

Grace Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 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: May we prepare Your way this Advent, O Lord, as John the Baptist did--preaching and teaching, baptizing and believing what the prophets had foretold. Help us to boldly proclaim what Your coming means to the world ... and to each of us.

Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, come into our world and bring us Your salvation.

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 THE ADVENT CANDLE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
357 v.1, 3

HYMNS: 348; 342; 733

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p.599)

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-14 (p.1019)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:1-8 (p.836)

SERMON: "A Revolution of Tears" - Mark 1:1-8



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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**USHERS TODAY:** John & Gale Baker**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Greg & Tasha Jahns**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Matt Mulligan**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynn Kearns, Betty Catanzariti**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, Doris Jensen, Sarah Lawson, Marianne Muller, Dan Frederick, Jean Mountenay, Marie Nixon, John and Nancy Crowther, David Livingstone and family, Bryan Martinuzzi, Chesley Ryan, Kingo family

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Maria Kern; Ritva, Ristau and Marcus Kingo; Paul, Marianne, Ashley and Tyler Kippax; Frank Kleiber and Sophie Wilson

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 42 ('13:35)**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 8**BIBLE CLASS:** 10

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: Current 762.00; Missions 60.00; Building 170.00 **Praise the Lord!**



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Grace Lutheran 40.00; Supplies for popcorn popper 20.00; Upper Deck Y 2,500.00; Teen Challenge 2,500.00

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.

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!



THE FLOWERS that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Mayra Castillo in celebration of Mayra's birthday.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE: There will be Bible Study at a member's home on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. We are studying "The Word We Reach". You are all welcome to come and learn more about God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Mission Services in London

This important agency opens doors of hope with compassion for those seeking shelter and support by offering safe shelter, food, clothing, and rehabilitation. MSL is grounded in the Christian faith tradition and belief system.



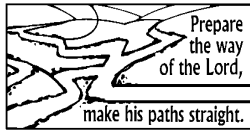
THIS SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT provides us time to prepare our hearts to greet the Saviour who came, who comes, and who is coming again. Join us for our midweek Advent Services at Faith. Our theme is the "Songs of Advent". Services begin at 7:15 p.m. We also hold a simple soup supper at 6:20 p.m.

LIFE QUOTES: "The step He made in leaving heaven's high throne to be born in Bethlehem is a descent we cannot imagine, replacing the perfection of paradise with a world soured by sin and sadness. Jesus' birth gives us an indication of the amount and quality of His love and commitment ... No other faith can tell its followers: 'Look into the manger and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has done to save you' (see Luke 2:15). Christianity—and Christianity alone— says, 'We have a Redeemer who not only felt sorry for sin-sick souls, He actually took that sickness into Himself and carried it until it was gone and He could say, 'It is finished.'” *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of "The Lutheran Hour"* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "In Christ, Unbroken"(Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

God's grace restores those broken by sin and grief. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



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.

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!

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.

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

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.

CHURCH TABLES: If you have borrowed tables recently from Faith, please contact the church office and return them. Thank you.

PRE-CHRISTMAS "COME AND GO" OPEN HOUSE: Your pastors and their wives warmly invite you to join them for fellowship and refreshments at 30 Hummingbird Cres., Sunday, December 14th from 2-5 p.m. All are welcome!

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

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THE JOYOUS SEASON OF CHRISTMAS will soon be upon us. What a wonderful time to invite others to join us as we worship the Newborn King! Our services are as follows:

December 24th - 7:00 p.m. Grace Christmas Eve Candle and Carol Service
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 December 25th -10:00 a.m. Grace Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
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 December 31st - 7:15 p.m. New Year's Eve Service with Communion at Faith

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Mon. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers |
| Tues. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation (Faith) |
| | 7:30 p.m. | LWML |
| | 8:00 p.m. | SPECIAL Council meeting |
| 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 |
| Thurs. | 8:15 p.m. | Choir |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Faith Bible Study at Anna Wissing's |
| 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 |

*****Cheese delivery today*****