

Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road
Strathroy-Caradoc, ON N7G 3H5



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2014

Living Our Faith Under His Grace

BIBLE CLASS. 9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE. 10:00 a.m.

Rev. James Scholz, Senior Pastor - pastorjsflc@rogers.com
Home Phone: 519-204-5854

Rev. Oscar Castillo, Pastor - pastorocflc@rogers.com
Cell Phone: 226-376-1692

Office: Ph: 519-245-3078 fax: 519-685-1480

Rev. John S. Obeda, *Pastor Emeritus*

Elizabeth Biser, Secretary Mrs. Linda Aitken, Organist
Website: www.gracelutheranstrathroy.com
Email: admin@gracelutheranstrathroy.com
www.facebook.com/faithlutheranlondon

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord, You are the Resurrection and the Life. With Martha, may we say, "I believe that You are the Messiah!" And like Lazarus, may we come forth from our tombs when You call us. Continue to raise all Your people to new life this day and every day.

O Son of God, revive our hearts and restore our souls.

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: as printed

HYMNS: as printed

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p.724)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:1-11 (p.944)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:1-45(46-53) (p.897)

SERMON: "Jesus is Always With Us" - John 11:1-45

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "A Hero? No, a Saviour!" (Philippians 2:5-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

More than a hero, Jesus is the only Saviour of sinners. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, April 13th 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 today after service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft**ALTAR GUILD:** Marianne Issendorf, Lynn Kearns**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, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Helen Livingstone, Doris Jensen, Sharon Beecroft, Rev. Ed Lehman, Keith Keller, Pastor Bode, Joshua Bode, Harry Weide, Sarah Lawson

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

Family Focus: Ellen Phillips, Pat Phillips, Brian and Carol Pierce; Stacey, Emily and Sara Pollak; Patrick, Naomi and Hardy Powers

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 ('13:43-Easter)**BIBLE CLASS:** 5

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts	Current	Missions
	\$612.00	\$0.00
Needed Weekly	\$1,155.09	\$175.64

**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Capital Improvement 60.00 **Praise The Lord!****MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Lutherwood

Lutherwood is a not for profit organization that provides a wide range of mental health, employment, housing and family support services. Lutherwood annually serves more than 22,500 people in the Waterloo Region.

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



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: "We must help the weak first by repenting of our selfishness. We must help the weak by speaking for the defenseless—the unborn child, the infirm widow ... We must help the weak by supporting the local crisis pregnancy center. We must help the weak by forgiving their sins as we wish to be forgiven. We must help the weak by welcoming the difficult, the different, the strange, the abused, the lonely into our churches." *Rev. Christopher Esget, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

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!



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.

· April 9th – Joseph of Arimathea: I Tried to Do My Best (John 19:31-42)
Please make time in your week to attend this service.

USHER 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.



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 p.m. 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@lbt.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.

BLESSING OF A BABY GIRL: Congratulations to Ruslan and Claire Guzanova on the birth of their little one, Vanessa Ruslanovna Guzanova who was born on March 26th at 11:37 p.m. We celebrate along with Vanessa's parents, her maternal grandparents, Mike and Iris Ansell, and the entire family. To God be the glory!



Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org

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)
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
Thurs.	8:15 p.m.	Choir
	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation (Grace)
Sat.	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Marie Nixon's
	9:30 a.m.	LWML
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.	Usher training (Grace)
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion