

Grace Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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: Christ Jesus, You came to earth for a purpose--to release us from the power of sin and death. And You gave us a mission, too--to follow You. May we continue to walk in Your way and trust in Your purpose and plan for us.

Obedient Son of the Father, may we obey Your call to live as Your disciples.

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

HYMNS: 803; 763; 611

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 17 :1-7, 15-16 (p.11)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:1-11 (p.942)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-38 (p.844)

SERMON: "Are We Ready to Take Up Our Cross and Follow Jesus?" -
Mark 8:34-38



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:** Mike & Anne Flikkema**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Greg & Tasha Jahns**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Gene Makish**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin, Tania Mulligan**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 Becroft, Katie Gross, Ellie Lawson, Marsha Kennedy

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa**Family Focus:** Jim, Lillian, Matthew and Katie Robertson; Carol Robinson; Jennifer Rock; Kayla Rock**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 23 ('14:26)**COMMUNED:** 21**BIBLE STUDY:** 5**ATTENDANCE(ASH WEDNESDAY) THURSDAY FEB. 19:** 11**COMMUNED:** 10**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:**Current 718.00; Building 60.00 **Praise the Lord!****NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Love Fund (Ash Wednesday)160.00

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.

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

LIFE QUOTES: "As baptized persons, we are sons and daughters of God in Christ. That makes us holy. Holy means being set aside for noble purpose. We are not common, but uncommon. As such, we are usable not just by anyone but by God. What a difference it makes to see ourselves this way." Linda D. Bartlett, titus2-4life.org - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines. We are reminded of the importance of preparing men for the Holy Ministry.



NEXT SUNDAY marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clocks ahead (spring ahead!) so that you don't miss the opportunity, privilege and joy of being in God's house each week!

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Lifted Up" (Psalm 103:8-12)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

When sinful pride lays us low, God's grace in Christ lifts us up again. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TODAY: 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 today 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.

"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.



MARCH 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 March 29th, please let one of the pastors know.

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.

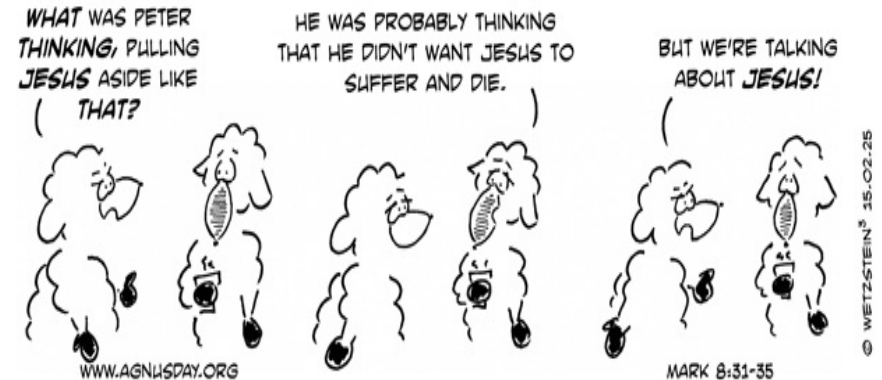
REGISTRATION HAS STARTED FOR FAITH'S MARCH BREAK VBS:

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 gathering 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, crafts, 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". This Bible Study will answer the question "Why do believers go to heaven and unbelievers to hell after they die?" Come and learn what the Bible speaks about this and other subjects.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
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.	Grace Bible Study
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Ladies of Grace
	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 with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion