

Grace Lutheran Church

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Palm **Bunday**

March 24, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: With waving palms, we welcome you, Lord. With shouts of "Hosanna!" we say, "You are here!" Be with us here this week as we remember your journey toward the cross. With sad hearts, we contemplate your death. But with confident hearts, we know that you are carrying out God's great plan of salvation.

Christ, as you take the path that leads to both death and life, may we journey with 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: Divine Service Setting 3. p. 184
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 443; 442; 444

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 32:36-39 (p.175)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 (p.980)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:1-56 (p.883)

SERMON: "This is His Passion to Save!" - Luke 23:1-56

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Living Among the Dead" (Luke 24:1-8)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus is alive today and so are all those who trust in Him for their salvation. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Jesus knew He would soon be crucified! He chose His words concerning the **Lord's Supper** with great care. As we receive His gift today, give ear to His words, for they are sure and certain! As we receive His gift, we also give ear to the concern for confessional oneness which the Bible sets forth for those communing together. For this reason, the churches of Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin

ACOLYTE: Logan 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: Jenna Martinuzzi; Rick, Robin, Kristen and Curtis McDonald; Joshua and Amanda McLarty; Jamie McSpornan

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 (*12:26)

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts	Current	Missions	Building
	\$490.00	\$25.00	\$60.00
Needed Weekly	\$352.70	\$49.47	\$57.69



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Grace Bibles 60.00 PTL!

CELEBRATIONS

- * to **Grace Bibles** from *Pastor and Sandy Scholz* in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.
- * to **Grace Bibles** from *Ken and Sharon Beecroft* in celebration of Sharon's birthday.
- * to **Grace Bibles** from *Pastor and Mayra Castillo* in thanksgiving for their 25th wedding anniversary.

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: "Except for the whole manger thing, Jesus' birth was pretty much like any birth—pain, cramping, pushing, bleeding, maybe with Joseph a little queasy. The miracle happened nine months before when the power of the Holy Spirit overshadowed a virgin and the holy Son of God was conceived in her womb." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life - 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.

MUSIC NIGHT: A special night of music is being planned for Saturday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. Set aside this evening as we celebrate God's gift of music together. A free will offering will go towards *Jesus Salva* Nicaragua Mission 2013 to purchase VBS and construction materials.

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!

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!

ELECTRONIC DEPOSITS: We have now set up electronic deposits for offerings through LCC - East District. There is no cost to you if you choose to use this method. The amount will come out of your bank account on the first day of every month. If you are interested in more information or would like to start using this deposit method, please contact Barb Werner.

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

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

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.



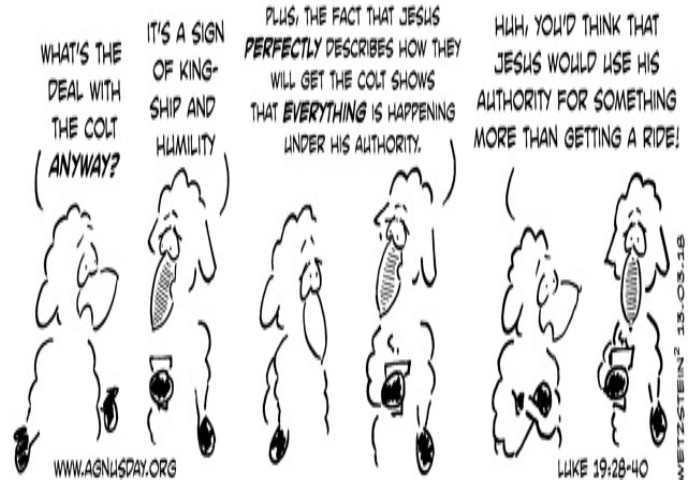
FAITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held once again this summer. Judy Balasch is our director - we are in need of teachers as well as other volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this rewarding ministry, please contact one of the pastors or the church office. We will also be looking at holding a one-day event here at Grace .

THE CHURCH COUNCIL APPROVED the idea of an every member visitation (EMV), our first in quite some time, to be held this May. Why is it important that we have a visitation?

1. Spread the good news - All the positive things going on in the church - so **INFORMATION** is the first reason.
2. Second reason is to **SEEK FEEDBACK**...from our congregation on our services, programmes and life and have this information documented via a questionnaire.
3. Third reason is to **RECONNECT** with those who are irregular in attendance and invite them to join us more regularly for worship and programmes. Some of you will be approached in the next few days to help with the visits. In the meantime, if you wish to be a visitor, please contact the church office. Please recognize that it is an honour and privilege to serve in this way. Be assured, training will be given. God bless our efforts!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP: So much to do, so little time...take time to relax and come bowling on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. There are two lanes reserved at the Palasad on Pine Valley at Southdale. The cost is \$6.15/person for an hour. This includes shoe rental. Food and beverages are available for purchase at the lanes. Please contact Barb Werner (519-473-2847) if you would like to participate in this.

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.



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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
Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service at Faith
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Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at Faith
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at Grace
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Sunday School activities
	10:00 a.m.	Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion at Grace
	11:00 a.m.	Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion at Faith