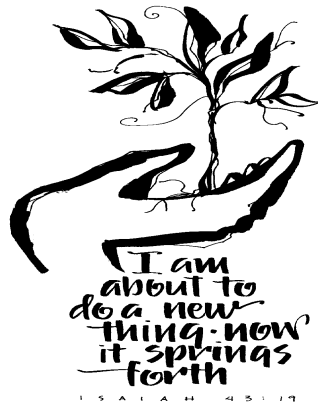


Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road
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5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: As people plot to kill you, Lord, and danger is all around you, may we take the time to honour you for who you are--the Son of God. And may we glorify you for what you are about to do--become our sacrifice for sin.

Saving Son of God, we honour and glorify you.

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: Confession and Absolution. p. 151
Prayer and Preaching. p. 260

HYMNS: 425; 430; 433

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21 (p.604)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 3:(4b-7)8-14 (p.981)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 20:9-20 (p.879)

SERMON: "Get Rid of Jesus?" - Luke 20:9-20

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Death of Death" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Pastor Ken Klaus delivers a eulogy for the funeral of Death itself. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 24th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

BE SURE TO "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK! Join Faith Lutheran Church's new online community at www.facebook.com/faithlutheranlondon.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell**ALTAR GUILD:** Mayra Castillo, Rosemarie Gmehlin**ACOLYTE:** Mia Mulligan**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 Voegel, 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: Stephen, Nancy, Aaron, Jared and Seth Lightfoot; David, Donna, Josh and Emma Livingstone; Doug, Melissa, Ashley and Amanda MacLean; Bryan and Gerda Martinuzzi

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 14 (*12:28)**COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:** 13

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts	Current	Missions	Building
	\$200.00	\$60.00	\$90.00
Needed Weekly	\$352.70	\$49.47	\$57.69



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Capital Improvement 10.00; CLWR 10.00; Haiti 10.00; Pew Bibles 15.00; VBS 20.00; Loose 5.00 **PTL!**



MEMORIALS

* to **Grace Bibles** in memory of *Joyce Keller* from Keith Keller

* to **Grace Bibles** in memory of *Max and Frances Hansen* from

Lorne and Susan Campbell

CELEBRATIONS * to **Grace Bibles** from Keith Keller in celebration of his 80th birthday

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Pastor and Marian Obeda for the gift to Grace for the purchase of a stove.

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

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.

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: "Unique and irreplaceable potential is crushed in Planned Parenthood abortion clinics about 1,000 times a day. My adopted son could have been one of them. But his birth mom turned the unplanned into a loving plan. And now, he's loved like crazy. It's hard to imagine that he might never have been because of the 'crime' of being 'unplanned.'" Ryan Bomberger, Emmy® Award-winning creative director and co-founder of The Radiance Foundation – 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.

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.

LENTEN SERVICES

THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT continues this week on Wednesday, March 20th at Faith. We hope you will join us this Wednesday 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.

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.

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

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

BIBLES were bought and placed in our pews! They were blessed last Sunday. 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held once again this summer. We are in need of a director, teachers as well as other volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this rewarding ministry, please contact one of the pastors or the church office.

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!

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.



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I SEE THERE ARE A FEW OTHER FOLKS OUT THERE WHO ENJOY THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Mon. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers / Staff Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Elders' Meeting |
| Tues. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation classes at Faith |
| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study 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. | Grace Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Sunday School Teachers' Meeting |
| Sat. | 9:00 a.m. | EMV Committee Meeting |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Spanish Bible Study |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | Grace Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Faith Sunday School/Bible Class |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion |