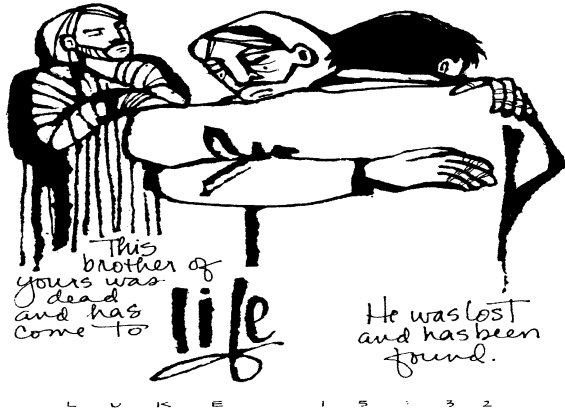


Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: So many times, O Lord, we, like the Prodigal Son, have been "far off." Thank you for always welcoming us back into your arms when we stray. Forgive us for ever thinking that we could make it in the world on our own. And lead us in the way you want us to go.

O Guiding God, stay close beside us forever.

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 1. p. 151
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 420; 562; 686

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 12:1-6 (p.576)

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p.966)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (p.874)

SERMON: "Home is Where the Heart is!" - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Be Like Jesus" (Philippians 2:5-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Be ready to love and care for the people God sends into your life. In this, we can be like Christ. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 17th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: On the night before He tasted death by crucifixion, Jesus did not say, "This is myself", but "This is My body" and "This is the new testament in My blood". By His promise His true body and blood are really present in His **Holy Supper** and which He bids us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins. Because oneness in doctrine is also confessed by those who commune together, guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Mayra Castillo

ACOLYTE: Zach Wiersema

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Alan and Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Susan Gajdos, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voege, Nancy Curtis, Lois Juritsch, David Holden, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers, Tom Mitchell

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

Family Focus: Wayne, Elizabeth and Katrina Langohr; Matt, Lindy and Jackson Lavers; Mary Lewis; Josh, Tracy, Kaleb and Keaton Lightfoot

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 30 ('12:30)

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 6

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts	Current	Missions	Building
	\$635.00	\$5.00	\$15.00
Needed Weekly	\$352.70	\$49.47	\$57.69



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Mom 20.00 PTL!

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.

Thanks!

TO EVERYONE for their thoughts and prayers before and after my operation; also, the cards, telephone calls and best wishes were so much appreciated. Special thanks to my family. God bless!

Mary Lewis

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 this year. If you would like to donate to this Mission trip, please write "*Jesus Salva Mission*" on your envelope beside "*other*".

PASTOR CASTILLO IS AT GRACE TWO DAYS A WEEK: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for office hours. If you would like a visit from Pastor Castillo, please phone him. Thank you!

LIFE QUOTES: "The simple biological truth of the matter is that the Cell Theory states that all cells arise from pre-existing cells. There is no blackout period between sperm and egg uniting, and then the emergence of 'life' at some point distant." Gerard Nadal, Ph.D. - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

Work to translate the Scriptures into the languages around the world, so that all people may have the word of God in their own language.



THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT continues this week on Wednesday, March 13th at Faith. We hope you will join us on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m., as we journey to the cross, and give thanks to God for the blessings of life and forgiveness that come from our dear Saviour. Our theme is "*What do Christ's Enemies Say*". You are also welcome to join us for our soup suppers at 6:20 p.m.

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

FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES NEEDED: Can you help? We are in need of coffee, creamer, and cookies for our post-service coffee time. Please sign up for what you are willing to bring on the sheet posted in the parish hall. Thank you!

BIBLES have been ordered! We will soon have new Bibles to be placed in our pews. To help offset this cost, you are welcome to match a gift of \$15.00 per Bible. Please indicate on your envelope and/or cheque "*Pew Bible*" beside "*other*", and a Bible will be labelled as gifted by you, either in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion of Thanksgiving. Please provide name(s) to the pastors.

THE EAST DISTRICT EVANGELFEST 2013 will be held on April 19-20 at Faith in London. The guest presenter, Mr. Michael Creutz of Lutheran Hour Ministries, will speak on "Seven Styles of Faith Sharing." Registration forms are available from the pastors or can be accessed from the District website. Cost will be \$60.00 per registrant.

