

Grace Lutheran Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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: On Good Friday, O God above, Your Messenger, Jesus, was killed. But the message was clear: You sent Your Son into the world to save all people from sin. Now may we be bold to proclaim all we know about the message and the Messenger. And may all those who speak the truth about Your Son find hearts that are ready to receive.

Sender of our Saviour, may we receive Your Son with joy.

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: 590; Lord Jesus, You Have Called Us (insert); 912; Called to Serve(insert)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7 (p.569)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14 (p.981)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:33-46 (p.827)

SERMON: "Harvest Time is Near!" - Matthew 21:33-46

TODAY IS THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA SUNDAY(LWMC-C): We thank God for the faithful women who are part of this active society and who are "growing in God's Word, serving God's people, and sharing God's Son".

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



HOLY BAPTISM: Today, Taytum Gregory Burn becomes a child of God through the waters of Baptism. His parents are Dylan and Michelle Burn. We welcome him into God's family and pray that God will bless him on this special day and throughout his life.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mia & Logan Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mike & Anne Flikkema

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Beecroft

ALTAR GUILD: Betty Catanzariti, Rosemarie Gmehlin

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 Voege, 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: Jack and Diane Geurkink; Konrad and Rosemarie Gmehlin; Charlie, Colleen, Corey and Audrey Gobert; Ana Greksa

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 37 ('13:25)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 31

BIBLE CLASS: 6

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 862.00; Missions 60.00; Building 90.00 **Praise the Lord!**



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Loose 20.00

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.

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.



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.

SAVE THE DATE! GET READY FOR GRACE'S ADVENT TALENT NIGHT!

It will be held on Saturday, November 29th. There will be tree decorating, dinner and entertainment. It will be a fun-filled night, so use your talent and come up with something creative to share. Sing a song, perform a play, read a poem or play the radio! Whatever your talent is, we would love for you to share it with us. Stay tuned for times and invites to come your way!

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.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE:

Last Thursday, we met at church and started studying the Epistle of 1st Peter. You are all welcome to come and learn more about God's love in Jesus Christ. Our next Bible Study will be held at a member's home on Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. If you would like this Bible Study to be held at your home, please speak with Pastor Castillo.

SPANISH MISSION IS THE DESIGNATED OFFERING FOR THANKSGIVING (observed next Sunday, October 12th).

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.

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 today 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.

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



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 at Faith, and the church building at Grace.

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is one of Canada's most experienced relief and development agencies. Formed in 1946, CLWR has grown to serve the world's poor and disenfranchised through community development, refugee resettlement, emergency relief, and donated commodities shipments (We Care).

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.

LIFE QUOTES:“There is nothing political about preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the hearts of those men and women crushed by an abortion decision in their past. There is nothing political about proclaiming that the blood of Christ, the blood on our altar, was shed for the sin of abortion. It is the ONLY message that can possibly bring healing to hearts broken by the sin of making a decision to have their own child killed. Indeed, it is a horrible offense to the Gospel to have this precious news and never apply it to the sin of abortion, never speak it for fear of being ‘political.’” Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

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!

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Thanks Be To God” (Deuteronomy 8:2-5 & Philippians 4:6-9))

Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Rev. Ron Mohr

How can we be positive and even thankful in a world that seems to grow harsher and more hopeless? Guest Lutheran Hour speaker, Pastor Ron Mohr says faith sees God at work even in the worst situations. 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

DVD CHURCH HISTORY EVENING will be held on Saturday, November 8th at 6:45 p.m. at Grace. You can bring snacks and desserts to share. Please invite family and friends to come and see the beginning of our church through pictures with music shown on the TV screen.



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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
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees
- 8:00 p.m. Council
- 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. Faith Bible Study at Mayra Castillo's
- Sat.** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Receiving donations for Thanksgiving display(Faith)
- 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