

Grace Lutheran Church

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AT HARVEST TIME I
WILL TELL THE REAPERS
TO COLLECT THE WEEDS
TO BE BURNED, BUT
GATHER THE WHEAT
INTO MY BARN.
MATTHEW 13:30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2014

Living Our Faith Under His Grace

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: We are Your plantings, Lord. Help us to bloom wherever we are planted--even if we are surrounded by the devil's "weeds" of sin and evil. May we continue to bear the fruits of Your Spirit, and may we continue to stay deeply rooted in Your Word.

God, our Planter and Preserver, keep us growing by Your grace.

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

HYMNS: 761; 564; 809

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8 (p.604)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:18-27 (p.944)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (p.818)

SERMON: "Cheap Imitations or the Real Thing" - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Nothing" (Romans 8:38-39)

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Nothing in all of creation can separate you from the love of God which is yours in Jesus Christ. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, July 27th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH: London Area Right to Life

The local chapter is part of a national effort at promoting sanctity of life issues. God grant every blessing to the work that is done through this agency.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**USHERS TODAY:** Mike Flikkema, Anne Flikkema**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Karen Campbell, James Mulligan**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Matt Mulligan**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynn Kearns, Betty Catanzariti**ACOLYTE:** TBA**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: Graham Ansell; Sara Ansell; Carole Atkinson; Joanne, Terry, Kelly and Derek Austin

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32 ('13:25)**COMMUNION ATTENDANCE:** 22

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 660.00; Missions 27.00; Building 90.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: VBS 50.00 **Praise The Lord!**

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.

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!



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.

LIFE QUOTES: "We all live with dying. We also live in a culture that does not know how to live with dying and turns to death as a solution to the problems of life. Paul reminds us that as we live with dying, Christ comforts us with the certainty that it would be 'far better' to depart and be with Him. But he also reminds us that the timing belongs to God. If He gives continued life it is 'more necessary' that we go on living. But whether we live or die, Christ is at work and He will be honored!" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

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

MIDWEEK SERVICES AT FAITH continue this Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.



Summer
Worship

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.

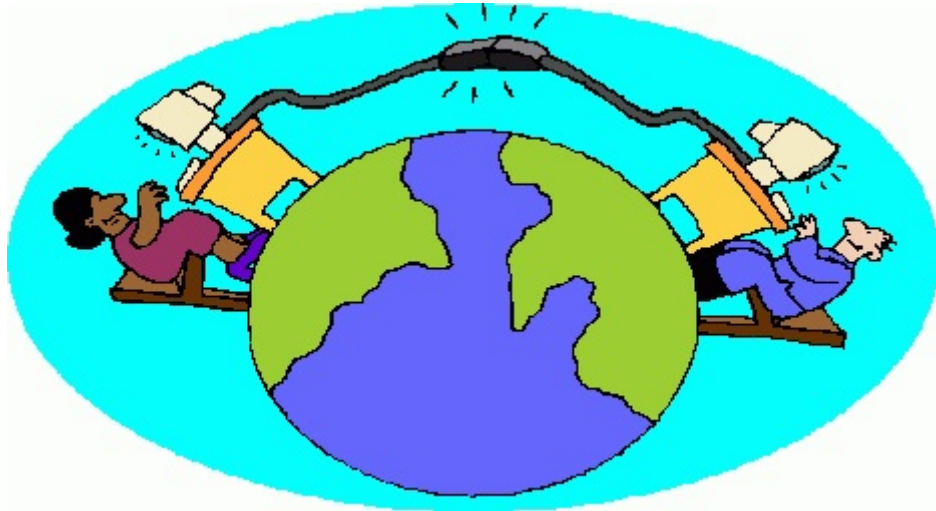
"SPONSOR-A-CHILD": If you feel moved to assist with the cost of our VBS, you can help sponsor a child from our community by making a gift of \$7.00. You may do so by placing your gift in your Sunday offering envelope and marking it: "VBS-Sponsor-a-child". May God continue to grant every blessing upon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

WHY WON'T THEY LISTEN? Have you wondered why your witnessing falls flat and people fail to respond? Many comment that science has disproved the Bible and therefore, it is not relevant to today's modern world. But what's the answer? Can the majority of scientists really be wrong? Discover the answers with Dr. Jim Mason when he delivers his powerful message at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Faith Lutheran Church (310 Southdale Road East, London, ON).



A NEW CHURCH PHOTO 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.

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.



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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (JULY 30th): An important meeting for our one-day VBS will be held on Monday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Grace. All those interested in helping are encouraged to attend.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Pastor Scholz on holidays this coming week

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| Tues. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| Wed. | 7:15 p.m. | Midweek Summer Service at Faith |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
(Commissioning of Grace VBS staff) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion |