

Grace
Lutheran Church
24542 Melbourne Road
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Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 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: We thank You this day for all the talents and abilities You have given us, O Lord. Help us to see all the ways that we can use our gifts to Your glory. Give us the courage to use the gifts You have given us whenever we have the opportunity to share them. And help us to shape and sharpen our skills into what You want them to be.

O Giver of all that is good, work through us to bring blessings to others.

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: 511; 411; 461(v.1-4,8)

FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:18-24 (p.768)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p.987)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13 (p.830)

SERMON: "Waiting and Working in His Kingdom" - Matthew 25:1-13

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.

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

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In the Nicene Creed we confess "and He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead." The exalted Christ will come again! This time He will not be spit upon and crowned with thorns, but He will be crowned with glory as Lord and Judge of all. Is it not a wonder that He who fills and rules all things comes to us even now in **Holy Communion** with His very body and blood under the bread and wine? In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada practise closed communion. Guests who desire to commune are asked, as such, to speak with the pastor before the service.



THE FLOWERS that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Reiner and Marianne Issendorf in celebration of Marianne's birthday.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Lorne & Susan Campbell

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mia & Logan Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Beecroft

ALTAR GUILD: Tania Mulligan, Marianne Issendorf

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, Dan Frederick, Judy Barker and family, Jean Mountenay, Sandy Harrison, Marie Nixon, John and Nancy Crowther

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Ralph and Lynn Humphrey; Jim, Sara, Olivia and Samantha Irons; Emmanuel, Salomi, Sophia and Angela Isaac; Reiner and Marianne Issendorf

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 31 ('13:28)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 4

BIBLE CLASS: 9

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 467.00; Missions 25.00; Building 70.00 **Praise the Lord!**



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Church Anniversary (Love Fund) 10.00; MOM 20.00

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts January - Sept.	Current	Missions	Building
Total Received	156,277.61	21,454.00	14,892.25
Needed	190,858.80	21,076.80	19,230.80
Over/Short	-34,581.19	377.20	-4,338.55

THE GRACE ADVENT TALENT SHOW SIGN-UP sheet is now located at the front entrance of the Church. Please sign up if you are participating in the talent show and for the dish that you will bring for Pot Blessing (1 main dish and 1 dessert recommended per family, but not mandatory). Tree-decorating begins at 5:30 p.m.; dinner and entertainment to follow on November 29th. If you have any questions regarding the Advent talent show, please contact Tania Mulligan.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE: Last Thursday, we had Bible Study at Grace. We studied 1 Peter chapter 2. Our next Bible Study will be at Aitken's home on Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. We are studying "The World We Reach". You are all welcome to come and learn more about God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Fresh Start Maternity Support "Fresh Start" provides hope and a future for pregnant and parenting women and their children. During times of crisis, they offer a safe environment and support to women facing multiple challenges, including addictions, abuse, mild mental health issues, and homelessness.



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: “As long as God gives life, then God is at work giving life meaning and purpose. As long as God gives life, life has value and it is ‘more necessary’ to keep on living.” 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: “S.O.S....Call Upon Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

God’s SOS brings real lasting hope and rescue, an SOS that shows us our Saviour. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, November 16th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

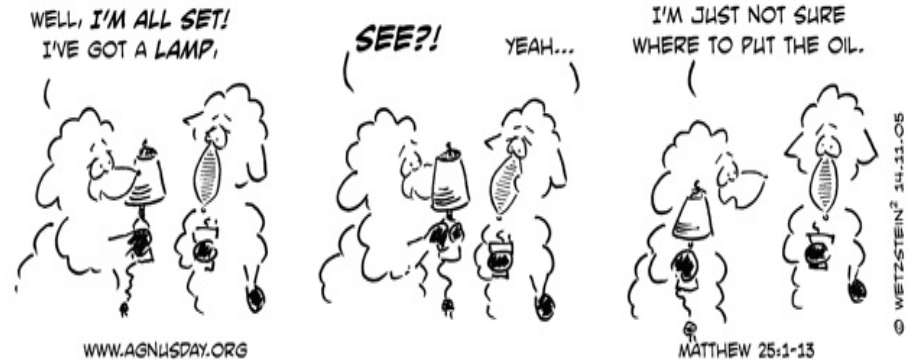


NOVEMBER HAS A 5TH SUNDAY, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like sung on November 30th, please let one of the pastors know.

THE OTHER END OF LIFE: Join us on Tuesday, November 18th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. for a DVD presentation with Dr. James Lamb, executive director of Lutherans for Life, which looks into the theological and practical aspects of end of life issues. All are welcome to come for the DVD presentation, discussion and refreshments.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LONDON) SCHOLARSHIP PLAN: If you wish to apply, please note the terms of application as posted on the bulletin board. Applications can be submitted up to December 10th, 2014.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE UPDATE: This world-wide campaign of prayer to end abortion finished in London on Saturday, November 1st and in other cities on Sunday, November 2. We haven't heard of any babies saved in London (yet) but 546 babies were saved and abortion clinic workers hearts were changed around the world. Thanks to all the members who prayed at the vigil site (Victoria Hospital) and those who joined us in prayer at home. GOD IS GREAT!!!



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** Pastor Castillo/Pastor Scholz at Pastors’ Conference in Niagara
- Tues.** Pastor Castillo/Pastor Scholz at Pastors’ Conference in Niagara
7:30 p.m. LWML
- Wed.** Pastor Castillo/Pastor Scholz at Pastors’ Conference in Niagara
6:30 p.m. Chimers
7:30 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
7:00 p.m. Faith Bible Study at Gerda Martinuzzi’s
- Sat.** 8:00 a.m. Men’s breakfast at Faith
4:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico en Español at 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