

Grace Lutheran Church

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eyewitnesses of His majesty
II P E T E R I E II

Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2014

Living Our Faith Under His Grace

BIBLE CLASS. 9:00 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICE. 10:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Transfigured Lord, may Your glory brighten our lives. May Your brilliance bring us joy. And may Your light remind us that You truly are the beloved Son of God.

Shining Saviour, surround us with Your brightness.

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

HYMNS: 413; 414; 537

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:8-18 (p.65)

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (p.1018)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9 (p.822)

SERMON: "Our Great Blessings of Jesus' Transfiguration" - Luke 9:28-36

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Life God's Way" (Matthew 4:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Satan tempts us to adopt his flawed idea of God's design for our lives. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will be held at Faith this Tuesday, March 4th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will be directed to the Love Fund.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin, Tania Mulligan

ACOLYTE: TBA

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voege, Nancy Curtis, David Chamberlain, Melissa MacLean and family, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Helen Livingstone, Doris Jensen, Doreen Varey, Sharon Becroft, Rev. Ed Lehman

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

Family Focus: Gene and Anna Makish; Alejandro Montroy; Sean, Shari, Kiera and Brayden Moore; Rob Morrison

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 26 ('13:34)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 23 **BIBLE CLASS:** 7

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 795.00; Missions 10.00 Building 100.00

NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Capital Improvement 40.00 **Praise The Lord!**

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.



FLOWERS FOR GRACE: If you would like to bring flowers to adorn altar on Sundays for 2014 to commemorate something special in your life, please indicate this by signing your name and including the date on the flower calendar which is in the fellowship hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at Faith today following the worship service. We encourage you to attend this meeting. If you wish to be a voting member, please come and share your wishes.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE continues on March 20th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Rosemarie's house. We are studying **Myth or Faith** - Study 5, "The Prayer We Offer". Please join us in these Bible Studies and learn about God's love for us.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES NEEDED: Can you help? We are in need of 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!



NEXT SUNDAY marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clocks ahead (spring ahead!) so that you don't miss the opportunity, privilege and joy of being in God's house each week!

2013 TAX RECEIPTS: Please check your mailboxes for your 2013 tax receipts. You can differentiate this from your 2013 statement, as the tax receipt has the following line at the top.... "Canada Revenue Service, www.cra.gc.ca/charities". If you have any questions, please contact Diane Geurkink at diane.geurkink@schulich.uwo.ca or 519-461-1702.

GRACE EASTER CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to have special music this Easter?... Then join us for the first practice on Thursday, March 6th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. The proposed practice evenings will be Thursdays - March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17- for an hour prior to Bible Study. If you have any questions, please speak to Linda (519) 245-2712 or Brenda (519) 786-6525.

LWML - LONDON ZONE PRAYER SERVICE will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Tillsonburg on Saturday, March 15th at 11:00 a.m. Soup lunch to follow.

USHERS NEEDED FOR GRACE: If you would be able to help the congregation in this capacity, please speak with one of the pastors.

NEW WEBMASTER FOR GRACE: A very special thank you to Darcy Kahle for his willingness to look after the website for Grace. God bless his efforts.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY CORRECTION: Reiner and Marianne Issendorf's email address should be marianne@bell.net

ASH WEDNESDAY AT GRACE will be celebrated this Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. Please set aside this evening to attend this penitential service with Holy Communion.



UPCOMING LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES: The theme of our upcoming Lenten series is *"The Passion as I Remember It!"* Each Wednesday evening, beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5th, at Faith, we will hear one of six witnesses share their personal feelings and impressions of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In so doing, they will help us apply the meaning of the passion of our Lord to our lives today.

- March 5th – Malchus: I Was Doing My Duty (John 18:1-11)
- March 12th – Peter: I Found Hope after Failure (John 18:12-27)
- March 19th – Pilate: I Couldn't Make the Hard Decision (John 18:18-40; 19:1-16)
- March 26th – Annas: I Can't Believe that Jesus Is Lord (John 18:12-14; Matt. 26:57-68)
- April 2nd – Mary: I Know My Son as My Saviour and Lord (John 19:17-30)
- April 9th – Joseph of Arimathea: I Tried to Do My Best (John 19:31-42)

Please make time in your week to attend these services.

JACKSON LAVERS' FIGHT AGAINST BRAIN CANCER: A spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Faith at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person. For tickets, please contact Emma Wands at 519-702-2997 or Donna Livingstone at 519-686-7977. This is a FaithLife-sponsored event - any monies raised for this fundraiser will be matched by FaithLife (up to \$500).

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

IT'S A BOY! Congratulations to Marc and Jessalynn (Frederick) Webster at the blessed birth of their son Austin Zachary Webster. Austin was born on Monday morning, February 24th. We rejoice with his sister, Kenzie, his parents, and grandparents. To God be the glory!

LONDON AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION 31ST ANNUAL DINNER & 13TH SILENT AUCTION will be Tuesday, April 8 at the Hellenic Centre (133 Southdale Rd. W). The doors open at 5:30 PM for social time and to view and bid on the Silent Auction Items. The two speakers for the evening will be Linda Gibbons and Dr. Charles Lugosi. Linda has spent years in jail for peacefully protesting Toronto abortion clinic "bubble zone" laws, and Dr. Lugosi is Mary Wagner's Defense Counsel. Mary Wagner is currently a pro-life prisoner of conscience. Tickets are \$30 for Adults, \$20 for Students and are available from Marian Obeda.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
Pastor Scholz on holidays this coming week		
Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers/Staff Meeting
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Family Pancake Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
	8:00 p.m.	Council
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper at Faith
	7:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service at Faith
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	1:00 p.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation (Grace)
	5:30 p.m.	Easter Choir Practice at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service at Grace
Sun.	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Savings Time begins
	9:00 a.m.	Grace Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion