

Grace Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday After The Epiphany

January 20, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Just as you changed water into wine, O Lord, you have changed us from sinners into saints. No longer must we dread the bitter taste of death, for you have revealed to us the sweetness of your salvation through your life, death and resurrection. May your grace continue to sweeten the lives of so many more.

O Transforming Lord, change us into the people that you want us to be.

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 Holy Baptism. p. 268
Prayer and Preaching. p. 260
Installation of Church/LWML Executive Officers

HYMNS: 590; You are Holy; To You, O Lord; 402; 809

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5 (p.621)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (p.959)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11 (p.887)

SERMON: "The Preciousness of Life" - Philippians 2:1-18

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Getting the Right Gift" (Mark 1:35-39)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
With His Life, death, and resurrection, Jesus gave us sinners the most precious, personal gift we could ever receive, and we...well, we were too busy playing with the box. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 27th at 9:00 a.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: Logan 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, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers, Dieter Groneberg

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

Family Focus: Rachael Holden; Sarah Holden; Marissa and Callie Humphrey; Nydia and Nick Humphrey

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 29 (*12:28)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 19

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 7

OFFERINGS: Current \$537.00; Initial \$10.00; Missions \$25.00; Building Fund 60.00; Loose \$7.00 **Praise The Lord!**

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



BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, and into God's family in our Faith/Grace parish, is Justin Richard Gauthier Villeneuve, son of Becky Ryan. His sponsors are his grandparents Rick and Brenda Ryan. We pray that God would bless Justin and his family, and that He would keep him in His grace, poured out this day!

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL & LWML OFFICERS FOR 2013 will be held today at Faith/Grace. Our voters' assembly elected new members to our Church Council. Those who will be serving on the council this coming year are:

Chairman: Dan Johnston

Secretary: Carol Wilkinson

Treasurer: Barb Werner

Financial Secretary: Diane Geurkink

Elders: Mike Ansell
Henry Balasch
Lorne Campbell (Grace)
Jack Geurkink
Nelson Highfield

David Holden
Darcy Kahle
Keith Keller
David Livingstone
Matt Mulligan (Grace)

Trustees: Ken Beecroft (Grace)
David Chamberlain
Ken Curtis
Janko Galat
Fred Neumann

Ed Oelke
Rick Ryan (Grace)
Brad Schieman
Mark Wiersema (Grace)
Beth Wilker
Fred Werner

Auditor: Donna Livingstone

LWML EXECUTIVE:

President: Pam Oelke
Vice-president: vacant
Treasurer: Elsie Wilker
Secretary: Carole Atkinson

Mission Service/Medical Missions: Arline Hensel
Shirley Kendall

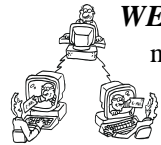
Christian Growth: Connie Morrison
Altar Guild: Marian Rutledge

We thank God for these members and their willingness to serve the church. God bless them in their service to Him and among us.

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 be organizing a few fundraising activities this year. If you would like to donate to this Mission trip, please write "Nicaragua Mission trip-2013" on your envelope beside "other".



A COUPLES AND SINGLES VALENTINE'S DAY SUPPER will be held at Faith on Saturday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. Come out, relax, and enjoy the dinner served by the men of the Nicaragua Mission Team and some helpers. A free will offering which will support the Nicaragua Mission team will be accepted. Tickets for this special event will be on sale next week.



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.

A MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held at Faith this Saturday, January 26th, beginning at 7:30 a.m. We will visit "The Baloney Shop" from the Men's Network of Lutheran Hour Ministries, as we consider the question: "Shouldn't someone be offended by Tofu?" All men are encouraged to come out for this time of fellowship, food, and mutual support.



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!



AS 2012 HAS ENDED, it is time to remind our various organizations and committees that we will soon be preparing our Annual Report. To ensure that your report is included, we require your information by January 23rd. Your help is greatly appreciated!

ALOA will get together on Saturday, January 26th at 2:00 p.m. at the Dorchester Legion. David Wilker and Greg Bie will be entertaining. Come out and join us!

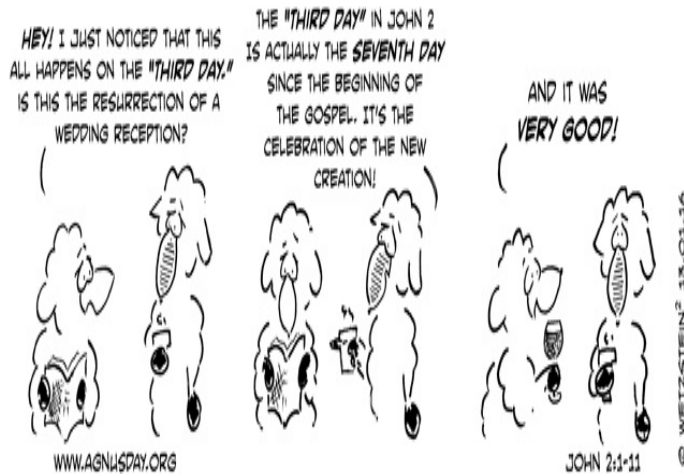
NEW MEMBERS: Gene and Anna Marie Makish were welcomed into our fellowship here at Grace last Sunday through transfer from Our Saviour Lutheran Church, London. To God be the glory!

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans For Life - Canada

IMPORTANT MATTER: ATTENTION: MEMBERS OF GRACE. On the table at the back of the sanctuary is a form including three proposals to consider regarding our Sunday morning schedule. These proposals will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. Possible meeting dates are included on the form. Please inform Pastor Castillo no later by January 27th which date is best for you.

LIFE QUOTES: “A woman has the right to choose what she does with her body, but the baby is not her body. Where’s the lawyer for the baby? How can the dream survive if we murder the children?” Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking with Notre Dame High School students – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Elders
- 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
- Wed.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
6:30 p.m. Chimers
7:30 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
5:00 p.m. Confirmation classes at Grace
7:00 p.m. Grace Outreach meeting
7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Keith Keller's
- Fri.** 7:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
- Sat.** 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
2:00 p.m. ALOA
2:00 p.m. Senese / Lawson wedding
- Sun.** 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