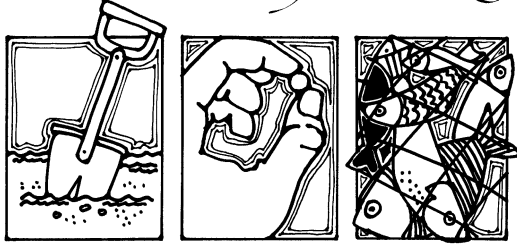


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THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2014

Living Our Faith Under His Grace

WORSHIP SERVICE. 9:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: You declare to us this day what Your kingdom is like, O Lord. Open our eyes to see how You make the small, the weak, the hidden, and the ordinary into great, strong, widely known, and extraordinary things which are blessed by You.

O Lord of all, thy kingdom come.

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: 782; 719; 922

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (p.152)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:28-39 (p.944)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:44-52 (p.819)

SERMON: "God is For Us!" - Romans 8:35-39

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Food for Hungry Souls" (Matthew 14:13-21)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

We're spiritually hungry and yet we often try to fill ourselves up with everything but God. Faith in Jesus is food for souls that hunger. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, August 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Our communion liturgy recognizes the eternal community of heaven (angels and archangels and all the company of heaven). We believe that our praise is joined with those who have gone before us in the faith. As Jesus gives us His body and blood today, we look forward to that day when, with all the saints, we will receive pleasures at God's right hand, forevermore. At that time it will not be necessary to witness to the truth of God's Word. But as that time is not yet, such witness must still be given today. Out of love for God's Word and for God's people, we therefore practise closed communion. Guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

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: Karen Campbell, James Mulligan
USHERS NEXT WEEK: John & Gale Baker
ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan
ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns, Betty Catanzariti
ACOLYTE: Mia 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, Ana Greksa, Jean Mountenay

Family Focus: John and Gale Baker; Henry, Judy, James, Joseph, Matthew, Hannah, Lydia and Deborah Balasch; Stephen, Lisa, John, Emma and Isabelle Baldock; Ruth Bancroft

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 21 (*13:32)

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 330.00; Missions 20.00; Building 10.00

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: "Yes, fathers today need godly models, but more than that, we need forgiveness. Thankfully, God has provided us with both." *Ryan C. MacPherson, associate professor of history at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota* - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

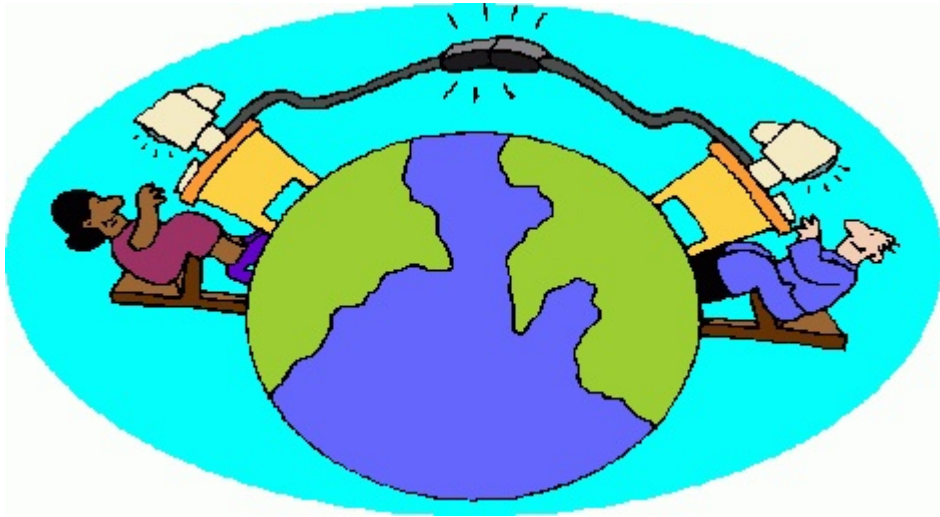
MIDWEEK SERVICES AT FAITH continue this Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. The Service of the Sacrament will be held. These services have been a blessing to many of our members, especially as weekend travel time increases in the summer. They are also a great opportunity for worship for those who work on weekends. 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!



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Paul Greksa's wife, Ana and to all his family members. Paul passed away on Wednesday morning July 23rd. His funeral was held on Saturday, July 26th. His funeral service was held on Friday, July 25th at 3:00 p.m at Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Cemetery at 2001 Dundas St.



VBS has been cancelled for July 30th. We hope that in the future, we will be able to continue organizing VBS at Grace. This is an important activity for the church and remains a significant part of Grace's continuing work in the community.



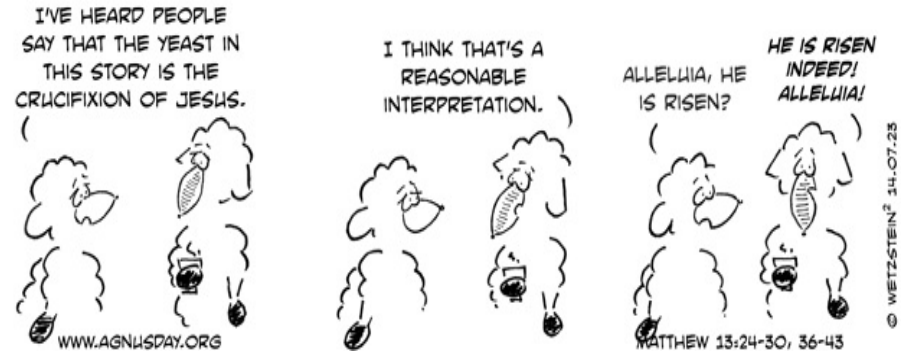
LEARN TO USE SKYPE® for voice and video communicating with family and friends. A one hour "adult friendly" discussion and demonstration will be held on Monday, July 28th, 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends. No previous computer knowledge or experience is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

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).

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

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

A NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY will be produced in the near future. The first photo sessions will be on August 11th and 12th from 2:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. at Faith. We invite all families of our church to come for these photo sessions in order to be included in our church photo directory. Grace will have a photo session on September 18th from 2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers
- Tues.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
- Wed.** 7:15 p.m. Midweek Service with Holy Communion (Faith)
- Thurs.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
- Sat.** 4:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico en Español
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Faith Morning Worship