

Grace Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2014

Living Our Faith Under His Grace

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: God the Father, You know all about us. Now may we strive to know You more. Help us to see how much You value us. Help us to see how much You care for us. And help us to see how much You love us.

All-knowing God, make known to us Your greatness.

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 Service. as printed
Holy Communion

HYMNS: see insert

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13 (p.615)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:12-17 (p.944)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p.818)

SERMON: "God's Word is a Saving Word" - Isaiah 55:10-11

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Hope Worth Waiting For" (Romans 8:18-27)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

In Christ, we wait in hope and confidence that our struggles have purpose for our life now and in the world to come. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, July 20th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH: London Area Right to Life

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise His very body and blood are really present; and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we practise closed communion and kindly ask guests to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mia Mulligan, Logan Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mike Flikkema, Anne Flikkema

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns, Betty Catanzariti

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, Ellen Phillips, Pastor Kenneth Voegel, Nancy Curtis, David Chamberlain, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Helen Livingstone, Doris Jensen, Keith Keller, Pastor Bode, Joshua Bode, Sarah Lawson, Marianne Muller, Larry Beamer, Dan Frederick, Judy Barker and family, Sandy Harrison

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

Family Focus: Gerald and Joyce Ames; Becky Ames; Jeff, Tracey, Abi and Emily Andrus; Mike and Iris Ansell

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 23 ('13:39)

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 552.00; Missions 40.00; Building 135.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Grace Christ Candle 150.00 PTL!

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: "God has put us into community, into church and family and state precisely so that we will learn to love our neighbor, so that we will set aside the delusion of autonomy and our selfish desires to serve our neighbor ... (Romans 14:7) ... To be the Lord's, to belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, is to love the weak, the wretched, the burdensome, the annoying, the stinking, the foolish." *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org



Summer
Worship

MIDWEEK SERVICES AT FAITH continue this Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. These services have been a blessing to many of our members, especially as weekend travel time increases in the summer. They are also a great opportunity for worship for those who work on weekends. We need God's Word for our lives; and the blessings He provides as He serves us through our gathering with Him in His house. Don't miss the opportunity for worship!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are very happy to announce that Joanna Bode will co-ordinate a one-day VBS at Grace on Wednesday, July 30th. In order for this activity to happen, we need your involvement in a variety of ways. If you are able to help in any capacity, please speak with the pastor.



"SPONSOR-A-CHILD": If you feel moved to assist with the cost of our VBS, you can help sponsor a child from our community by making a gift of \$7.00. You may do so by placing your gift in your Sunday offering envelope and marking it: "VBS-Sponsor-a-child". May God continue to grant every blessing upon our staff and the children who attend.

THE PROMISE: A MUSICAL PAGEANT ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST:

This outdoor performance will be held July 4-6 and July 11-13 at the Forest Amphitheatre located at the Esli Dodge Conservation Area just off Hwy. 21, on the south side of Forest. Admission: \$12 Adults; \$10 Seniors; \$5 Elementary School. Tickets are available at the gate and online. For tickets and/or further information, www.forestcommunitytheatre.ca



FAITH SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held this week at Faith from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Today, Faith VBS staff will be commissioned. Please pray for them as well as the children who attend. May the seed of God's Word take root in the hearts of all who hear it! To God be the glory!

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!

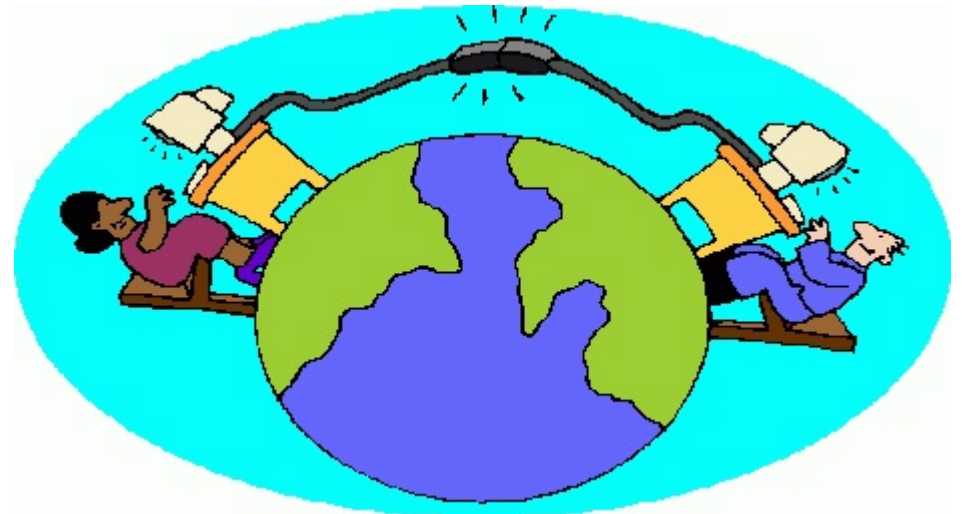
ANNUAL FAITH/GRACE PICNIC will be held here on August 24th at 2:00 p.m. Plan now to attend!

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY will be produced in the upcoming months. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Marian Rutledge or the pastors for further information. If you would be able to help with this worthwhile venture, it would be greatly appreciated.



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LEARN TO USE SKYPE® for voice and video communicating with family and friends. A one hour "adult friendly" discussion and demonstration will be held on Monday, July 28th, 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends. No previous computer knowledge or experience is needed. Bring your own laptops, tablets, and smart phones for individual, after class, setup and suggestions.

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Faith VBS
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Faith VBS
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Faith VBS
	7:15 p.m.	Midweek Summer Service at Faith
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	Faith VBS
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Faith VBS
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship