

Grace Lutheran Church

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Epiphany of Our Lord

January 1, 2017

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 Jesus, born in Bethlehem, be with us now as we journey on the path of life. Keep us safe from all danger, and guard and protect us as we travel from place to place. Wherever we may be, help us to remember that You will never leave us or forsake us.

O Jesus Christ, our Lord, bless us with Your presence.

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: 507; 394; 782; 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: "Arise and Shine!" - Isaiah 60:1-6

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutherans for Life - Canada
This corresponds to the LCC focus on Life Sunday, which is observed in January.

PASTOR CASTILLO will be going to Nicaragua on a Mission trip from January 6th - 21st. Please keep him and the mission team in your prayers.



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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**USHERS TODAY:** Susan Campbell & Mayra Castillo**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Mia & Logan Mulligan**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Lorne Campbell**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), Nancy Curtis, Bill and Vicky Orłowski, Emily Playfoot, Tony Van Vliet and family

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa**Family Focus:** Calvin, Becky and Justin Rivett; Jim, Lillian, Matthew and Katie Robertson; Carol Robinson; Jennifer Rock; Kayla Rock; Rebecca Rock**MIDWEEK ATTENDANCE (THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22nd):** 21**ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS EVE:** 51 ('15:38)**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 28 ('15:21)**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:****(FROM Dec. 18th):** Current 1,356.23; Missions 130.00; Building 250.00**(FROM Dec. 22nd):** Current 85.00; Building 30.00**(FROM Dec. 24th):** Current 20.00; Missions 365.00; Building 100.00**(FROM Dec. 25th):** Current 335.00; Missions 50.00; Building 195.00**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:****(FROM Dec. 18th):** MOM 5.00; Loose 10.00**(FROM Dec. 25th):** Flowers 20.00; Loose 10.00

GRACE BIBLE STUDY: We need someone to host the Bible Study on Thursday, January 26th. If you are willing to host a future Bible Study, please sign the list at the back of the church.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH AGES 13-17: Continuing on Tuesday, January 10th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., you are invited to an evening of fellowship and fun. Joanne Bode and Sarah Holden-Pizieux look forward to spending the evening with you.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017 are available in your mailbox. Please note that occasionally numbers may have changed. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, but would like some, please advise the office.

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

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE**

Mon.	Church office closed
Tues.	9:00 a.m. Pastors meet 11:00 a.m. Pastor Scholz at Grace
Wed.	10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith 6:30 p.m. Chimers
Thurs.	11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
Fri.	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting / Social
Sun.	9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith and Grace) 10:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Faith)