

Grace Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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: We, Your branches, O Lord, flourish and blossom and grow because of our attachment to You. Help us to keep developing into what You want us to become and assist us in producing fruit that is pleasing to You.

Our one true Vine, keep us rooted in the one true faith.

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

MUSIC LED BY "LEAP OF FAITH"

FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40 (p.917)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 4:1-21 (p.1023)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8 (p.901)

SERMON: "The Love of Christ is What the World Really Needs!"- 1 John 4:7-11



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

LADIES OF GRACE: Next meeting is May 23rd. We will be revealing our Secret Sisters so please plan on attending. Check your mail boxes for details or speak to Brenda Ryan or Linda Aitken.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**USHERS TODAY:** Lorne and Susan Campbell**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** John and Gale Baker**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell**ALTAR GUILD:** Betty Catanzariti, Rosemarie Gmehlin**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 Voege, Nancy Curtis, David Chamberlain, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Joanna Bode, Jackson Lavers and family, Doris Jensen, Sarah Lawson, Marianne Muller, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Ken and Sharon Beecroft, Katie Gross, Ellie Lawson, Marsha Kennedy, Glenn Hensel, Betty and Franco Catanzariti, Bogie Smok

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa**Family Focus:** Marc, Jessalynn, Kenzie and Austin Webster; Harry and Karen Weide; Helmut and Diana Welker; Greg, Diane, Jason and Lauren Wells**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 26 (*14:42)**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:**Current 1007.00; Missions 110.00; Building Fund 75.00 **Praise the Lord!**

NON-BUDGET GIFTS: Capital Improvement 10.00; Haiti 30.00; Memorial Fund 15.00; Strathroy 10.00; Loose 0.12

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS:

* to **Memorial Fund** in memory of *Betty Catanzariti's father* from Pastor and Marian Obeda

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.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, FRIENDS OF FAITH AND GRACE: Join us on Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at Faith at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Pot Blessing Dinner. We welcome your talents of readings, songs, and skits to entertain us throughout the evening. We look forward to an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship. Remember the date!

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET FOR FRESH START MATERNITY

SUPPORTS is to be held on Friday, May 8th at 118 Centre St., St. Thomas. There is no cost for the dinner; just call (519-637-7775) or email (www.freshstartmaternity.com) to reserve your seat. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE will be held on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. We are studying "Heaven and Hell". This Bible Study answers 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.

THE 10TH REGULAR CONVENTION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH

CANADA - EAST DISTRICT will be held this week at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener (May 3rd - 6th). The theme: "God's Will For Us; Rejoice Always, Pray Without Ceasing, and Give Thanks in all Circumstances" is based upon 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Please pray for Rev. Scholz, our lay delegate Carol Pierce, and all delegates as they attend and serve in the work of the church. Daily convention business will be posted on the LCC East District site lceast.ca.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD was organized in 1978, one year after the seminary opened. The purpose of the Guild is to:

STIMULATE deeper and more active members in congregations

PROVIDE information concerning needs of the students and seminary

KEEP churches informed of guild activities

CO-OPERATE with the seminary in providing needed services for the school, students, and families in Lutheran Church-Canada, and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Membership is \$5.00 per year (May 1st - April 30th). **We invite all members of Faith and Grace to consider supporting this important part of the Seminary each year.** Please contact Pam Oelke or the church office or one of the pastors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GRACE'S 4TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SOCIAL on Saturday, June 27th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. We need people to make white cakes(9x13), and to help in the following areas: food prep, outdoor setup and take down, serving, clearing and cleaning tables, ongoing kitchen helpers and greeters. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please sign up if you are able to help with this yummy day!

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS AT GRACE:

- Grace Worship Summer hours - beginning Sunday, June 7th; 9:00 a.m.
- Annual Strawberry Social - Saturday, June 27th; 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Outdoor Service and BBQ - Sunday, June 28th; 9:00 a.m.
- One-Day VBS - Wednesday, July 8th; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Movie Night - Friday, July 24th; 8:30 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MAY VOTERS' MEETING at Faith will be held on Sunday, May 31st after worship. Please set aside this time to attend this important meeting! If you are not a voting member and wish to become one, please contact our chairman, Dan Johnston or one of the pastors.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY'S ANNUAL CERTIFICATION AND CALL SERVICE will be held on May 30th at Christ, St. Catharines at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this important service.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: CLWR and LCC are calling for financial donations to help earthquake survivors in Nepal. The donations will support the work of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), whose Katmandu-based emergency team launched an immediate large-scale emergency response. LWF staff members distributed tarpaulins, hygiene kits and ready-made food to about 400 families in Kathmandu over the weekend of the earthquake. Along with assessing the situation in remote communities, LWF priorities are now to provide water, sanitation and hygiene materials, as well as emergency shelter to people who lost their homes or who are staying outside for fear of aftershocks. The Canadian government announced that for every dollar given to a registered charity for earthquake relief between April 25 and May 25, the government will put \$1 into their "Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund" which they will then use to fund relief work in Nepal. More: <http://www.canadianlutheran.ca/lcc-and-clwr-issue-appeal-for-nepal-relief>. Please hold the people of Nepal in prayer.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT carries out the work of translating the Scriptures into the languages around the world, so that all people may hear the Word of God in their own language and come to saving faith in Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Amanda McLarty on the birth of a baby girl, Violet. To God be the glory!

CHANGE OF DATE: Men's breakfast at Faith will be on Saturday, May 23rd at 8:00 a.m., not on Saturday, May 16th.

JEAN MOUNTENAY was called to her Saviour's side last Sunday. A private grave site service was held this past Thursday. We remember Russell and family during their sorrow.

Thank You! **TO ALL THOSE** who came out yesterday to help with our spring clean-up at faith. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	LCC East District Convention(May 3 rd - May 6 th)
Tues.	10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace 6:30 p.m. Year 1 Confirmation
Wed.	10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith) 6:30 p.m. Chimers 7:30 p.m. Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace 12:00 p.m. Pastor Scholz in Tillsonburg
Sat.	10:00 a.m. Grace VBS meeting at Mulligan's 4:00 p.m. Bible Study en Español at Faith
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