

**Grace
Lutheran Church**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE. 10:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Loving Lord, may we live as your disciples by loving one another as you have loved us. May our words and actions be pleasing to you and be the means by which people are supported and uplifted.

Compassionate Christ, let your love be the driving force within us.

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: 644; 566; Strong Tower; Blessed Be Your Name

FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18 (p.919)

EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-7 (p.1041)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 16:12-22 (p.902)

SERMON: "Christ Has Made All Things New!" - Revelation 21:1-7

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Forward into God's Future" (Acts 16:9-15)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Your life is important to God, even when it isn't going the way you hoped it would. What kind of shepherd dies for the sheep? Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Please note our new times: Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m.

THANK YOU TO "LEAP OF FAITH" for participating in our worship service today.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan

ALTAR GUILD: Marianne Issendorf

ACOLYTE: Mia Mulligan

LEAP OF FAITH

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, David Holden, David Chamberlain, Harold and Leone Sillers, Tom Mitchell

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

Family Focus: John Jr., Suzanna, Michael, David and Kristen Obeda; Rev. John and Marian Obeda; Ed and Pam Oelke; Garth Oelke

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 (12:28)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 22

BIBLE CLASS: 3 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 4

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts	Current	Missions	Building
	\$520.00	\$25.00	\$110.00
Needed Weekly	\$352.70	\$49.47	\$57.69

FAITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be August 12th - 16th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We will explore the theme: "TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN - Where Jesus Christ is Lord". 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.

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*".

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.



ONE DAY VBS AT GRACE: We are looking for a VBS coordinator. If you are interested in leading this outreach activity, please speak with one of the pastors.

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

OUR EVERY MEMBER VISITATION (EMV) is coming soon! Some of you may have already been contacted to be a visitor. Prayerfully consider serving in this important work! Visitations will begin May 6th. Let us continue to seek God's help as we work to build up and strengthen the body of Christ for the sake of the Gospel. To God be the glory!

LIFE QUOTES: "For the Nazis, the Jews were not human beings, for certain Americans of the South in the 19th century, blacks weren't, and for certain doctors of the 21st century, a child who has almost been born, whose heel is still inside the womb of his mother, is not a human being. He's nothing but a lucrative clump of cells when he is eliminated ... because this child could cause a disturbance, he simply can't be recognized as a human being, with the rights that follow."
Campagne Québec-Vie (Quebec Life Campaign) - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherwood



WELCOME, GUESTS AND MEMBERS, TO OUR FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AND OPEN HOUSE! We are very happy you are here! Please join us for a time of food and fellowship in our parish hall after the service! We look forward to meeting you!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT: On Saturday, May 4th, please join the Good Shepherd youth for their 3rd Annual Fundraiser Dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Chili & Charades". Cost for the event: freewill offering. The proceeds will be used to help offset travel costs to youth events/conferences. Everyone is welcome - no age limit. Bring your appetites...we hope to see you there!

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



OUTREACH COMMITTEE is looking for more members to help in the planning, organizing and maintaining of Grace's Outreach efforts. If you have any ideas for future Outreach events, time for a few meetings, and enjoy organizing and attending social activities, please consider serving on this committee. We would welcome you to speak to a committee member: Ken and Sharon Becroft, and Brenda Ryan.

Thanks! **TO ALL** who came out to help with spring clean-up at Grace yesterday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

KATHY KAPS meets at Good Shepherd Wednesday, May 1st at 9:00 a.m.

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

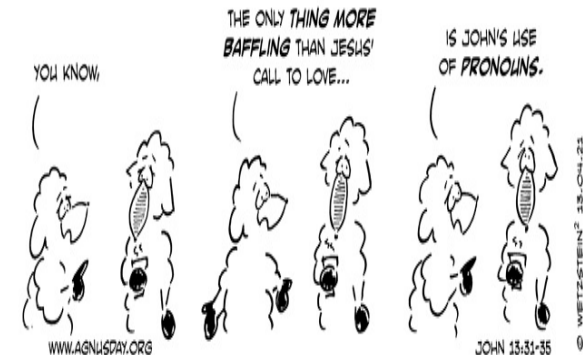
DIRECTORY CHANGES: Please add Brad and Juliana Schieman's current phone number to your telephone directory. It is 519 204 8016.

A FAITHLIFE FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE will give us a presentation on May 5, 2013 after service. It will only last about 30 minutes. Please come and hear how Grace can take advantage of the programs that FaithLife offers.



ASCENSION DAY AT OUR SAVIOUR, LONDON: Considered to one of the world's strongest men, Lutheran Church-Canada pastor Reverend Kevin Fast will be the guest speaker following the annual Ascension Day Supper. Pastor Fast will also be the guest preacher at the Ascension Day Divine Service. The Ascension Supper begins at 6:00 pm on May 9 and the Divine Service is at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the Ascension Day Supper may be reserved by calling Our Saviour at 519-455-4730 or by sending an email to dr.voege@gmail.com. Adults: \$6.00; Children (5-12): \$3.00; Under 4: Free

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.



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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!

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND POT BLESSING will be held Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and good food. Ladies of all ages are welcome.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Mon. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers / Staff Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | EMV Training at Faith |
| Tues. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 7:00 p.m. | EMV Training at Faith |
| Wed. | 9:00 a.m. | Kathy Kaps at Good Shepherd |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study at Faith |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Chimers |
| | 7:00 p.m. | EMV Training at Faith |
| | 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 (Grace) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Grace Bible Study at Campbell's |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Sunday School Teachers' Meeting |
| Sat. | 6:00 p.m. | Annual Fundraiser Dinner at Good Shepherd |
| 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 |
| | | FaithLife financial presentation at Grace |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship |