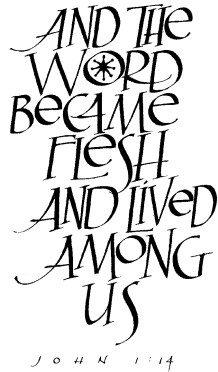


Grace Lutheran Church

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Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)

January 3, 2016

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 Word Made Flesh, you have made your home among us. May we receive you with joy. May we be enlightened by your love. And may we see your glory revealed in our everyday lives.

O Lord Jesus Christ, make our hearts your home.

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: Confession / Absolution..... p. 151
Prayer and Preaching..... p. 260

HYMNS: 850; 379; 380; 733

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p.619)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12 (p.977)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (p.807)

SERMON: "Our Life is About Priorities!" - Luke 2: 41-52



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.

PASTOR CASTILLO will be in Nicaragua on a mission trip from January 8th - 22nd. May God be with him and the rest of the team as they minister to the people they encounter.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans for Life - Canada

This corresponds to the LCC focus on Life Sunday, which is observed in January.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: John & Gale Baker

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Lorne & Susan Campbell

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Beecroft

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns, 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, 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: Fred, Carolyn, Mark, Eric and Ed Neumann; John Jr., Suzanna, Michael, David and Kristen Obeda; Rev. John and Marian Obeda; Ed, Pam and Garth Oelke

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 22 (14:27) **COMMUNED:** 18

ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS EVE: 38 (14:45)

ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS DAY: 21 (14:26) **COMMUNED:** 17

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from Dec. 20th): Current 780.00; Missions 105.00; Building 90.00

(from Dec. 24th): Building 30.00

(from Dec. 25th): Building 10.00

(from Dec. 27th): Current 435.00; Missions 20.00; Building 25.00

NON-BUDGET GIFTS: (from Dec. 20th): Love Fund 150.00 PTL!



(from Dec. 24th): Love Fund 215.00; Loose 10.00

(from Dec. 25th): Love Fund 180.00; Loose 24.95

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: "The concept that the lives of some people are not worth living leads to the death of newborns with disabilities and infanticide. This concept also leads to the continued devaluation of the lives of people with disabilities and people with chronic and other vulnerable conditions." *Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition - 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: "What's Running Your Life?"

(Romans 6:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

When Christ runs your life, beauty and blessing flow to you and through you to others. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 10th 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. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, but would like some, please advise the office.

35TH ANNIVERSARY FUND: Note that if you make a gift to Faith 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.

GRACE BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible Study next Sunday, January 10th nor on Sunday, January 17th. Also, Holy Communion will be moved to January 17th rather than January 10th. Reverend Orland Welke will lead the service on January 17th. The worship service on January 10th will be lead by the elders of Grace.

COMMITTEES' MEETING AT GRACE: Pastor Castillo is inviting all the members of the various committees at Grace (elders, trustees, outreach, Altar guild, teachers) to attend a meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for Grace for 2016.



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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 (Faith)
- Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith)
6:30 p.m. Chimers
7:30 p.m. Choir
- Fri.** 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting and Social (Faith)
- Sat.** 10:00 a.m. LWML (Altar Guild Presentation)
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Faith Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Faith Sunday School