register for the event this weekend. For any questions or for carpooling plans, contact Ruth at (519) 631-1924 or email her at rpollex3@uwo.ca We will be organizing a carpooling trip from London to Desboro - so you do not need a car to come!

PASTOR CASTILLO WILL BE AT GRACE TWO DAYS A WEEK: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for office hours; at 2:00 p.m., he will visit members. If you would like a visit from Pastor Castillo, please write your name on the schedule which is posted on the board. Thank you!

LADIES OF FAITH: "Couponing Made Easy" - Come out this Saturday (Jan. 19th) from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to learn how to use today's coupons and mailings. Learn how to coupon on the computer and how to use manufacturer coupons with every day coupons. Everyone is welcome - bring your friends. Cost is \$5.00 which will be for the supplies.

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!

LIFE QUOTES: "Our futures are unknown to us (thankfully), but they are not unknown to God. He is all-knowing; He is sovereign. God, through Christ, experienced the supreme suffering in human form when He took it upon Himself to accept the sin of us all through His death on the cross. Because He knows what it's like to suffer, He can empathize with us in our suffering. Not only can He empathize with us, but God promises to one day relieve us of our suffering." Beth Schaible, former Lutherans For Life national board member - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors Meeting at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation classes at Faith
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation classes at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Grace
	9:00 a.m.	LWML - "Couponing Made Easy"
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Trustee Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship