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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2015

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: Dazzling light streams from Your clothes, O Christ. A glorious glow appears upon Your face. To this day, we, like Your disciples, are bathed in the brightness of Your holy presence in this world. May we always seek to live within Your light.

Son of God and Daylight's Splendour, chase away the darkness in our lives.

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: See printed order of service

HYMNS: led by "Leap of Faith"

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2 :1-12 (p.307)

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6 (p.965)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9 (p.844)

SERMON: "It is Good for Us To Be Here!" - Mark 9:2-9

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

MARCH BREAK VBS 2015: Plans are underway for the March Break VBS 2015 at Faith and volunteers are needed! The one-day VBS will be held on Wednesday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Fully Rely on God" (F.R.O.G.), so take a "Leap of Faith" and prepare to have a "hopping" good time as we share God's Word with our families and friends from the community. To volunteer, please see Judy Balasch or contact her at judybalasch@yahoo.ca



FLOWERS FOR GRACE: If you would like to bring flowers to adorn the altar on Sundays for 2015 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: Karen Campbell & James Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Gene Makish

ALTAR GUILD: Marianne Issendorf & 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, Jean Mountenay, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Ken and Sharon Beecroft, Katie Gross, Ellie Lawson, Marsha Kennedy



Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Colin and Jessica Peers; David, Cindy, Melissa and Michael Petrie; Ellen Phillips; Pat Phillips; Brian and Carol Pierce

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 (‘14:39)

COMMUNION ATTENDANCE: 24 **BIBLE STUDY:** 5

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:

Current 896.00; Missions 25.00; Building 75.00 **Praise the Lord!**



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Initial 5.00

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.

LIFE QUOTES: “We can set an example in purity by honouring God’s plan for sexuality and relationships. For those of us who are single, we do this by living a pure and chaste life and not being ashamed of it. This can be a daily challenge and struggle but, by living differently, we show others how different, and wonderful, love in Christ can be!” Laura Davis, director of Y4Life (Y4Life.org) – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Hour Ministries
Traditional time of support for the Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Television throughout the Synod.

“CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS WITH THEIR ANSWERS”: Our Lenten midweek services begin at Faith on Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 7:15 p.m. Our focus for our meditations this year will be upon the questions (and answers) Martin Luther prepared in his Small Catechism for those who intend to go to the Sacrament. Please make every effort to attend these services.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Regrets, Reality and Grace-filled Restoration” (Luke 15)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Through Christ’s forgiveness, regrets give way to restoration. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, February 22nd at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will be held Tuesday, February 17th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Faith. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will be directed to the Love Fund.

OUR FAITH/GRACE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at Faith today at 12:30 p.m. A lunch will be provided, for which we are thankful! We encourage all voters to be in attendance. If you are not a voting member and wish to be, please speak with chairman Dan Johnston or one of the pastors.

ASH WEDNESDAY AT GRACE: There will not be Bible Study at Grace on Thursday, February 19th, but rather we will be observing Ash Wednesday with a service at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the first day of the season of Lent.

FAITH SHUT-IN REQUIRES HELP with housekeeping/cleaning, meal preparation and running errands. Timing and hours are flexible, ideally 3 hours twice a week. Remuneration is \$15/hour. For more information please contact the church office at 519 685 9700.

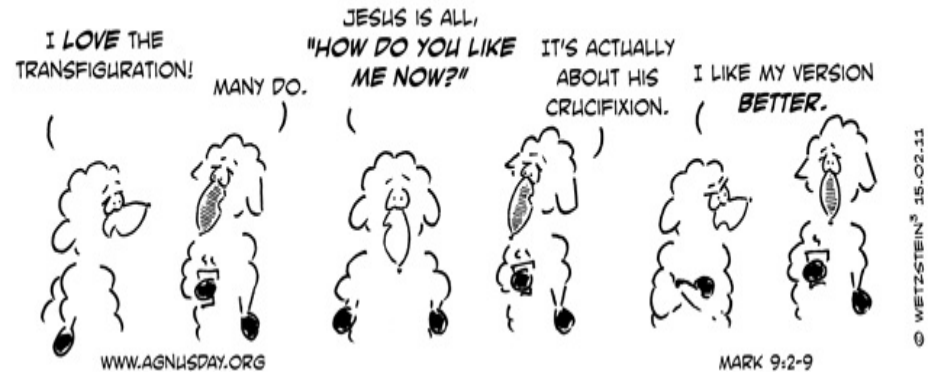
NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP: One of the goals of our London Circuit is to make a joint mission trip to Nicaragua each year. In order to share the workload, a different congregation will host each year's trip. This year, St. Peter's in Simcoe will be co-ordinating things for us. If you are interested in joining our Circuit's mission trip, plan to attend the initial planning meeting which will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran in Simcoe on Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. Tentatively we would travel to Nicaragua after Christmas 2015 and into the first part of January.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Members of Musical Theatre Productions' incredible cast of *Jesus Christ Superstar* (including our own Kayla Rock) will be performing a few selections after our service on March 1st here at Faith Lutheran Church. Musical Theatre Productions is bringing a fresh take on this classic with subtle representations of the heroes and villains. If you love this musical because of its great score and wonderful story, then you will love this version. *Jesus Christ Superstar* is on stage at the McManus Studio Theatre at the Grand Theatre, April 3rd - April 11th, 2015. Tickets are available at the Grand Theatre Box Office at 471 Richmond Street, by phone at 519-672-8800, or online at mtplondon.ca.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR MARCH BREAK VBS AT FAITH which is Wednesday, March 18, 9AM-3PM. If you are available that day and would like to be the Bible Challenge/Real Life Activity Leader (some advanced planning needed) or a Shepherd/Helper (NO advanced planning needed) please contact Judy Balasch or the Church Office.

REGISTRATION HAS STARTED FOR FAITH'S MARCH BREAK VBS: If you know of a child (ages 3-12 years) that you think would enjoy a day full of F.R.O.G. activities, we have invitations available. Please see Judy Balasch or the church office. If you have a child, grandchild, friend, or neighbour to register, please use the registration form located at both entrances, phone the church office, or online at www.faithlutheranlondon.com

LADIES OF GRACE: Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, March 7th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Bring your favourite breakfast food to share. Remember your craft supplies as discussed; see the last minutes for all the details of what we will be doing. If you have any questions, please see Brenda Ryan or Linda Aitken.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** Family Day - office closed
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastors' meeting at St. Peter's, Simcoe
5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
8:00 p.m. Council
- Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
6:20 p.m. Soup Supper
6:40 p.m. Chimers
7:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Faith
8:15 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Grace
- Sat.** 4:00 p.m. Servicio 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 with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion