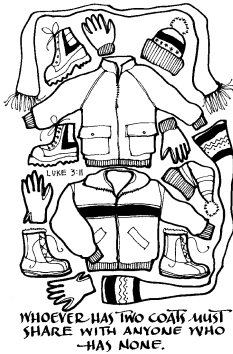


Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road
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Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 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: The day is coming, O Lord, when you will clear away our sins and gather your people together. Make us ready to receive you and make us glad to call you the Christ, the Son of the living God.

O Jesus Christ, the Bringer of Good News, may your Good News come alive in us.

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" as it is being circulated.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 1 p. 151
Holy Communion

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
357 v.1, 4

HYMNS: 507; 387; 364; 379

FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (p.790)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:4-7 (p.982)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 7:18-28 (p.863)

SERMON: "Let's Be Glad and Rejoice!" - Zephaniah 3:14-15

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Church - Canada

The work and programmes of Synod are dependent upon the financial support given through individual congregations of each District.

A **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** regarding our Worship services can be heard on MyFM radio station 105.7. You can also read a Christmas message in the *Transcript Gazette*.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Advent means "coming". Christ came in the flesh at Bethlehem, He comes now in Word and Sacrament, and He will come again in judgement. As we look forward to His final coming, we find our deepest joy and comfort in His present coming with His very body and blood in the **Lord's Supper** for our forgiveness. For Scriptural reasons, we practise closed communion and guests desiring to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Karen Campbell & James Mulligan
USHERS NEXT WEEK: Greg Jahns
ELDER OF THE MONTH: Gene Makish
ALTAR GUILD: Betty Catanzariti, Lynn Kearns

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, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Marianne Muller, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Marsha Kennedy, Keith Keller, Joanna Bode, Reiner Issendorf
Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa
Family Focus: Peter and Maria Mergel; Adam Mitchell; Shirley and Scott Mitchell; Keith and Shirley Monk

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 33 (‘14:30)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3

BIBLE CLASS: 4

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(FROM NOV. 29th): Current 515.00; Missions 40.00; Building 75.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: (FROM NOV. 29th): Capital Improvement 182.45; Loose 10.00 **Praise the Lord!**

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We are looking for a volunteer for the Outreach Committee. Please consider if you could help out.

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.



THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT continues today and we again prepare our hearts to greet the Saviour who came, who comes, and who is coming again. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. Our theme is "We Three Kings of Israel Are". Services are held each Wednesday at Faith at 7:15 pm.

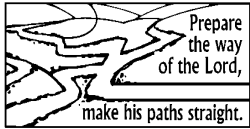
PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.

LIFE QUOTES: "He whom nothing can contain has been contained in a womb. He is in the Father's bosom and His Mother's embrace. How can this be, but as He knows and willed and was well pleased. Fleshless as He was, He willingly took flesh. And He Who Is became what He was not, for us. And while departing not from His own nature, He shared in our nature's substance. So Christ was born with dual natures, wishing to replenish the world on high. Christ is born! Glorify Him!" Father Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP: Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waterloo is organizing a trip to Nicaragua from January 8, 2016 - January 21, 2016. Pastor Castillo has joined the team. They will hold VBS classes, Adult Bible Studies and be involved in construction work. If you would like to help financially in this mission, please make out a cheque to "Redeemer Lutheran Church" and on the memo line, please write "Leon VBS". Please give your cheque to Pastor Castillo.

GRACE BIBLE STUDY will be held on Thursday, January 21st, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Scholz will lead this Bible Study. We will study session 7 of "Heaven and Hell". Come and learn what the Bible says about this subject.

A **DONATION BOX** has been set in front of the altar. Please bring non-perishable food items for Christmas for the local Food Bank. Let us all bring food in order to help all those in need during the Christmas season.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are still available. 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.

YOUR PASTORS AND THEIR FAMILIES extend a warm invitation to you to attend their annual "Christmas Party" today from 2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. The address is 30 Hummingbird Crescent in London. Please join them in this time of fellowship.



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
- December 24th - 7:00 p.m. Faith Christmas Eve Candle and Carol Service
- 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 Our Saviour

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Gift in the Manger" (Luke 2:8-12)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

From the manger to the cross to resurrection life, God is in the giving business for all of us to receive and believe. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 20th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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.

MEMBERS' TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: Please check your information in the congregation's telephone directory. If the information is correct, could you please put a check mark and initials beside your name to indicate that you have seen it? If there are changes/updates, please write them directly on the paper. Also, if you are aware of any information changes of other members, please add them. If you have an email address and you would like it included in the new directory, add it or let the office know, either by phone (519-685-9700) or email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Mon. | 9:30 a.m. | Office Prayers / Staff Meeting |
| Tues. | 9:30 a.m. | Circuit Pastors' Meeting in Port Rowan |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation (Faith) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Trustees |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Council |
| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study (Faith) |
| | 6:20 p.m. | Soup Supper (Faith) |
| | 6:40 p.m. | Chimers |
| | 7:15 p.m. | Advent Service (Faith) |
| | 8:15 p.m. | Choir |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| Fri. | 6:00 p.m. | Carolling (Faith) |
| Sat. | 4:00 p.m. | Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith) |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | Faith and Grace Bible Study |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Grace Morning Worship |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Faith Morning Worship |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Faith Sunday School |