

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Lord, on this glorious day our tears of sadness turn to tears of joy, our groans of pain change into shouts of joy, and our quiet words of worry are replaced by loud alleluias. May all the transformations that have taken place on this day continue to make all our future days glorious.

Risen Lord Jesus, make us your Easter people.

Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2013

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: as printed

HYMNS: 465; 457; 474; 466; 561; 477

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25 (pg.624)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (pg.961)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:1-12 (pg.884)

SERMON: "What Easter Means" -1 Corinthians 15:12-22

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the **Sacrament of the Altar** the risen Lord appears to us, giving us His very body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, the renewal of our joy in Him, and, to use the words of the church father Ignatius, as "the medicine of immortality, the antidote that we shall not die but live with Him forever." Since those who partake of the Sacrament are also, thereby, confessing one and the same faith; guests desiring to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so.

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Grace your church.

"WORSHIP ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION" Recording the presence of our **Visitors and members** each week really is an **"Act of Friendship"** because it allows us to know who is sitting down the pew for us and it enables the church to respond to the needs of our members and visitors alike. Please take the time to fill this Form out and pass it down the pew.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Mayra Castillo, Rosemarie Gmehlin

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, 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: Corinne and Alyson Mergel; Peter and Maria Mergel; Adam Mitchell; Julie Mitchell

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 16 ('12:25)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 ('12:26)

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts	Current	Missions	Building
	\$325.00	\$25.00	\$40.00
Needed Weekly	\$352.70	\$49.47	\$57.69

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: "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in the springtime." Martin Luther - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

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

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.

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE begins today, 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.

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.

BIBLES were bought and placed in our pews! They have been blessed. 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.

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.



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!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

ADULT FELLOWSHIP: So much to do, so little time...take time to relax and come bowling this 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.



THE EASTER FLOWERS which beautify God's house today are given to His glory by the Aitken, Beecroft, Campbell, Castillo, Gmehlin and Kearns families. Flowers can be taken home to enjoy after Easter Sunday service. Thanks to Mark Wiersma for arranging the flower purchase.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE	
Mon.	Easter Monday - office closed
Tues.	10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation(Faith)
	7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
	8:00 p.m. Church Council
Wed.	10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
	6:30 p.m. Chimers
	7:30 p.m. Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
	5:00 p.m. Confirmation (Grace)
	7:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study
Fri.	6:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship -bowling at Palasad
Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class at Grace
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class at Faith
	10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship