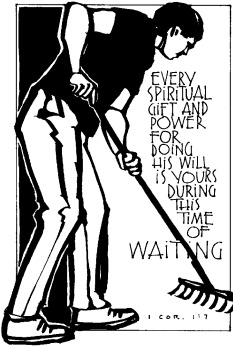


Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road
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First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 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: O Lord, help us this Advent to "keep awake"--to make ourselves aware of all that God is doing in the world through Your birth, to open our eyes to the signs and wonders of salvation, and to make ourselves ready for Your coming among us.

Christ, our Dayspring from on high, make Yourself known to us this season.

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

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: " O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
357 v.1, 2

HYMNS: 331; 357 v.1,2; 809 v.1,3; 660 v.1,2; 733 v.1,2; 170 v.1,4,5; 341

CHOIR: "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9 (p.623)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (p.952)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-10 (p.847)

SERMON: "Waiting with Eagerness" - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9



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.

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Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

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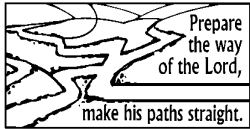
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MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE for your prayers and good wishes during Dan's recent surgery and continuing recovery.

Thanks also to Pastor Scholz for your prayers and visits. We are grateful for all your support. God bless,

Dan & Cheryl Frederick

THE LUTHERAN LAYMAN'S LEAGUE CHEESE SALE is under way. For information and order placement, see Ken Beecroft in the fellowship hall directly after morning worship. The funds raised will be used for the printing of booklets in Nicaragua. Each month, they print 4,500 copies of booklets that are used as a tool to outreach to people of all ages. Over the course of a year, more than 50,000 booklets can be distributed in Nicaragua; half distributed to pastors and half distributed to high schools, communities and visitors. Since more than one person may read each booklet, it is difficult to estimate the number of lives touched with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this way. All orders and payment must be received by today Sunday, November 30th. Delivery of cheese orders will be mid-December. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque out to Diane Geurink.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available today. As we prepare to greet the King, who came, who comes, and who is coming again, may these booklets help you find hope and joy in His appearing.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME at Faith entitled "Path to Bethlehem" will be held December 7th at 11:00 a.m. as part of the Worship Service. A pot blessing will follow the service.

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.

TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS: This is a reminder that we will soon be preparing our Annual Report. Your help in having reports to us as quickly as possible is greatly appreciated.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Fresh Start Maternity Support



THE FLOWERS that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Gene and Anna Makish in celebration of Gene's birthday.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROLLING will take place on Friday, December 19th. We will leave Faith at 6:00 p.m. sharp! Anyone interested in coming out is welcome!

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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
	7:00 p.m.	Tree decorating (Faith)
	8:00 p.m.	Council
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Advent Service
	8:15p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Ladies of Grace - coffee hour
	1:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for Sunday School Christmas programme(Faith)
	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/Children's Service
	12:30 p.m.	Pot blessing lunch