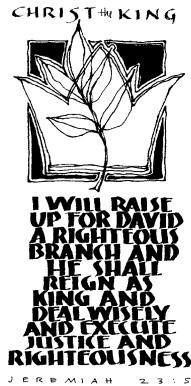


Grace Lutheran Church

24542 Melbourne Road
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Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 20, 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: Remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom. For You are mighty to save. You have the power over death and the grave. And You promise to be with us in paradise.

O Christ, our King, may we remember You always.

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: 837; 761; 770; 922

FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:13-18 (p.802)

EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:13-20 (p.983)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 23:27-43 (p.884)

SERMON: "We Are Members of God's Kingdom!" - today's readings

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

LBT carries out the work of translating the Scriptures into the languages around the world, so that all people may hear the Word of God in their own language and come to saving faith in Christ.



THE FLOWERS that adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Rosemarie Gmehlin in memory of her family.

GRACE USHERS are invited to participate in a short review of the ushers' duties with Pastor Castillo after service today.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Susan Campbell & Mayra Castillo

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Greg Jahns & James Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Betty Catanzariti & Marianne Issendorf

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), Nancy Curtis, Bill and Vicky Orłowski, Emily Playfoot, Rev. Paul Zabel, Alice Keller

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Sean, Shari, Kiera and Brayden Moore; Rob Morrison; Ron and Connie Morrison; Russ Mountenay; Betty Muir

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 29 ('15:27)

COMMUNED: 24

BIBLE STUDY: 5

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(FROM Nov. 6th): Current 545.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(FROM Nov. 6th): Faith's 35th anniversary 365.00

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH AGES 13-17: Praise the Lord! Beginning on Tuesday, December 29th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., you are invited to an evening of fellowship and fun at Faith, London. Joanne Bode and Sarah Holden-Pizieux look forward to spending the evening with you. Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers.

LIFE QUOTES: "The Apostle Paul seemed to have thought that giving thanks was front and center in the life of the Christian: 'Give thanks in all things' (1 Thessalonians 5:18), 'Always and for everything giving thanks' (Ephesians 5:20), 'In everything by prayer ... with thanksgiving' (Philippians 4:6), 'And be thankful ... with thankfulness in your heart toward God ... do everything ... giving thanks to God the Father' (Colossians 3:13-17), 'Continue steadfastly in prayer, with thanksgiving' (Colossians 4:2)." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

IMPORTANT REMINDER: David Livingstone of our Board of Elders will be with us during our Grace Leadership Committee meeting **this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.** for a ½ hour training session in the Abuse Prevention Policy. This training is mandatory for all those at Grace who are working with children and vulnerable adults.

DEAR MEMBERS OF GRACE: Our church has a Christmas message for this year. You can listen to this message on myFM105.7 beginning on Monday, December 12th until Sunday, December 25th.

Outreach Committee

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.

GRACE BIBLE STUDY will be held this Thursday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Ken and Sharon Beecroft's. In December, there will not be any Bible Study due to the Advent Services at Grace. We will resume the Bible Study in January 2017.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, November 27th at Faith after our morning service. Members are invited to attend and approve the budget and to elect new Council members for 2017.

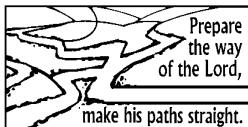


THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT begins next Sunday and we again prepare our hearts to greet the Saviour who came, who comes, and who is coming again. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation; bring a friend. Our theme will be "It's About Time!". **Services begin Thursday, December 1st here at Grace at 7:00 pm.**

GOOD NEWS, it is time for the annual LLL (Lutheran Layman's League) Nicaragua Mission Cheese Sale once again. 30% of the sales goes to the LLL Nicaragua Mission for printing tracts to be handed out at local schools. Last year, Faith/Grace raised over \$300.00 for the LLL Nicaragua Mission by purchasing just over \$1000.00 worth of cheese. See Lorne Campbell for cheese selection and order forms. Cheese orders must be received by Sunday, December 4th, 2016 for delivery in mid-December. Please make cheques payable to Diane Geurkink. Support this great LLL cause by buying cheese for Christmas gifts or personal enjoyment!

LADIES OF GRACE: Our next get-together will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Join us for a Christmas luncheon as we welcome the Advent season together. We will enjoy lunch and Christmas Devotion as well as a sharing time together with our sisters in Christ. Check your mailbox for details.

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.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available today. 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. The theme is "Christmas Memories".

BETHLEHEM WALK - THE STORY NEVER GETS OLD! Walk to Bethlehem and marvel at the angels, interact with shepherds, wise men, and Roman soldiers, enjoy the sights and sounds of the market - a family tradition for all ages. Tours depart every few minutes from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each evening. **Free admission!** This is an **OUTDOOR** event. Crossroads Alliance Church, Hwy. 19 between Thamesford and Ingersoll. Visit www.bethlehemwalk.ca or find us on FB. In consideration of the many live animals on the trail, no pets are allowed.

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.

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)
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Leadership Committee (Grace)
	7:00 p.m.	Tree decorating (Faith)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study at Ken and Sharon Beecroft's
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Bible Study at Gerda Martinuzzi's
Sat.	6:30 p.m.	Grace Advent Talent Night
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School-rehearsal for Christmas programme(Faith)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational meeting (Faith)