

Grace Lutheran Church

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2014

Living Our Faith Under His Grace

BIBLE CLASS. 9:00 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICE. 10:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord of Word and action, You follow through with Your promises perfectly. Forgive us when we don't do the same. Give us the power to keep the promises we make, to mean what we say, and to do the work You have called us to perform. May Your faithfulness be our guide in all we commit ourselves to.

O God of promises fulfilled, bless all we say and do.

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: Divine Service Setting 3. p. 184
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 813; 655; 537; 549

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (p.705)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13), 14-18 (p.980)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32) (p.826)

SERMON: "Who Do You Think You Are?" - Matthew 21:28-32

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.

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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In Matthew 28:18-20, the Risen Christ gave His church the great commission. Included in that commission were these words, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...". The church's historic practice of closed communion had its basis in the desire to honour these words of the Saviour. In love, it is also our desire not to omit this portion of the great commission; and guests desiring to commune today are kindly asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Lorne & Susan Campbell

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mia & Logan Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Matt Mulligan

ALTAR GUILD: Marianne Issendorf, Lynn Kearns

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, 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: Alan and Lydia Galbraith; Al, Brenda, Sarah and Emily Gates; George, Nancy, Geordie, Mairi, Sarah and Sonia Gauld; Corey, Michelle, Danielle and Justin Gauthier



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28(13:35)

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 317.00; Missions 20.00

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.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Rudi and Lynn Pahl. Lynn's mother, Mrs. Helen Gracey passed away on Wednesday, September 17th. Her funeral service was held on Saturday, September 20th in Dunnville.

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.



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.

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 October 12th.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING will be held this Wednesday, 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.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE: Our next Bible Study will be held at the church on Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES IN LONDON

Join pastors and fellow Christians to pray for the pre-born, their parents and all those involved in the abortion industry. Consider praying 1 to 2 hours per week for an end to abortion.

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.

LIFE CHAIN will be held next 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.

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.

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!

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



PHOTO DIRECTORY: Please check your information in the congregation's photo directory. If the information is correct, could you please put a check mark by your name to indicate that you have seen it? If there are changes/updates, please write them directly on the paper. Also, if you are aware of any information changes of other members, please add them. If you have an email address and you would like it included in the new directory, add it or let the office know, either by phone (519-685-9700) or email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com

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

LIFE QUOTES: “The world says, ‘All life is not equal,’ but God says, ‘All life I made.’ The devil says, ‘All life is not equal,’ but God says, ‘All life I love.’ The flesh says, ‘All life is not equal,’ but God says, ‘All life I desire be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.’” *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Show Me the Money? No, Show Me Jesus!” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

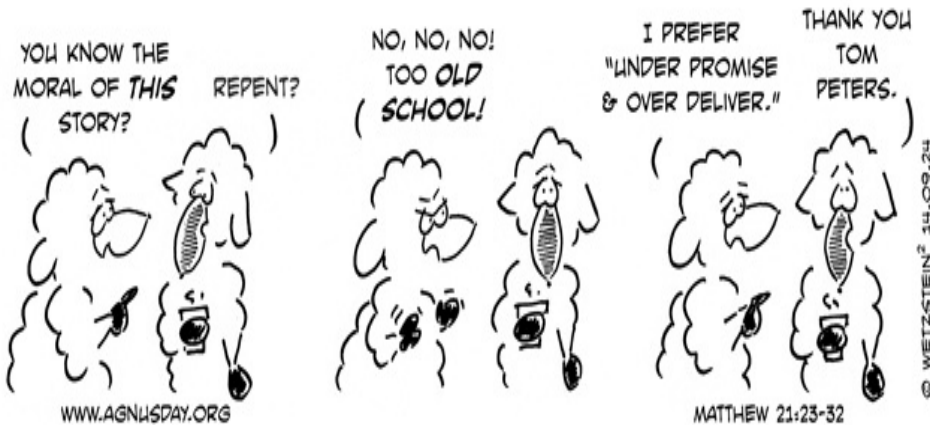
St. Paul urges us to get down to brass tacks, face faith facts, and trust in the Good News of God’s grace in Jesus (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 4). Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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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
7:00 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
7:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study at Grace
- Sat.** 4:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico en Español
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Grace Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Faith Sunday School / Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship