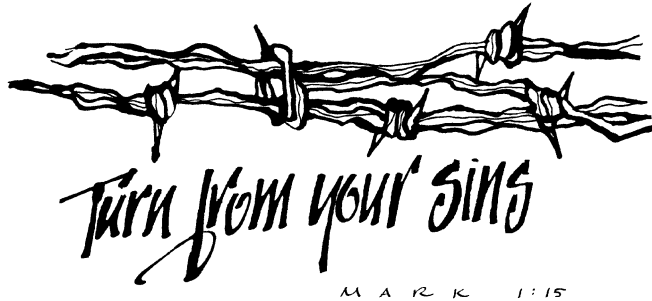


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first Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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: During these 40 days of Lent, O Lord, we are reminded of the way You saved Noah and the way You saved us by Your death on the cross. May these reminders of Your salvation now carry us through our trials and temptations, and lead us to repentance and renewal.

Saviour from sin, reveal to us Your plan for our survival.

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 4. p. 203
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 809; 657; 547; 718

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 22 :1-18 (p.16)

EPISTLE LESSON: James 1:12-18 (p.1011)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:9-15 (p.836)

SERMON: "Testing and Temptations"

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



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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Luther found his deepest treasure in the forgiveness of sins and called it "the sun around which all other doctrines revolve like planets." In the **Lord's Supper** Jesus promises to bestow on us this forgiveness as we partake of the very price of that forgiveness – His very body and blood. Deeply thankful for the heavenly gift of this Sacrament, we thus desire to celebrate it according to His will and Word. As this includes doctrinal oneness, we practise closed communion and ask guests to speak with the pastor before communing.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:



USHERS TODAY: Karen Campbell & James Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mike & Anne Flikkema

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: Stacey, Emily and Sara Pollak; Patrick, Naomi and Hardy Powers; Walter and Donna Procknow; Katrina and Aaralyn Richter

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 19 (‘14:20) **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 2

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Current 440.00; Building 100.00 **Praise the Lord!**



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Initial 10.00

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: “Be strong and courageous, the Lord goes before you every day. Be strong and courageous, the Lord went before you, even before you were you. His For Life work through you becomes clearer every day. Hearts and minds are changed. Our life-affirming younger generation inspires us all. More pastors connect the Gospel to the life issues. More educators teach our children to value every life. We have the most powerful and positive For Life message in the universe and nothing can stand against it! Be strong and courageous!” Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – 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”: Lenten midweek services are being held at Faith each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. The 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. We encourage you to attend these services.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “The True Author of Your Life Story” (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

When Christ’s story becomes yours by faith, life changes. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 1st at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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 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.

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, please speak with Pastor Castillo. Tentatively we would travel to Nicaragua after Christmas 2015 and into the first part of January.

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.

GRACE'S ONE-DAY VBS: It's time to start preparing for our one-day Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2015. We are looking for volunteers to help with many activities such as food/snacks, registration, leaders, backdrop crew, etc. We will be holding our first VBS meeting on March 13th, 2015 at the Mulligan's home, 57 Ashby Cres., Strathroy at 7:00 p.m. The coffee will be on! See you there.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE will be held on Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. We will begin a new Bible Study named "Heaven and Hell". Come and learn what the Bible speaks about these two subjects.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	8:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers (Faith VBS)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Mid-week Lent Service at Faith
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Gerda Martinuzzi's
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	ALO
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