

Grace
Lutheran Church
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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
 October 23, 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: May we, O Lord, humble ourselves in Your presence. May we bow before You in reverence. May we come before You ready to repent and ready to receive Your forgiveness.

Lord of the Church, bless the prayers of Your people.

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: 803; 684; 702

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 4:1-15 (p.27)

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (p.996)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:9-17 (p.877)

SERMON: "What a Difference a Verb Makes!" - Luke 18:9-17

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Haiti Lutheran Mission Society
 In view of the needs in Haiti, this is an important effort to re-establish churches and provide resources for their needs.



FLOWER CHART: Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us. .

A GRACE MEMBERS' MEETING will be held after service on Sunday, October 30th. All members of our congregation are invited to stay after service and discuss issues concerning our church here in Strathroy.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Guests, welcome in the name of the Lord, who has done great things for us! One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in **Holy Communion**. We ask guests who desire to commune to kindly speak with the pastor before the service. We practice closed communion because of the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to its common reception.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Greg Jahns & James Mulligan

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Ken & Sharon Beecroft

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Beecroft

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns & Tania Mulligan

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Ellen Phillips, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith Keller, Joanna Bode, Reiner Issendorf, Martha Fonger, David Biederman (Carole Atkinson's brother), Grace Woolner, Katherine Atkinson (Carol Wilkinson's mother)

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Aaron and Alyssa Lightfoot; Josh, Tracy, Kaleb and Keaton Lightfoot; Stephen, Nancy, Jared and Seth Lightfoot; David, Donna and Joshua Livingstone

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 31 ('15:24)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 5 **BIBLE STUDY:** 4

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(FROM OCT. 9th): Current 245.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(FROM OCT. 9th): Loose 10.00

GRACE USHERS are invited to participate in a short review of ushers' duties with Pastor Castillo after service on Sunday, November 6th.

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.



OCTOBER 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 October 30th, please let the pastor know.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH is Faith's official 35th anniversary. A celebration service will be held at 3:00 p.m. followed by a dinner at the Hellenic Centre. Tickets are \$35.00 each. If you would like to purchase a ticket, see the pastor.

LIFE QUOTES: "Every day in this country such confusion and fear leads to nearly 3,000 babies being brutally destroyed through abortion. These are babies created by God, babies for whom Jesus died, and babies God wants to call into an eternal relationship with Him ... How can we possibly label these [issues] 'political' and withhold the only thing that can speak to such matters of the heart? The Gospel is designed to speak to hearts: your heart, my heart, all hearts. The Gospel calls us to repentance. The Gospel cleanses our hearts and forgives the sins that flow from our hearts." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "The Best Bequest" (Luke 12:19-21)

Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

A legacy of faith is the best bequest, giving the gift of Jesus to those who come after you. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, October 30th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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

GRACE CONNECTION CARD: If you have a question or a prayer request, or would like to have a visit from one of the pastors, please fill out one of these cards which can be found on the back table of the sanctuary as well as on the table in the parish hall and put the card in the offering basket.

LWML-C, LONDON ZONE FALL RALLY will be held today at Faith Lutheran Church, London. Linda Welke of Lutherans for Life - Canada will be the presenter and the video is entitled "The Other End of Life" by Dr. James Lamb. This presentation will focus on the fact that Christians have a unique Gospel-centred approach to dealing with end of life issues. Registration is at 2:30 p.m. and Opening Devotions commence at 3:00 p.m. A pot blessing supper will follow the presentation.

GRACE ADVENT TALENT NIGHT: There will be some changes to our Advent Talent night this year. We will decorate the Church prior to talent night for the Christmas season. Church and tree-decorating will be held after Church service on Sunday, November 20th. Soup will be provided. Please bring a plate of sandwiches to share with everyone! Advent Talent Night will be held on Saturday, November 26th. We will start the evening at 6:30 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres this year instead of pot blessing. The fellowship hall will be set up for mingling. We request that everyone bring 1 or 2 plates of hors d'oeuvres to share. Invitations are on order and should arrive shortly to give out to your family and friends. Please invite as many family and friends, as this year's event will prove to be a night of entertainment and laughs.



THE NEXT MULLIGAN BIBLE STUDY/SOCIAL will be held this Saturday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing new faces in the crowd.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING for an end to abortion. If you have any questions, please phone Pastor or Marian Obeda at 519 473 2969. For more information, please contact Bonnie Pember at London Area Right to Life, 519-659-3334 or <http://www.40daysforlife.com/london-on>

GRACE BIBLE STUDY will be held on Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Bruce and Linda Aitken's. If you are willing to host a future Bible Study, please sign the list at the back of the church.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (NOVEMBER 12TH): Lutherans for Life will hold their AGM at Faith on Saturday, November 12th from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Alex Schanenber, Executive Director for Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORMS 2017: Forms for the positions of Elder and Trustee for 2017 are now available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider individuals for service on these important boards.

Thank you! to all those who came out yesterday to help with the fall clean-up. Your help was greatly appreciated!

A **DONATION BOX** has been set in the fellowship hall of the church. 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.

REMINDER TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE EAST LLL 66TH ANNUAL MEETING and conference this Saturday. If you haven't yet registered and would like to attend this conference, walk-ins are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Gerda Martinuzzi's
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study at Bruce & Linda Aitken's
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	ALOA
Sat.	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	LLL Convention (Faith)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study / Social (Grace)
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Faith)
	11:30 a.m.	Grace members' meeting