

Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road
Strathroy-Caradoc, ON N7G 3H5



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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; 226-378-6924(alternate)

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: As we work together with others in the Church, O Christ, help us to see that we are all working toward a common goal--the spreading of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Forgive us for letting conflicts here on earth get in the way of Your heavenly mission, and allow us to see that all will be made clear on the very last day.

Lord of the Church, bless the work we do in Your name.

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: Confession / Absolution.. p.151
Prayer and Preaching. p. 260

HYMNS: 596; 742; 733

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9 (p.615)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (p.980)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16 (p.825)

SERMON: "God's Ways Are Not Our Ways!" - Isaiah 55:8-9

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Athens: The Gospel Comes to the Centre of Learning" (Acts 17)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus is Wisdom personified. He redeems us from sin and the world's futility. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, September 28th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

GRACE COUNCIL MEETING will be held today after morning worship.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Greg & Tasha Jahns

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Lorne & Susan Campbell

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan

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



Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Dave, Stacy, Liam and Ethan Francis; Dan and Cheryl Frederick; Janna-Leigh Frederick; Janko, Anka, Katarina and Jana Galat

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 27(13:31)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 25

BIBLE CLASS: 9

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 475.00; Missions 38.00; Building 122.00 **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.

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.



MISSION OF THE MONTH: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines. September is education month - this is a reminder of those preparing to teach God's Word. This is a traditional time throughout the District, too.



GET YOUR APPETITES READY! On October 25th at Faith, the congregation will be hosting a progressive dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. Many of you may remember the progressive dinners of

a few years ago but for those who don't, it is a simple concept. Dinner is completed progressively with the various courses being served at different homes. Once one course is complete, everyone travels to the next home for the following course. Usually the courses are Appetizer, Salad, Main and Dessert. Those who have participated before can tell you how enjoyable an experience this event is as well as it being an excellent opportunity for fellowship and getting to know other members a little bit better. As you can guess, we can't make this happen without volunteers to host the 4 courses and lots of members to come out and enjoy the food. If you are interested in hosting or just participating, please let one of the Elders or the Church office know as soon as possible and no later than October 12th so that we can finalize the planning.

PHOTO DIRECTORY: Thanks to everyone who attended one of our photo sessions. For anyone who was unable to attend, and would like to be included in our church family photo directory, there is another option.... submit a photo to the church office, no larger than 4" x 6 "or you could also submit a digital photo with a file size of at least 1MB in an image format of JPEG, TIFF, PSD, PDF, BMP, or EPS on a CD/DVD or USB memory stick. There is a **fee of \$15.00 for each submitted photo** to cover the cost of inclusion in the directory and provide you with a copy of the photo directory. Photos should be submitted by September 28th.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE: Our next Bible Study will be held at the Campbell's home on Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. Starting in October, Bible Studies will be held as follows: 1st Thursday of the month: at church based on the Epistle of 1st Peter; 3rd Thursday of the month: at homes of members based on different Bible Studies of choice. All are welcome to attend any of these Bible Studies.

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!

JOIN 40 DAYS RIGHT TO LIFE AT VICTORIA HOSPITAL:

40 Days for Life is built on prayer, fasting and a peaceful vigil outside an abortion facility. There are now 539 cities and 24 countries participating in 40 Days for Life around the world. **Join London's fourth "40 Days for Life" campaign to pray for the pre-born, their parents and for all those involved in the abortion industry.**

LOCATION: Victoria Hospital, Commissioners and Wellington (Feel free to bring a chair)

DATES: September 24th - November 1st (7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

TO BOOK YOUR VIGIL HOURS: Visit <http://40daysforlife.com/london-on> OR call London Area Right to Life: 519-659-3334

See handouts at the back of the church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK-OFF RALLY takes place Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. John the Divine Church, 390 Baseline Road West London. Be inspired for Life! Interesting speaker, good music and fellowship!

LIFE CHAIN will be held on Sunday, October 5th from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Join this cross-city witness to Life as we hold pro-life signs and silently pray for Life - in solidarity with the voiceless little ones who die each day by abortion. You are welcome to bring a chair. Please arrive by 2:15 p.m. at our location - corner of York and Wellington Streets in London.

HELP! **FAITH SHUT-IN** in Byron area requires help with housekeeping and meal preparation. Timing and hours are flexible, ideally 3 hours twice a week. Remuneration is \$15/hour. For more information please contact the church office.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on October 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Faith. All boards and committees are asked to prepare for this meeting and to ensure that a representative is present.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH BOARDS AND COMMITTEES are encouraged and welcomed at this time(see bulletin insert). A Nominating Committee is being formed and nominations can be given to Pastor Castillo. Elections will be held at the next Voters' meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 26th at Faith.

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

THE LADIES OF GRACE are inviting members of our congregation to bring non-perishable food items to the church as a donation for the Food Bank. These items will be collected from now until Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile venture.

GRACE CHOIR will hold its first practice on Thursday, October 2nd from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please join us! The more, the merrier! If you have any questions, please speak to Brenda (519) 786-6525.

WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

CURRENT:

These monies go toward buying material for evangelism, Sunday School, bible study, custodial supplies, paying the utilities, phone, internet, office supplies as well as advertising in selected newsprint or radio, outreach programs and many other expenses that allow us to spread the word of God and also maintain the building.

MISSIONS:

This is the church's way of tithing and helping in the larger church. This money goes directly to the Lutheran Church of Canada East district.

BUILDING FUND:

The congregation made a motion to use any money given to building fund to pay down the debt of the lift.

OTHER:

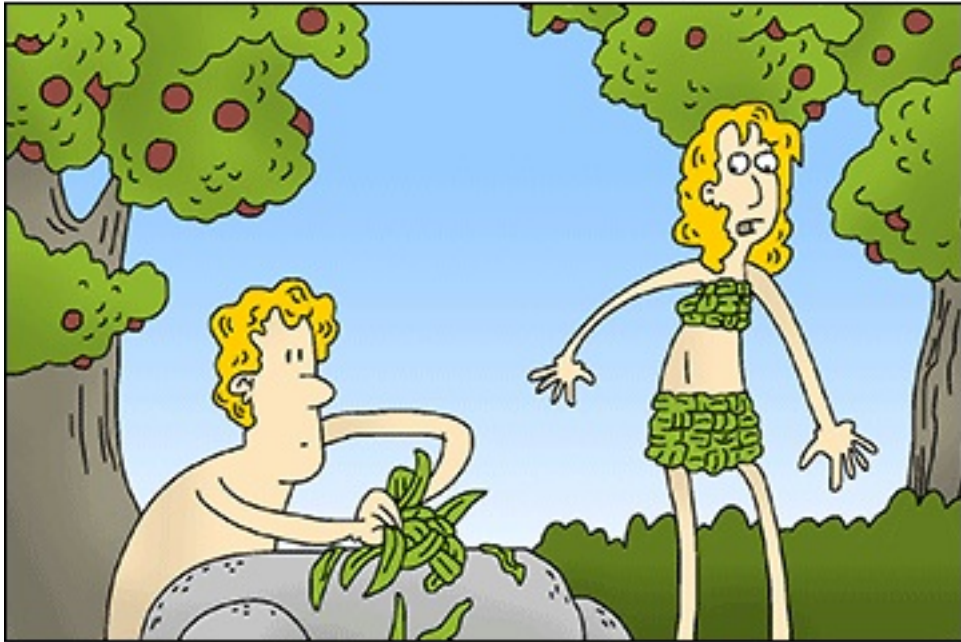
On this line, you can donate to the mission of the month, or pick and choose a group, occasion or special gift that you would like to make to the church.

As long as the church already has a fund set up, the money will go there. If you designate money and we do not have a specific place for it, we will call you and find out how it can be redirected. Last year, we started offering pre-authorized deposits so that you can have a set amount taken out of your account each month and deposited to Faith. This is done by using forms which are available from the office and then sent to the district office. There is no fee to you for using this option. You can also still tell us how to allocate the money.

For further details, please speak with Barb Werner. She can be reached at bmwerner@rogers.com

LIFE QUOTES: “Every human life is someone for whom Jesus shed His blood. Every human life is one He wants to call to faith in this redemptive event.” Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

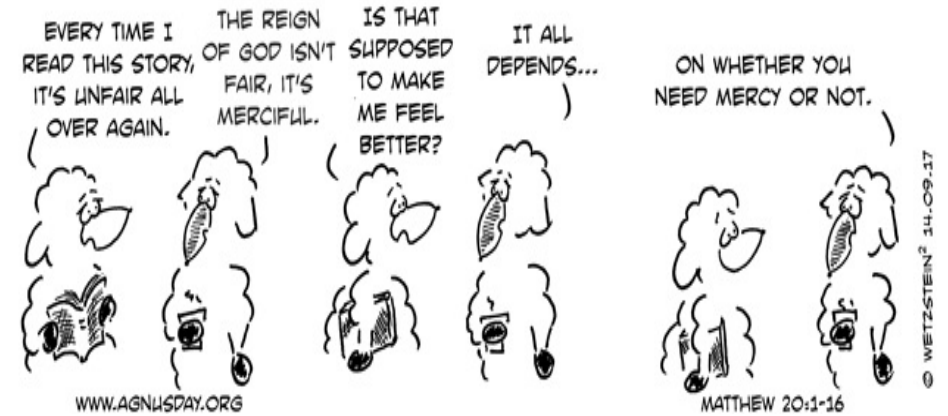
REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT BIBLE GATEWAY



(See Genesis 3)

09-15-2014

OH NO ... DO THESE LEAVES MAKE MY BUTT LOOK BIG?



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

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- | | | |
|---------------|------------|---|
| Mon. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers |
| Tues. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation (Faith) |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Sunday School Teachers |
| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study at Faith |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Choir |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Grace Bible Study at Campbell's |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Faith Bible Study |
| Fri. | 6:00 p.m. | ALOA |
| 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. | Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion |