

**Grace
Lutheran Church**
24542 Melbourne Road
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First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 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: O Lord, you came to earth to go about doing the Father's business. We thank you for all the work you have performed. And we thank you for showing us how to continue the work of the Father in this world. May all that we do make the Father proud.

O Son of the Father, may we bring glory to God above.

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 3..... p. 184
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 387; 379; 365; 388

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 13:1 -3a, 11-15 (p.55)

EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17 (p.984)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:22-40 (p.857)

SERMON: "Wrinkled, Wrapped Left-overs" - Luke 2:22-40



FLOWER CHART: The new flower chart for 2016 has been posted. Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us. .

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.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: The coming of Christ in the flesh at Bethlehem was a concrete outward act of God in humble means that was despised by the world. The flesh and blood coming of Christ in the **Sacrament of the Altar** is also a concrete outward act of God in humble means that can be despised. Rather than despise it, however, God would have us delight in it! With deep thankfulness for God’s gift to us here, we also express our deep desire to celebrate it according to His will. As this includes oneness in the faith we confess (doctrine), guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mia & Logan Mulligan
USHERS NEXT WEEK: John & Gale Baker
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, Keith Keller, Joanna Bode, Reiner Issendorf
Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa
Family Focus: Betty Muir; Marianne Muller; James Mulligan; Matthew, Tania, Mia and Logan Mulligan

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 32 (*14:36)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 4

BIBLE CLASS: 6

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:

(FROM Dec. 13th): Current 550.00; Missions 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.

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

LIFE QUOTES: “Satan would love us to believe that the Herod-like destruction of unborn children and the abuse of women through this destruction are political issues and do not belong in the Church. But that is precisely where they do belong! We have the Gospel, the only message that can shatter the darkness and bring hope.” Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Life in Context” (Ephesians 1:3-14)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Life is not up for grabs or out of control. Find real life in the context of Christ’s cross and resurrection. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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

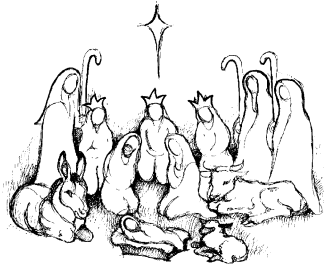


TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS: This is a reminder that we will soon be preparing our Annual Report. Your help in having reports to us as quickly as possible is greatly appreciated.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 are available in your mailbox. *Please wait until the new year to begin using them*, as occasionally numbers may have changed. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, but would like some, please advise the office.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE will be held at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in London on December 31st at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

35TH ANNIVERSARY FUND: Note that if you make a gift to our Anniversary Fund, please write "35th anniversary" on the "other" line of the envelope. The funds are pooled and then allocated to each project as was presented in the congregational letter last week. Our first project/target is to replace our external church sign.



THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
- Tues.** 10:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
- Thurs.** 7:15 p.m. New Year's Eve Service /Communion at Our Saviour
- 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