

**Grace
Lutheran Church**
24542 Melbourne Road
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Second Sunday after Epiphany

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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: Just as you changed water into wine, O Lord, you have changed us from sinners into saints. No longer must we dread the bitter taste of death, for you have revealed to us the sweetness of your salvation through your life, death and resurrection. May your grace continue to sweeten the lives of so many more.

O Transforming Lord, change us into the people that you want us to be.

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 4..... p. 203
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 808; 398; 644

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5 (p.621)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (p.959)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11 (p.887)

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)
Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is one of Canada's most experienced relief and development agencies. Formed in 1946, CLWR has grown to serve the world's poor and disenfranchised through community development, refugee resettlement, emergency relief, and donated commodities shipments (We Care).
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Thank you! to Reverend Welke for his message and leading our worship service today.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: At His **Baptism** in the Jordan River, Jesus identified completely with us sinful human beings and took His first public step towards the cross. As He did so, the Holy Spirit anointed Him and the Father was well pleased! **The Baptism Of Our Lord** thus tells us that God is for us and determined to work out our redemption. The **Lord's Supper** tells us that God is still for us and has, in fact, worked out our redemption. Here the very body and blood with which Christ earned our forgiveness is given to us to eat and to drink. In joyful obedience to Scripture, we practise closed communion, and guests desiring to commune are kindly asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mike & Anne Flikkema

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Greg Jahns & James Mulligan

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, Martha Fonger

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Colin, Jessica and Avery Peers; David, Cindy, Melissa and Michael Petrie; Ellen Phillips; Pat Phillips

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 35 (15:27)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(From Jan. 3rd): Current 335.00; Missions 20.00; Building 30.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS: (From Jan. 3rd): Initial 10.00, New Year's Eve (Love Fund) 90.00; Strathroy 5.00 **Praise The Lord!**

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 choice of life flows from trusting in our God who gave us life. This in turn flows from faith in God who has given us new life in Jesus. You may not be able to trust a god who says, 'Choose Life or else.' But you can most certainly trust in a God who says, 'I chose to give My life for you.'" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

GRACE BIBLE STUDY will be held this 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: "Real Freedom" (Luke 4:16-21)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Jesus brings the jarring message that real freedom can only be received from Him and real freedom is following Him in all things. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 24th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca



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.

LADIES OF GRACE will meet this Saturday, January 23rd, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for breakfast goodies, a devotion, prayer time, and craft time. We will be making baby fleece blankets. Please find an agenda in your mailbox and on the mail table in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited to share in this time of fellowship. Please feel free to join us.

2015 "DRAFT" INCOME TAX STATEMENTS can be found in your mailbox. Please check that all the information is correct on this statement. If there any address corrections, etc., that are required, contact Diane Geurkink at 519-461-1702 or diane.geurkink@schulich.uwo.ca before the end of January. The official tax receipt will be printed in the near future.

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.

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

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.

LWML LADIES: LWML-C Zone Prayer Service will be held on Saturday February 13, 2016 @ Faith at 10:00 a.m. A light lunch will follow (visiting congregations will be bringing small desserts to share) and Pastor Scholz will be officiating.



HYMNS: January 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 January 31st, please let the pastor know.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** 9:30 a.m. Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
- Tues.** 9:30 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Meeting at Our Saviour, London
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees
- Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith)
- 6:30 p.m. Chimers
- 7:30 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 7:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study
- Sat.** 10:00 a.m. Ladies of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Spanish Bible Study (Faith)
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Faith and Grace Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion
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- 10:00 a.m. Faith Sunday School