

Grace Lutheran Church

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HOW LOVELY AND FRESH
LOOKING IT WAS! AND IT
WOULD MAKE HER SO
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GENESIS 3:6

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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: Since the time of Adam and Eve, Your people have been tempted to go astray. And we are no exception. Forgive us, O Lord, for even thinking of abandoning You and going our own way. May the words of Scripture give us the strength to turn away from Satan's lures and turn back to You.

God, whose promises are sure, guide us away from the devil's false hopes.

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: 507; 761; 655

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:1-21 (p.2)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:12-19 (p.942)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11 (p.809)

SERMON: "Jesus Washes Us from Sin!" - Romans 5:12-19

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Re-Born Free" (John 3:1-17)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Spiritual rebirth is not a work for us to do, but a gift to receive. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: “The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink instituted by Christ Himself” (Small Catechism). As we receive the Lord’s Supper together, witness is also given that we are united in the faith we confess (one in doctrine). For this reason, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada have promised to practise closed communion; and guests are asked to speak with the pastor before the Divine Service.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin, Tania Mulligan

ACOLYTE: Mia Mulligan

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 Beecroft, Rev. Ed Lehman

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

Family Focus: Ron and Connie Morrison; Russell and Jean Mountenay; Betty Muir; James Mulligan

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 27 (*13:30)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2 **BIBLE CLASS:** 4

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. There are at least 250 different translations and editions of the Bible in English. The rest of the world is not as fortunate. Here are some facts - current world population is 6.5 billion; 6,909 languages currently spoken in the world; 2,479 languages with all or a portion of the Bible; 451 languages with a complete Bible. LBT’s response is that there are 72 total LBT missionaries; 15 countries in which LBT is working; 22 Bible translation programs in process.



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.

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.

FAITHLIFE FINANCIAL -AN EVENING OF HOPE: Join Canadian Lutheran World Relief for “An Evening of Hope,” in support of the Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. The Augusta Victoria Hospital is a Lutheran hospital that provides a significant Christian presence while delivering leading-edge health care in many critical specialties to Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza. The dinner will feature special guest speaker Dr. Tawfiq Nasser, the CEO of Augusta Victoria Hospital.

- Saturday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. reception and 7 p.m. dinner
- Crowne Plaza Kitchener-Waterloo, 105 King Street East, Kitchener, ON. The dinner will be held in the Kitchener Suite. Parking is available on Charles Street.
- Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased by contacting CLWR’s Eastern Regional Office at 519.725.8777 or toll-free at 1.888.255.0150.

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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).

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!

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.

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 20th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. The proposed practice evenings will be Thursdays - March 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.

LENTEN SERVICES



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 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.

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.



FAITH MARCH BREAK VBS 2014 is this Wednesday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There is still space available for children ages 3-12 years. To register please contact Judy Balasch or the Church Office.

ST. CATHARINES SEMINARY GUILD: Membership is up for renewal. Cost is \$5.00 yearly. All are welcome to support the seminary Guild. Please make your payment to Pam Oelke.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers/Staff Meeting
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	One-day VBS 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.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Marie Nixon's
Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Men's breakfast
	4:00 p.m.	Servicio en Español
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship