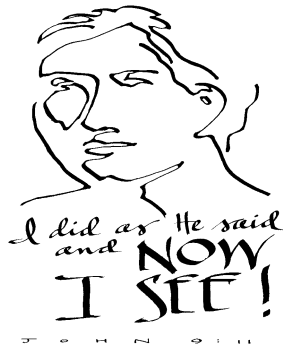


Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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: We come before You this day to bask in Your presence . . . and to receive something from You. May we find in You forgiveness and strength, cleansing and renewal, and, above all, a better understanding of what You want us to be.

Present and eternal Lord, look upon us in love.

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: "Cross Walk" Litany. see insert
Prayer and Preaching. p. 260

HYMNS: 570; 425; 537; 770; 744

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:14-21 (p.602)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14 (p.978)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41 (p.895)

SERMON: "Missing the Point" - John 9:1-41

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "God Digs Deep" (John 11:1-45)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

When our lives were on the line, Jesus dug deep to defeat sin and death. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

COUNCIL MEMBERS will make a budget presentation at Grace as well as discuss some other issues with members and friends on Sunday, April 6th after service.

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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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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.

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Please make time in your week to attend these services.

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OUR SEDER SUPPER on Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Faith will help us understand the background and significance of the Passover Celebration, during which our Saviour gave us the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. This evening includes dinner, as well as our Maundy Thursday worship. Tickets are \$4.00/person, with a maximum cost of \$12.00/family, and are available through the church office. The cost helps us provide the meal and the items necessary for this evening. To keep costs down, we also need help to prepare the meal, and with several items, such as green salads (nothing dairy) and pies. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board across from the library. We hope you will join us for this very popular part of our Lenten observance.

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.

IN CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS OF TRANSLATION, Lutheran Bible Translators is presenting a performance by Christian contemporary singer Naomi Streimer in conjunction with our Annual Meeting. The event will take place on Friday April 11, 2014 at Messiah Lutheran Church 700 Glen Forrest Blvd. Waterloo, ON. The meeting is at 4:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend all or just parts of the event. Please RSVP by March 31st if you plan to attend the dinner. RSVP to tara@lbtc.ca or 519-742-3361. A free will offering would be appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

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.

LADIES OF GRACE COFFEE BREAK: Please join your sisters in Christ for coffee, tea, treats and fellowship April 5th, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Linda Aitken's home. 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.

USHERS TRAINING: There will be an Ushers training session on Sunday, April 13th after worship. We thank these members for their willingness to help Grace in this capacity.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers/Staff Meeting
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	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.	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 (Grace)
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico 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.	Council Presentation at Grace
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