LOOKING FOR BILLETS FOR EVANGELFEST: Would you have a spare bedroom that would accommodate one or two people for the nights of Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th? If you could help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Brad Schieman at 519 204 8016 or email him at bradschieman@yahoo.ca or you could leave a note in his mail slot.

LWML SPRING RALLY: Join us on Sunday, April 28th, 2013 at Faith. Our theme is "Hold Fast the Word" (1 Cor.15:2). Registration is as 2:00 p.m. Service starts at 2:30 p.m.

SEMINARY GUILD MEMBERSHIPS are now due. We invite EVERYONE to support the St. Catharines Seminary Guild - \$5.00 yearly. See Pam Oelke for details.

LWML MEETING will be held at Faith on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:30 p.m. Our speaker, James Mulligan (BSc, HBS, RD) is a registered dietitian and the topic is "Successful Aging". All are welcome to attend.

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE begins on Easter, with worship at 10:00 a.m. In the weeks following, Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 a.m., with worship at 10:00 a.m.

OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES help us remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death, and hell. We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

- Thursday, March 28th 7:00 pm** Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion @ Faith
- Friday, March 29th 10:00 am** Good Friday Service @ Grace
- Friday, March 29th 10:00 am** Good Friday Service @ Faith
- Sun. March 31st 10:00 am** Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion @ Grace
- Sun. March 31st 11:00 am** Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion @ Faith



EASTER IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY for you to invite family and friends to join us in the wonderful message of the Saviour, who destroyed death and the grave through His resurrection from the dead. Holiday times are occasions in which people are more open to the invitations that we make. Like the women who couldn't wait to tell others the good news the angel gave, "He is not here; He is risen, as He said", let us also go and share the hope that God has given us through His Son. Invite them to breakfast, too!

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS OF CANADA (LBTC) invites you to attend the Annual Voters' Meeting and Banquet on Saturday, April 27 2013 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 322 East Avenue, Kitchener ON (519-742-5812). The Voters' Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m. to present the latest information about Bible translation and the Canadian contribution—all are invited to attend. Non-voting members of LBTC are invited to apply for voter status. The Banquet (a freewill offering will be received, matched in part by FaithLife Financial) will follow at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner we welcome speaker David Snyder, Program Ministries Director of Lutheran Bible Translators USA. To reserve seats or obtain more information, please contact LBTC at 1-519-742-3361, or email at tara@lbtc.ca.

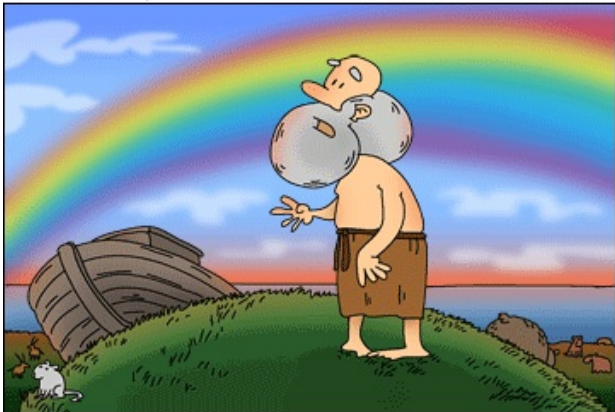
DEAR MEMBERS OF GRACE: On the board, there are two sign-up sheets if you could participate, we would greatly appreciate your help. One is for Easter lillies and the other one is a list of food that you could bring for our breakfast on Easter Sunday. Thank you.
Pastor Castillo

EVERY MEMBER VISIT: This May our congregation will be undertaking an Every Member Visit (EMV). The purpose of these visits is **building relationships within the congregation and with Jesus Christ our Saviour through His word.** Hebrews 10:24-25 serves as our inspiration: **“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”** Some of you will be contacted in the near future and asked to serve as a visitor. Training will be given. May God richly bless our efforts.

VBS

ONE DAY VBS: (March 13th - 9 am - 3 pm) We thank Judy Balasch for her willingness to serve as our co-ordinator! If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy at 519-641-4907 or one of the pastors. Your efforts and prayers are greatly appreciated!

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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
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation classes at Faith
	7:30 p.m.	LWML - “Successful Aging” by James Mulligan
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	One-Day VBS at Faith
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper at Faith
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service at Faith
	8:15 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.	Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing’s
Sat.	2:00 p.m.	Welke shower
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship