

Grace Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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: O Lord Jesus Christ, knowing You changes our lives. Like Abraham, we must change direction and head toward the promised land. And like Nicodemus, we must be born again by the Spirit so that we may live a new life. May we be open to the changes You are bringing about in us, and open to Your will.

Only begotten Son of God, may Your life transform our lives.

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: Order of Holy Baptism. p. 268
"Cross Out" Litany. see insert
Prayer and Preaching. p. 260

HYMNS: 593; 571; 877

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-9 (p.8)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 (p.941)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17 (p.887)

SERMON: "Born Again from Above!" - John 3:1-17

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Surprise, surprise" (John 4:5-42)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

A surprise encounter with a stranger at a well brings about a surprising blessing. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



HOLY BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Suzanne Weide and her son Benjamin Martin Weide. His father is Erik Weide. We pray that God will bless them on this special day and throughout their lives.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin, Tania Mulligan

ACOLYTE: Logan 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 Becroft, Rev. Ed Lehman, Marie Nixon, Keith Keller

Homebound: Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay
Family Focus: Matthew, Tania, Mia and Logan Mulligan; Fred, Carolyn, Mark, Eric and Ed Neumann; Marie Nixon; John, Suzanna, Michael, David and Kristen Obeda

ATTENDANCE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: 19

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 16

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 27 ('13:14)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 22

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: (March 2nd): Current: 497.00; Missions 70.00; Building 20.00

(March 9th): Current: 907.00; Building 405.00

NON-BUDGET GIFTS: (March 2nd): Capital Improvement 55.00; Haiti 30.00; LBT 10.00; Strathroy 10.00

(March 9th): Initial 5.00; Capital Improvement 20.00; Ash Wednesday (Concordia) 52.00; Loose 1.60 **Praise The Lord!**

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT works 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.

LIFE QUOTES: "Noah lived in a wicked generation and was often ridiculed and made fun of as he continued to build the ark as commanded by God. But Noah was ready to meet God, and so life went on as usual. It is only when we are ready to meet the Savior, either in His second coming or in death, that we are ready to live and enjoy each day. What a comfort to know that we are ready. Our fears, though they come, are under control. Our values, though influenced by the world, are corrected as we live with the Savior and learn what is really important in life." *Rev. Homer Larsen, Christian Crusaders radio program* - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

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!

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.

LENTEN SERVICES

UPCOMING LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES: The theme of our upcoming Lenten series is "*The Passion as I Remember It!*" Each Wednesday evening, 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 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 this 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).

COUNCIL MEMBERS will make a budget presentation at Grace as well as discuss some other issues with members and friends on Sunday, March 30th after service.

A CONFIRMANDS' PARENTS MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. after confirmation class. We will discuss the confirmation of their children which will take place on June 8th, 2014.



MARCH HAS A 5TH SUNDAY, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn appropriate during Lent that you would like sung on March 30th, please let one of the pastors know.

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

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 "Full Armour of God": Our VBS was a wonderful success! We had twenty-three children in attendance and seventeen teachers and volunteers. Praise the Lord!

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.

WE WISH TO EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME to our new members at Grace. Please join us for coffee, cake and refreshments next Sunday, March 23rd after service. All are welcome to attend.

LADIES OF GRACE COFFEE BREAK: Please join your sisters in Christ for coffee, tea, treats and fellowship April 5th, 10:00 a.m. -12:00p.m. Looking forward to our initial gathering to enjoy fellowship and growing together in Christ. Invitations should be in your mail boxes. If you have not already received one, please contact Brenda or Linda.

ALOA will meet at Faith on Friday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. for tacos, sloppy joes and a game of bean bag baseball. Hope that many of you can join us.

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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. | Elders' Meeting |
| Tues. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation (Faith) |
| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study at Faith |
| | 6:20 p.m. | Soup Supper at Faith |
| | 7:15 p.m. | Mid-week Lenten Service at Faith |
| | 8:15 p.m. | Choir |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Confirmation (Grace) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Easter Choir Practice at Grace |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Grace Bible Study at Rosemarie's |
| Sat. | 6:00 p.m. | Jackson Lavers' fundraiser - spaghetti dinner/silent auction |
| Sun. | 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 |